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# Indy Air K9s



Photo by Mary Jo Corso

#### **Performance Team**

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Alice Lang w/Shelby, Don Lang w/Lily, Mary Jo Corso w/Dreamer, Rick Kimball w/ Dugan & Rudy, Curt Daugherty w/Murphy Brown Top Row (Left to Right): Vicki Settle, Christina Curtis w/Tazer & Capt. Jack, Carol Herbertz w/Iggy Pop, Sheridan Gilchrist w/Bruno, Pat Daugherty, Danny Eggleston w/Guinan, Jim Eggleston, Mike Curtis w/Jetta, Sharon Galema w/Cliffy

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The Indy Dog & Disc Club's Performance Team has been lead by veteran member Rick Kimball for many years. Our outstanding, winning freestyle members lead the way but do not make up the entire team. This year the IDDC Performance Team has been christened with a new identity. In January, Rick conducted a poll and invited members to submit an official name for the non-competitive performance aspect of The Indy Dog and Disc Club. Team Member, Sharon Galema, came up the winning name: *Indy Air K9s*.

# **Pretty in Pink?**

Nate Bednar, president of the Southern Ohio Flying K9 Club, is always ready to take on a challenge, especially if it's all in good fun for the love of his sport...Disc Dogging. First, let me clarify that to know Nate is to know he is definitely not *pretty* in any color. However, one would instead think of Nate as a *handsome* individual in a rainbow of colors, pink included. Last year Jen Gilbert of Loyola University's Center of Science and Math Education dared Nate to wear a pink shirt at his next disc dog competition. So at the protest of his border collie Marcy, Nate took on his next competition in a bubble gum pink shirt while tossing a bordello pink Frisbee to his teammate Marcy. Ms. Gilbert documented the moment with her camera. After holding on to Nate and Marcy's "visions in pink" photo all summer, Jen decided it would be fun to submit it to the university's newsletter staff. After obtaining an Okay from the Bednar's she suggested the university use it for an upcoming article on her created project Frisbee Dog Physics. Below is that article and photo taken from the pages of Loyola University's newsletter, *Inside Loyola*. A questionable source tells me that Nate and Marcy are now giving out autographs at their disc dog Events. Just don't mention the word *pink* to the dog. All things "pink" was provided by wife & mom...Heather ....... Editor.

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

# Dog eats homework Frisbee-loving pooch adds bite to everyday physics

Observing a dog flying through the air to catch a disc is a great way to teach science concepts, and Jen Gilbert, of Loyola's Center for Science and Math Education, is helping the idea soar on both the local and national level.

Frisbee® Dog Physics, as it's been dubbed, illustrates an inquiry-based instructional approach to engage students in the science classroom. The idea is to make physics more accessible, specifically to special education students. In the lesson, video clips and still pictures featuring a disc dog in action are used to engage students and teach them how physics is part of their everyday lives. The disc dog team that made Frisbee® Dog Physics possible is known as Team Maggie, which is made up of Maggie, a 6-year old rescued border collie, and her owner Matt. Matt and Maggie travel

all over the world competing and entertaining thousands with their high-flying routines.

Gilbert, who started the project as a graduate thesis and eventually had it lead to her master's in science education, presented the concept, along with Team Maggie, for the first time at the Illinois Science Teachers Association annual conference in November. The team was also selected to present at the Colorado Science Conference on Nov. 20 in Denver.

"The concept was really well received by the two conferences, and we're moving forward with the idea, hoping to see it adopted by science teachers in the area," Gilbert says. "Chicago Public Schools has shown interest in the concept, and we are working with them now to get this lesson added to their summer (science) enrichment program."

