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Deneane and Ares Hart 2009 Skyhoundz World Qualifiers

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## **Purina Incredible Dog Challenge**

On August 7 & 8, 2009, the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge was held at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. What a great event! For the open qualifier on Friday, there were eleven entrants! Danny Eggleston and Guinan, Chandler Curtis with Loco and Fury, Rick Kimball and Dugan, Matt Bilderback and Bella, Denise Thorton and Blaiden, Don Lang and Lilly, Jeff Dufff and Jesse, Deb Gravitt and ESPN, Preston Dean and Sienna, and Jen Sneed and Digger were shooting it out for the TWO qualifying spots to be in the finals on Saturday.

In the end there was a three way tie for first, with Chandler, Danny, and Preston with 85 pts. In this format, Purina allows two bonus throws from a checkerboard square on one end of the field, to a checkerboard square 30 yards away at the other end of the field. Chandler and Loco made one of the bonus throws, to get an extra point to put them in first place! The second tie breaker was catch ratio, which I was honored by Purina to keep track of. Danny and Guinan edged out Preston and Sienna with a stellar 90 percent catch ratio!

So, Chandler and Danny joined other IDDC members, Mark Gose with Mya and Christina Curtis with Captain Jack in the finals on Saturday. The other two contestants were good friends of the IDDC Gary Duke and Bayer from FL, and Angela Ewtushik and Rally from Canada.

Purina only takes the top two from the finals to go to the championship at Purina Farms in October. When the competition started, there were a lot of nerves on the field. After all, there were ESPN cameras everywhere, filming it to be shown on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chandler and Loco set the bar high, going out first and rocking the crowd! And like in the qualifier, he also got one of the bonus throws at the end! Then, it was Danny and Guinan's turn to show their stuff. They edged out Chandler by one half a point for first. After Christina and Mark had their rounds, the standings were the same, with Danny and Chandler still at the top. Angela and Rally went out and just ROCKED! They had the crowd cheering loudly, blowing the judges away, and hit one of their bonus throws, taking a 4.5 point lead over Danny. Then it was Gary's turn. He got the crowd going even before starting, and once he did get going, there was no stopping Bayer. Gary has some awesome throws, and when he nailed his handstand throw between the legs, which he named "The Vertical Joy Ride", it was over. He edged out Angela for first by one half point, without needing the bonus throw that Bayer barely missed on the far side of the checkerboard.

Even though we aren't sending any of our IDDC members to the finals, we are proud to have Gary and Angela representing the Eastern Regional. It was very well deserved! They will join Al Erikson and George and Todd Murnan and Big Air Bella, the Western Regional winners, along with Donna Schoech and Diva, last year's National Champions, for the National Finals, held Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Purina Farms, in Missouri.

I would like to thank Purina, Carson Events (who put all this on for Purina) and Tony Hoard for allowing the IDDC to set up a booth to promote the club. We were the only booth set up, and the first time in the eleven years of the Incredible Dog Challenge that a local club has been allowed to set up a booth! Carson Events put on a first class show, and along with Purina, were very accommodating to work with, always asking if we needed anything, and making sure everything was alright. I felt proud to be a part of this great event, and hopefully they liked what the Midwest gave them, and they'll come back next year!



Christina Curtis & Captain Jack



Loco



Angela Ewtushik & Rally, Gary Duke & Baryer, Danny Eggleston & Guinan



Angela Ewtushik & Rally



Preface......For the past few years I have asked Deneane to tell her story in the IDDC Newsletter on how this fantastic team came about. She finally consented and now we can learn first hand how this little dynamic miniature poodle and his handler stunned us all when they took the disc dog world by storm from day one. Ares turned 7 years old on October 8<sup>th</sup> and he is still going strong and taking home the hardware....All nineteen pounds of him......Editor

By Deneane Hart

Ares was born October 8, 2002. I got him on December 13, 2003. Right from the start Ares helped me so much in coping with the passing of my dear grandmother. We were very close.

When Ares arrived I still had my first Poodle, Fuzz, who was 14 years old. I was hoping Ares would learn to be a perfect dog like his brother Fuzz. Well about the only thing Ares learned from Fuzz was how to use the doggy door. It took him all of 90 seconds and he had it figured out.

Ares has been a big challenge for me. Fuzz went through puppyhood as a submissive, obedient, intelligent dog that was happy and calm around people and other animals. Ares constantly tested me, pushed me, and even went through a phase where he was more than willing to bite me if he didn't get his way. After we struggled through 2 obedience classes, we gave agility a shot, thinking he'd have a blast with the equipment. Well, there were far too many rules for my alpha minded puppy and at least once every week in class I was embarrassed by my uncontrollable poodle. He loved zooming around the entire room like a completely crazed lunatic having the time of his life and totally disrupting every group working in the room!

