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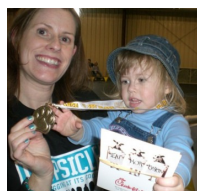
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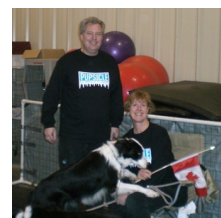


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It was a beautiful balmy February day. The clouds were fluffy white and the sky was blue. Just the right setting for a day of fun! The Indy Dog and Disc Club introduced a new disc dog venue to its roster of Competitions with the February 7, 2009 inauguration of The Pupsicle in Elkhart, Indiana. This new venue for the club is disc dogging played indoors on a rubber matted floor. This Competition will now offer the club a disc dog Event in the cold months of the year. It was club members Danny and Jamie Eggleston's first time hosting a club competition. The couple rolled up their sleeves and took on the huge task with enthusiasm and hard work. They had a bevy of dedicated and equally hard working volunteers to help them. All of the above was reflected in the end result....a well run and most enjoyable day. Canadians Don Bluett and Wendy Grandman made the trip in from Ontario, Canada.

A big congratulations to Deneane Hart. She and her dogs won a whopping four awards. Her wins were in this order with Ares and Aison....second and third in Open Freestyle and Pro Toss & Retrieve. First place winners were Chandler Curtis and Loco, Greg Kiesow and Einstein, Mark Gose and Mya, Patricia Daugherty and Rocky and Sydney Eggleston and Guinan. T-Shirt designed by Jamie Eggleston. Please check our website for complete results. www.d-dog.com.



Words from the 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 is serving his 2nd year as IDDC President.

Dear Members,

A new season has started already with our first competition under our belts - the Pupsicle. It was a tremendous success, and a welcome break from the long winter. I'm sure the "Pup" will become a new IDDC tradition!

In 2009, once again, the IDDC is offering a variety of events to choose from. Starting off with the "Quad" in Kokomo, then the UFO Major in Fishers. In July, we will have the Skyhoundz Regionals in New Castle. IDDC will finish up with a "Disc Dog A Thon" at the Indiana States competition. This year there should be something for every doggy!

We have made a lot of improvements over the off season. The club has purchased a new Peavey PA system and a dedicated computer for scorekeeping. Look for these improvements to make your day at a competition move along a little quicker and more enjoyable.

This year we are looking forward to seeing all of our old friends, and making a lot of new ones. So, grab your dogs, wipe off those discs, and let's make 2009 one to remember! We'll make sure everyone in the country continues to know *"The Midwest Rocks."*

Sincerely,

Chip Hershey, President

2009 IDDC Membership Drive

Photo Shot and Chili Cook-Off

On March 28th the Marion County Fairgrounds Family Art's Building was the scene of this year's Membership Drive. As always, there was a very nice turnout. Those club members who came received a portrait of themselves and their dog/dogs from club member and professional photographer Mary Jo Corso. She does a beautiful job and she is the reason our Membership Drive is always a success. We welcomed another new member this year, Don Imbody and his Aussie, Isabella. That makes 7 new members since January 1, 2009.

Rick Kimball, Sharon Galema, Don Lang and Kim Moore participated in the Chili Cook-Off. It was a hard decision for everyone but in the end Rick Kimball's chili recipe won the \$25.00 gift certificate to Pet Smart. With four delicious chili recipes to sample, I know several of us were hitting the Tums that evening. But it was OH SO WORTH IT!!!

Thanks go out to Sheridan Gilchrist, Amy Mazzio, Carol Herbertz and Alice Lang. They contributed extra food. Alice brought (warm from her oven) a pan of cornbread and a tray of oh so yummy cupcakes.

If you wish to join the Indy Dog & Disc Club, please visit our website www.d-dog.com. Click on the information tab and go to "Join Us" to download the membership form.

Patricia Daugherty
IDDC Membership Director



Mary Jo with new member Alex Engle and his dog Indy



For the third consecutive year IDDC traveled to Chicago to show the windy city and the world its award-winning talents. The club performers and crew hit the racetrack facility early Friday morning to begin practice, last minute details and set-ups. Chip Hershey and Tony Hoard shared MC duty over the weekend. The Performers were: Christina Curtis with Nitro, Fury and Capt. Jack, Carol Herbertz with Iggy Pop and Charlie Brown, Mark Gose with Mya, Rick Kimball with Dreamer, Dugan and Rudy, Danny Eggleston with Guinan, Don Lang with Lily, Chip Hershey with Lexi, Tony Hoard with Electra Blue, Amazing Rory, "Q", and his new pup Mowgli, and Sheridan Gilchrist with Bruno. The backstage crew was Jim Eggleston, Alice Lang, Curt Daugherty, Sharon Galema, Sarah Hoard, and Patricia Daugherty.