Article taken from Inside Loyola

Nate Bednar and pooch pal Marcy with SOFK9's in Ohio

2010 COMPETITION SCHEDULE				
Event	Location	Date	Format	
Southern Ohio Flying K9s	Cincinnati, OH	June 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	AWI Qualifier	
***Indiana Disc Dog Classic	Fishers, IN	June 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	UFO Major/Indy Jam	
Southern Ohio Flying K9s	Cincinnati, OH	July 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	USDDN Midwest Qualifier	
Purina Farms	St. Louis, MO	July 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	AWI Qualifier & Quadruped Qualifier	
***Skyhoundz	New Castle, IN	July 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Skyhoundz North Central Regional Qualifier	
Colorado Disc Dogs	Denver, CO	August 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Quadruped Qualifier & AWI Qualifier	
UFO World Cup Major AWI World Champtionships	Centennial Park Naperville, IL	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5th	UFO Major & AWI Championship	
Skyhoundz World Finals	Chattanooga, TN	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26th	Skyhoundz	
USDDN Finals	Cartersville, GA	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	USDDN	

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>An IDDC Event

# ....build it and they will come!

When you put two young, married and enthusiastic people together with a passion for the sport of canine disc dogging you have created an embryo for success. I am speaking of Ron and Amy King, founders of the Indy Dog and Disc Club.



By Patricia Daugherty



Ron and Amy King grew up with a love for dogs. When Ron was a child he was intrigued with the Frisbee Dogs in the beer commercials. He thought how cool it would be if he and his dog could do that too. So as an adult he revisited his childhood fascination for the game of canine Frisbee and purchased a disc. He and Amy worked diligently with his dog Montyboy to perfect a disc dog routine. It took lots of repetition and patience but finally Ron had a routine and team he could be proud of. He was eager to see what he and Montyboy could do in competition. Because there was no place in Indianapolis to compete, it was necessary to take their new found passion on the road. It didn't take long for Ron and Montyboy to become disc dog stars. Amy followed soon after with her own winning team of Chaos and Bogey.

The Kings soon realized traveling to competitions was an expensive and time consuming venture. So motivated with a desire to change their situation the couple took their knowledge and experiences in the sport and formed a disc dog club in their hometown of Indianapolis. A club would give fellow Hoosiers the opportunity to compete with their dogs without traveling long distances. On May 20, 2000, the Kings' partnership grew into an incorporation, with the help of Greg Million, Reva & Richard Moody and Jim & Beverly Scheidt. They were the first IDDC board members and they plotted the course for the club. Ron came up with the name *Indy Dog and Disc Club and* the club motto, "Where Having Fun is More Important Than Winning." Margaret and Marshall Smith, Mare Potts, and Carol Herbertz were all founding members of the club and an integral part of IDDC's formation and success. Ron and Amy were now on their way. They had officially brought a new, exciting sport to their hometown. Their first board meeting was held in the executive board room at the Hebrew National Meat Packing Company in downtown Indianapolis. The club had its first competition at the Gilmer Bark Park at Eagle Creek Park, Indianapolis. In the beginning their trappings were meager – A card table, a Mr. Microphone and a bucketful of enthusiasm. Ron and Amy started their club with a lot of their own money, blood, sweat and tears.

On June 16, 2004 Ron and Amy became the parents of a beautiful baby boy they named Neo. Neo instantly inherited a family of 25 passionate IDDC disc dog fanatics. Now they were parents holding down jobs and running a booming disc dog club. No easy task. By this time the Kings had added a few new members to their board. As luck would have it, they turned out to be dedicated members who helped to shoulder the burdens of running a rapidly growing club. IDDC soon became the learning stage for several talented members to perfect their disc dog game in competition. IDDC is proud to say that some of those members went on to become world champions in the sport. Two years later, on July 6, 2007 their second son was born. They christened him Pre. The Kings now had been at IDDC's helm for seven years and they found themselves in the midst of a growing family who needed a lot of their time. Ron was eager to shepherd his son Neo into the world of Sports. In 2008, priority won out and Ron stepped down as president. Now he and Amy could devote their energies to their bustling family. On August 17, 2009 a baby girl named, Via, joined the King family.