Ares has an endless amount of energy and I started throwing a Frisbee to him to wear him out. I found that he loved to play fetch. At first, it was just fetch and keep away. One day, he caught one!!! I yipped and hollered and made a huge deal of it. I remember that it took 10 days before he caught another one. It had to be thrown just right so he could run up behind it and grab it. Unfortunately, I wasn't that good at throwing it. As time went on and we played every day in the yard, we both got better, but he got better much faster. Eventually, he started to jump to catch the disc and as he got more and more confident, he added the little flair to his jumps that you see today. He also came up with his "disc flip." He found that carrying the disc upside down made it easier for him and it kept the disc from flipping down and tripping him while he was running.

In 2004, I went to a pet fair in my hometown of Southfield, MI. Brian Lamke was doing a disc dog demo. Afterwards, I talked to him and asked him a lot of questions like: "How did you learn to do all of that and where can I go to learn it?" He got me in touch with Scott and Deanna Jones. They were having their last play dates before winter. I went and had a great time and learned more about the sport of disc dogging.

In May of 2005, Ares and I went to our very first disc dog event in Waterford, MI and entered the Toss and Catch Event. I think it was the 90 seconds and top 5 catches format. We scored 21.5 points with 2 rounds and won the Novice Division on our first outing, and it also happened to tie the Pro Division winning score for that day. We were told that from then on we had to play in the Pro Division and I was in shock! LOL We met Ron Watson and Apryl Lea that day and they spent a lot of time with me and Ares, particularly, Apryl. She was impressed with Ares and was showing me some tricks to try to get him to play with more than one disc. He was totally a one disc dog and STUBBORN! There were 2 more Michigan events, one in June and one on the 4th of July. I was hooked and found myself online talking to Ron and Amy King about heading to New Castle for the 2005 Skyhoundz Regionals and entering the Microdog event. I'd never even seen or heard of a pup disc. I entered every event they had! I didn't have a clue what I was doing and entered the Pro/Open Division for everything because I thought I had to. We had a ton of fun. I had already evolved through the golf umbrella and pup tent phase and had my first EZ-Up when I showed up at Regionals. I didn't know a soul there except Scott and Deanna. I'm not the type to reach out in a social setting to meet new people and most of the time I never knew what to talk about. Well, Mark Gose walked right up and offered to help me set up my EZ-Up and that was the beginning of me feeling like I belonged in the Indy Club. Ron and Amy were ever so patient with me and explained so much. People came up to me and said "hi" and there was never a lack of things to talk about because EVERYONE wants to talk about their dogs!!!! Ares and I were the new kids on the block and we were welcomed with open arms and given such support and it felt great! I had no idea who was from where. For the longest time the Indv and Ohio clubs were a total blur to me because you were all at each others' Events and everyone cheered for each other. Everyone was just as nice as could be to me and Ares. I remember sitting with Rick Kimball after the first day of the Regionals Event and talking about positive training techniques. He had a lot of great advice for me.

It took me 3 years of working with Ares before he finally came to me after every toss. That was the best feeling when we'd get a round where he came to me every time. It didn't matter what our score was, just that he came to me every time after he caught it!!! This year, I don't even have to think about that return, but I don't take it for granted and I still get a thrill that he does it. Took about 3 years, if not 4 to get him consistently dropping the disc in freestyle so we could have some kind of flow and even put together a routine. Sometimes I look around and see the marvel of what the other great dog trainers in the sport have accomplished and feel like I should have accomplished more. I feel Ares could have been a better disc dog if I'd been a better trainer. But, I also know that Ares doesn't care where we play or what we win as long as he gets to play with me and have fun. He gives it his all and I give mine and it is what it is, but most of all, its fun. I couldn't be more proud of what Ares has accomplished, especially when he's running with the big dogs in the extreme distance and showing them how it's done.

There are times when Ares is barking at me insisting that I MUST play with him and not waste another second to get to it. I want to scream or lock him away in his crate for a minute of peace and quiet. But, as frustrating as it is sometimes, I have to admire his zestful energy and joy and try to remember to take it all in and enjoy it because it doesn't last nearly long enough. When he falls asleep with a disc in his mouth, it's pretty dang clear that he likes that plastic toy. When he snuggles up on my lap on the couch or curls up next to me in the bed, it's pretty clear that he likes me, too.