The Arlington Park Race track's history spans more than 80 years. It is dubbed "the most beautiful track in America." This year the Park sponsored its 17th Annual Chicagoland Family Pet Expo. The Expo has been built on a tradition of offering family fun. There were more than 7 different animal species represented and 246 Exhibitors who occupied well over 340 booths on three levels at the Arlington Park facility. The exhibitors came from all over the United States. They commanded a patronage of just over 14,000 people. Show manager, Bob Payne, stated to me "This was extremely strong in light of the economic situation in our country".

IDDC was performing on the second level in an obscure corner. "How are the people going to know we are here" went thru more than one club member's mind. But not to worry, as soon as Chip or Tony keyed the mike and began to talk, the masses literally swarmed to our little corner of the world. We played to a packed audience the entire weekend.....SRO. Our arena was carpeted with a fantastic \$10,000.00 artificial "the best thing to real grass" carpet. The dog's paws were in hog heaven. This was Sheridan Gilchrist and her dog Bruno's inaugural performance in freestyle. They were so much fun to watch. Sheridan's music was the Pink Panther. She had Bruno creeping around her in perfect beat to the music. Tony Hoard asked an adult volunteer to step into the arena. She reluctantly stood before him wondering what she had gotten herself into. He told her that his dog Rory was going to take a disc from her mouth. Her eyes opened as wide as saucers and her body tensed up for the assault. That's when Tony handed her a disc the size of a DVD. This is for you, he said with a sly grin. Oh no she blurted out. About that time Sarah Hoard's hand sliced thru the curtain with a disc the size of a hula hoop. Tony proclaims to the shaking women, "This is my Frisbee." The audience roared with laughter. Just when the poor lady's knees were about to give out Tony handed her a legal sized disc. In the blink of an eye Awesome Rory took a running start, flew thru the air, and gently plucked the disc from her mouth. The clapping could be heard in the parking lot. The audience was in a jovial mood and it was a good time to bring out Don "Travolta" Lang and his dog Lily. Don is a freestyle Frisbee player who just happens to be a very agile 73 year old. Dressed in a black shirt and white polyester vest and pants, he and Lily did a super routine to the music of Staying Alive. The audience clapped to the beat and then rose to their feet with a loud vocal approval of Don and Lily's performance. It was a day when we were all high on fun!

This year's show was without one of its favorite people, club member Mary Jo Corso. She was home recovering from a nasty bout with the Flu. She was truly missed. MJ sent her dog Rudy along so he could be part of the show too. Last year I reported that Mary Jo and her dog Rudy gave our Chicago show a little scare, when Rudy gave her a rousing bloody nose during practice. This year, in Mary Jo's absence, her husband Rick Kimball was not to be outdone. He and Dreamer went 'ten rounds in the ring' so to speak, and at the end of the day, sweet little Dreamer managed to give Rick, two, big, juicy, angry looking, double dip shiners. Two black eyes. It all happened when Rick bent down to unleash his dog and the second time in the arena during their Freestyle routine. Dreamer sailed past Rick high and fast and knocked his glasses into his "good" eye. Rick had to sport his new "Jack Dempsey" look the entire weekend. Who said disc dogging isn't a contact sport?

Our last day was Sunday. When our last show was done we started to tear down and pack up. It was a great weekend and our club performers did IDDC proud. After hugs all around, we started for home and began planning for next year's Chicago gig.

By Patricia Daugherty

2009 COMPETITION SCHEDULE			
Event	Location	Date	Format
*** Chomp-A-Palooza	Milford, Ohio	April 18 th	UFO Format
*** Black Jack Memorial	Versailles, KY	April 25 th	Toss & Catch with Freestyle Class
Gretchen Invitational	Kokomo, Indiana	May 16 th & 17 th	Quadruped/UFO Local
Indiana Disc Dog Classic	Fishers, Indiana	June 27 th & 28 th	UFO Major/Indy Jam
Skyhoundz Regional	New Castle, Indiana	July 25 th & 26 th	Skyhoundz
*** Purina Incredible Dog Challenge (Eastern Qualifier)	Indianapolis, Indiana State Fair	August 7 th & 8 th	Purina Format
Indiana States	TBD	TBD	TBD

***Not an Indy Dog & Disc Club Event

2009 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES		
Date	Time	Location
May 9, 2009	TBD	<u>Hendricks County Animal Shelter Benefit</u> Danville, Indiana Small Pet Fair
June 13, 2009	TBD	<u>Indiana State Museum</u> Scales and Tales
June 20, 2009	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<u>Bark in the Park</u> Donner Park, Columbus, Indiana Small Pet Expo Outdoors
July 4, 2009	TBD	<u>Carmelfest</u> Carmel Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana Small outdoor festival with lots of food vendors, rides and 2 states with entertainment
September 13, 2009	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<u>Dog Day Afternoon</u> Carmel Art and Design District, Carmel, Indiana Rangeline and Main St. Fashion show, puppy parade, many rescues include the Hamilton County Humane Society. All dogs welcome, children's art contest, short story contest awards, paw painting, pet photography, many pet related booths, dog wash and spa, food vendors all proceeds benefiting the Humane Society for Hamilton County