### (DYN-O-MITE Continued from Page 3)

Qualifying for Worlds in Microdog this year is the BIGGEST THRILL of my experience as a disc dogger. I thank everyone that has cheered for us, supported us, encouraged us, and helped us to get there! Next to that, finishing 3rd and 4th in the Quadruped is way up there. I remember in our first Quadruped, it was the first event where folks other than the usual Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana crowd were there. Ares was getting no respect before we started from folks that had never seen him play. What could this little skip of a dog possibly do? When we were done and finished in 3rd place, Ares had earned the respect he deserved. I was so proud of mom's little baby boy with the big heart and fierce determination!! I also treasure the Small Dog Awards that Ares has won at various events. Those awards are by a vote and not based on the points. It means a lot to me that he's thought of in that way.

Ares turned 7 on October 8th. He's still running hard, feeling good and jumping high. He's got a lot of fans, and because of him, I have a very special companion and a great group of friends.

### Below is a partial list of Deneane and Ares' impressive credentials...Editor.

- 2009: Qualified for Worlds in Microdog with 1st place finish at Regionals West Chester, OH Time Trial 1st place with Nate Bednar and Flick and Matt Bilderback and Buddy West Chester, OH Spot Landing 1st place 4th Place Quadruped Finish
  2008: Milford, OH Team Time Trial 1st place with Denise Thornton and Blaidden and Mark Gose and Mya
- Milford, OH Team Thile That ist place with Denise Thornton and Blaidden and Mark Gose and Mya Milford, OH Women's Distance 1st place with 165'
- 2007: 3rd Place Quadruped Finish
- West Chester, OH 1st place Disc Dog-a-thon Team with Nate Bednar and Marcy and Matt Bilderback and Buddy
- 2006: Regional's Women's Distance Skyhoundz fixed start 1st place with 152.5'
- **2005:** Waterford, MI 1st place Novice Toss and Fetch with 21.5 points in 2 rounds

### What's Neo been up to lately?

IDDC co-founders Ron and Amy King's son, Neo, goes from the Summer soccer field to the Fall football field. It seems the Kings are partial to some kind of field GO NEO!

### **IDDC'S JUNIOR JOCK**



### **Spycam Runs Amuck**



New Castle Competitor "Alien" Nate Bednar

Bionic Ears! What about um'? Hey Dude, it's throw down time!



**Babe magnet** and Purina competitor Chandler Curtis plays the field both *before* and during The Incredible Challenge.

## **Skyhoundz North Central Regionals**

### New Castle, Indiana

### By Patricia Daugherty



**Bruno Gilchrist** 

On July 25-26 Tony and Sarah Hoard hosted the Skyhoundz Regionals at Osborne Park in New Castle, Indiana. Tony and Sarah have been hosts for this Event since 2005. As always they did a fantastic job. The Henry County Convention and Visitor Bureau has been a huge supporter of this Event. They worked hard to assist IDDC and Tony in every way. The Indy Dog and Disc Club wishes to thank the Bureau.

It was a full weekend of qualifying competition. It was a special day indeed for Deneane Hart and Ares who qualified in Micro Dog for the Skyhoundz World Championships. She has been trying to qualify for

World's for the past two years. After Saturday's competition IDDC provided, on site, a catered barbecue shredded pork dinner, for the Event participants. See results on Page 10



Marshall and Bud

## Photographer Extraordinaire: Marshall Smith's Skyhoundz North Central Regionals











## THE BAJURÉ CANINE FRISBEE OPEN

### Delphi, Indiana

By Patricia Daugherty



Bill Marion from Delphi, Indiana, and pioneer of disc dog competitions in Indiana held his 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Delphi Canine Cavalcade at Riley Park. Bill is Skyhoundz 2007 third place winner in Expert D/A. That year he was also the recipient of the Skyhoundz Rising Star Award.

Bill hosts a competition who's venue is different and he always keeps it fun and challenging. His awards are in the same vain. It is refreshing to have a change from the usual. Last year Bill had retitled his Event the BaJuré Canine Frisbee Open in honor of his 16 year old disc dog champion Border Collie. Sadly BaJuré passed away Sept 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. So the BaJuré Open now takes on a more special meaning for Bill. There were 40 teams competing from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan. Bill's dad annually does a great job assisting him at the Event. Afterwards everyone convened at Bill's house for grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. His mom and dad always provide a hearty spread for everyone, and some competitors contribute added food to the spread. This is one Event that should be on everyone's calendar.

Winners are as follows: **Delphi "Duke" Top Dog Award:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jim Foley 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mark Gose 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Denise Thornton **Shelter Insurance Novice Award:** 1st Place, Pat Daugherty 2nd Place, Sarah Williams 3rd Place, Julie Price **I.D.D.C. "Dennis Hoke" Memorial Long Distance Award:** Male Winner, Mark Gose and dog Mya Female Winner, Denise Thorton and dog Blaidden. **Manor Lounge Speed Award:** Male Winner, Rick Kimball and dog Dugan Female Winner, Julie Price and dog Molly.

**Deiwert Pro Catch and Toss Award:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Bill Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mary Jo Corso 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Mark Pastor **Delphi Hardware Senior Award:** 1st Place, Mary Jo Corso 2nd Place, Marshall Smith

Basset and Talbert Accuracy Award: Male Winner, Bill Camp and dog California Crash Female Winner, Mary Jo Corso and dog Dugan Horizon Vet Elimination Award: Male Winner, Mark Gose and dog Mya. Female Winner, Sharon Galema and dog Cliffy



BaJuré

The award for the second annual "Katie Jones Keeping It Fun Award" went to Bill Marion's dog Skeeter.



Photos by Marshall Smith

## **Indiana Canine Disc State Championship**

### By Patricia Daugherty

The Indy Dog & Disc Club held its last Event of the year on October 3-4, 2009. Riley Park in Greenfield Indiana was the gathering place for the Indiana States Canine Disc Championship. Autumn made a grand entrance over the weekend with its cool and crisp presence. Ron King, our club co-founder, did a fantastic job of hosting the Event. Ron's Event team, lead by our club president, Chip Hershey, worked diligently to help him make the last Event of the season a memorable experience for all. The Event registered competitors from four states....Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. The King's have been busy this year raising a growing family so it was nice to see Ron, Amy and their children. Amy is also co-founder of IDDC. This summer the Kings added a beautiful baby girl to their family......Via King. Via has two big brothers to help watch over her.

Competition had its exciting moments when Matt Bilderback and Buddy beat Rick Kimball and Dugan for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Pro Freestyle by a ½ point. Rick and Dugan came back to win Overall State Champion to Matt and Buddy's 1<sup>st</sup> place runner up. Justin Holley and Yahtzee tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Novice D/A with Patricia Daugherty and her Lab, Rocky. In the throw off, the tie was broken with Justin's long drive throw to Yahtzee's catch.

Every year Indiana States holds a Howloween Doggie Costume Contest. This year Pat and Curt Daugherty and Sharon Galema had a blast organizing the contest. There were many nice prizes awarded and a Trick or Trick bag filled with goodies was given to all the participants of the contest. The three winners of the contest were in no particular order: Sharon Galema and Cliffy as *mother witch* and *son witch*, Christy's dog Trooper as the canine world's *top banana* and Don Lang and Lily as *escaped jailbirds*. The contest judges were Julie and Freddy Dixon and Kristi Jordon. Everyone brought a super costume to the contest making it a hard call to choose. Thank you to Julie, Freddy and Kristi for helping us by judging, and a thank you to the contest participants. By entering the contest you kept a long time tradition going and made the day so much more fun.

The volunteer of the year is always awarded at Indiana States. This year's recipient is twofold. Carol Herbetz and Sheridan Gilchrist most deservedly share the honors. These two ladies, for many years, have worked hard for our club. Congratulations Carol and Sheridan.

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From left to right:

## **HOWL-O-WEEN TIME**



Deneane Hart with Ares & Dakota, Mary Jo Corso & Dreamer, Sheridan Gilchrist & Bruno, Christy Duff & Trooper, Sharon Galema & Cliffy, Don Lang & Lily, Sarah Williams & Cooper, Tom Williams & Twister, Diane Niklas & Ivy Rose



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### Albion, Michigan

#### By Patricia Daugherty

Scott and Deanna Jones hosted another great disc dog competition at the Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center. It was in conjunction with the Albion College Horse Show. How neat it was to see peppered all around us some of the most stunningly beautiful horses ever. The center is just a stone's throw from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. This was a small Event, which for me is the best. These Events give everyone the ultimate opportunity to enjoy everyone's company.

The competition was laid back and IDDC members Mary Jo Corso, Rick Kimball, Deneane Hart, Chip Baker, and their dogs represented the club by taking home hardware. Sharon Galema, Curt and Pat Daugherty were the remaining representative's from IDDC. Murphy Brown was so on at the Event. She caught 96% of all discs thrown to her and this little girl from Fishers, IN was having a ball out there. I know I saw her skipping along at times between competitions. If there would have been a *"making it fun category"* Murphy Brown would have won hands down.