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS



1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

A House for Fido

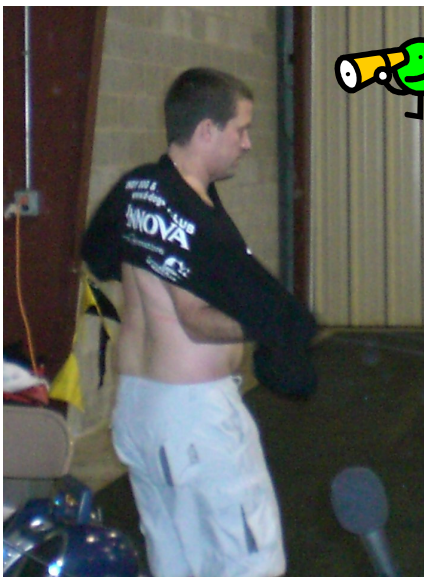
On a blustery, wintery January 31st, IDDC held Dogatut Build (The IDDC canine version of Habitat for Humanity) at the FFA Merchandise Center. Members Sheridan Gilchrist, Chip Hershey, Pat and Curt Daugherty, Sharon Galema, Don and Alice Lang, Mary Jo Corso, Rick Kimball, Greg Million, Amy and Dan Mazzio, Alex Engle and Carol Herbertz spent the afternoon building dog houses for needy dogs. A man and his two young sons also came to help. Chip spent the whole weekend before pre-cutting all the pieces to the dog houses. This made everyone's job easier the day of assembly. The club members assembled and primed 10 houses. It was a fun and prosperous day. Hammers sang and paint brushes slurped up paint for the freshly made doggy abodes. When the day was wrapped up, tired but satisfied club members made their way home. Chip's journey home was an eventful one. He could have used one of the dog houses he built to snuggle up in, when he got stuck in a snow bank.

Thanks to these generous and compassionate people there are many more happy, warm and dry pooches in our fair city.

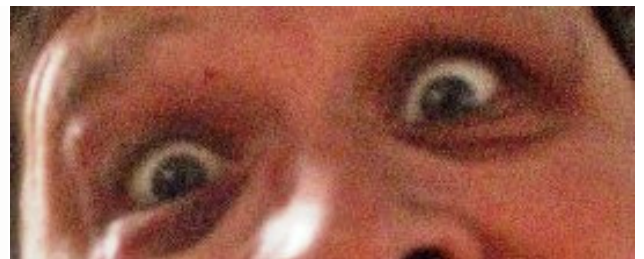


April 26, 2009

IDDC is getting a team together for this year's MUTT STRUT. Team Captain is Chip Hershey. Chersh61661@aol.com. Time is growing short so sign up now for a day of fun with friends and dogs. Info can be found here: http://register.indymuttstrut.org/site/TR/MuttStrut/General?fr_id=1040&pg=entry



WHO'S EYES ARE THESE?

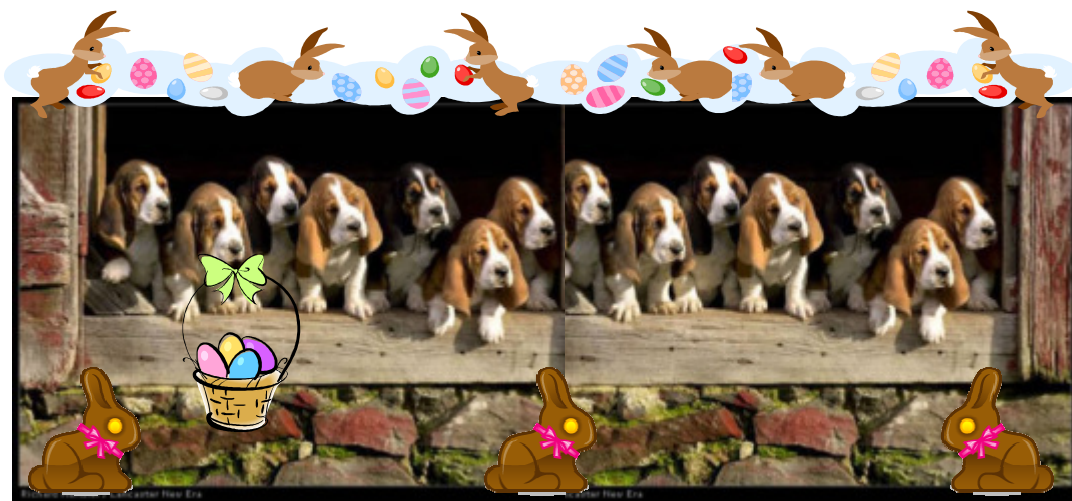


- a. Rocky Balboa aka Rambo
- b. Alice Cooper
- c. Zorro
- d. Rick Kimball
- e. Rocky Raccoon

Answer:

Rick Kimball

A young lad spied getting ready for the Pupsicle half time Peep Show



**Happy
Easter**

From Your IDDC Board Of Directors

Chicagoland Family *PET EXPO*