Scott and Deanna provided us with the most creative break in disc dog competition history. Between competitions we all took in a

medieval jousting demonstration. The day was in the 90's and the jouster's and their horses were fitted from head to foot with medieval armor. It must have been like sitting in a 350 degree oven. The armor was so cumbersome medieval pages had to help them maneuver onto their horses. I heard one jouster remark to his Page, "I can't see my feet. Are they in the stirups?" These guys were daring gents. The lances were made of break away wood but still dangerous to handle. They were really jousting out there. One "Squire" got a javelin very near the groin. He wasn't injured but we were told some competitors in this sport have been. We especially appreciated the jouster coming out to educate and entertain us on such a hot day.



At a Deanna and Scott Jones hosted Disc Dog Event you always have an unforgettable day. They truly bring the meaning of fun and camaraderie to an Event.

### **IDDC Out and About**

Photos by Mary Jo Corso



Bruno Gilchrist pleads...Mom, next time a BLACK beret. Pleeze?



Rudy Corso says: "I flip for discs!"



Wallace tosses a high drive to Andrew "Roo" Yori's *2 paws* off the ground perfect catch.



At half time at an Indiana Fever game, Harrison College student, Mary Jo Corso, on behalf of the college presents an award to a Gleaner's Food Bank recipient. Photo by Rick Kimball



Chip Hershey's dog Lexi aka (Velcro Dog) is <u>never</u> distracted from Chip's side...until she discovered a passion for Jalapeño Cheetos. As Chip walked away Lexi didn't join him until Pat and Lexi had the last Cheeto eaten.....

Photo by Sharon Galema



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year as IDDC President.

#### Dear Club Members,

2009 was a great season! I hate to see it end. From a new competition, the Pupsicle, in February, to a new location in Greenfield, Indiana for the Indiana Canine Disc Championship, and all the great events in between, IDDC's 2009 season will go down as one to remember. It couldn't have happened without all of the volunteers who stepped up on game day, and helped us run things smoothly. For that, my heartfelt thanks go out to you all.

When Ron King asked me two years ago to succeed him as president of this great club, I accepted with hesitation. The support of all the board members has made the presidency an easy transition for me. It is never about one person, and all the help I have received is much appreciated. I believe I have established some procedures that have taken the club into the right direction, for now and into the future.

That being said, I will not be seeking re-election for club president in 2010. I'm not going anywhere. I just believe a new individual in this position may have some great ideas to keep the club moving in the right direction. I'm sure someone will step up, and keep leading this great club. With the backing of the board, the new president should have an easy of a time as I have leading the IDDC.

So, thanks to the board members, the club members and all the competitors who have supported me over these two years as Indy Dog and Disc Club President.

Sincerely, Chip Hershey, IDDC President

Skyhoundz North Central Regionals		2009 Indiana Canine Disc State Championships	
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### 2009 Skyhoundz World Championship (Chattanooga, TN/September 26-27, 2009)

### Open Division Freestyle/D/A/Freestyle

2. Danny Venegas & Jumpin' Jack

3. Al Erikson & George (Tie-Breaker)

#### Expert Freestyle 1. Mark Muir & Gipper

Pairs Freestyle 1 Rick Rauwerda/Angela Ewtushik & Rally 2 Jurgen Bratz/Conny Swaicki & Quigley 3 Christina/Chandler Curtis & Loco

#### Micro Dog Freestyle

#### 1. Al Erikson & George

- 2. Hitomi Hawegawa & Ucouleur
- 3. Christina Weiss & Ronja

#### Sport Division D/A Expert D/A 1. Mark Muir & Gipper

2. Tracy Custer & Courage

3. Kevin Eroskey & Brook

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE			
Date	Event	Time &Location	
December 5, 2009	Annual Meeting (All members welcome)	TBD	
December 12, 2009	IDDC Howliday Christmas Party	TBD	
February 6, 2010	Pupsicle	TBD	

### Congratulations to.....

Ron and Amy King on the birth, this summer, of their daughter, Via King.

Tony and Rockin Rory Hoard for making it to the Semi-finals on the summer TV hit "America's Got Talent."

Mark Muir and Gripper – 2009 Skyhoundz World Champions in Open Freestyle and Expert D/A.

Tracy Custer and Racoon Jack - USDDN 2009 International

Freestyle Champions.

### Santa's Shopping List

Snuggie blankets have sold over 5 million to humans. Have you ever thought that your dog was jealous of you in your Snuggie. The manufacturer has solved the problem They came up with a varied of sizes and colors. They are \$9.99 in the Carole Wright catalog. Orvis will send you one for your large dog's Christmas stocking for \$49.00.

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