In these many years all the hard work has paid off. The club has grown by leaps and bounds. Many clubs come and go but this year the Indy Dog and Disc Club celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In March 2010, the club boasts 64 members strong and counting. Several years ago this growing club found a need for her own equipment trailer. The club's card table and Mr. Microphone is long gone and replaced with a large tented command center and a state of the art sound system. The Indy Dog and Disc Club holds 4 major Disc Dog Events a year. Two are qualifiers. The Indiana Disc Dog Classic held in June is a UFO qualifier and the Skyhoundz Regionals held in July is a Skyhoundz qualifier. In January 2010 The Indy Air K9s Performance Team was created. Their performances provide added revenue for the club. IDDC offers many amenities that can be accessed on her website <a href="www.d-dog.com">www.d-dog.com</a>. When you step onto a Midwest disc dog playing field you can be sure it is possible because of a decade old dream, executed by two young people whose desire was to promote the sport of disc dogging in their hometown....build it and they will come.

Photo by Greg Wagner

Ron King has qualified for the Skyhoundz World Finals twice by winning the North Central Regionals in both 2000 & 2001. He qualified for the USDDN Finals in 2002. He was the IDDHA's number one ranked Freestyle Team in 2002. He won the Michigan State Championship in 2003. He placed second and third in a number of events, including the Georgia State Championships and the Florida State Championships. He also holds the World Record for distance thrown to a small dog, Scout, belonging to Mare Potts. He set the record July 27, 2002 at the IDDHA World Championships and it is 211' 10" (70 yards 1 foot 10 inches) or 64.57m.

Amy King has competed in the 2001 Skyhoundz World Finals. She and Chaos placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2002 IDDHA World Championship. Amy competed in the 2003 USDDN Championship Semi-Finals. She and her dog Bogey won the 2004 Microdog Skyhoundz Open Regional. This win qualified Amy and Bogey to compete in the 2004 Microdog World Finals.



February 6, 2010 Elkhart, Indiana

What would stop a diehard disc dogger from competing in the sport? A raging, blinding winter snow storm, perhaps? Unsavory road conditions maybe? Ice under foot? Arctic temperatures you say? If you said yes to any of the above you would be very wrong. Nothing stops a true disc dogger and his dog from competing at a Disc Dog Event.

This year's Pupsicle weather took on a drastic metamorphous compared to last year's Event. It went from 2009's sunny and balmy to 2010's winter snow storm conditions. But the people came and even broke last year's attendance. For five hours the crowd forgot what was waiting for them on the ride home and had lots of fun with team mates, dogs, friends and the audience.

The IDDC Pupsicle Event was held in Elkhart, Indiana for the second year consecutively. Danny and Jamie Eggleston were once again the hard working Event host and hostess. There were 61 entries. Don and Alice Lang and Carol Herbertz did a good job manning the registration booth. Mandy Spady did a crackerjack job handling all the pre-registration entries. Danny and Jamie's families also pitched in to help make the Pupsicle a big success. IDDC hopes to see even more competitors at the Pupsicle 2011.



The winners



**Players Meeting** 

#### **RESULTS** FS Rd1 **Pro Freestyle** T&C FS Rd2 **Grand Total** 33.0 34.8 86.8 Gose, Mark 19.0 Mya 15.5 27.9 25.0 68.4 Adonis Ogle, Bill Kimball, Rick 29.0 9.5 29.8 68.3 Rudy **Open Freestyle** FS Rd1 T&C FS Rd2 **Grand Total** Levy, Doug 27.5 12.0 Yates 39.5 36.1 Bruno Gilchrist, Sheridan 26.6 9.5 3 7.0 Cooper Williams, Tom 28.3 35.3 **Advanced Throw & Catch** TnF Rd. 1 TnF Rd. 2 **Grand Total** Tahoe Jones, Scott 17.0 22.5 39.5 2 Jones, Scott 17.0 17.5 34.5 Bolaero 3 Hart, Denean 17.5 12.0 29.5 Aison TnF Rd. 2 **Novice Throw & Catch** TnF Rd. 1 **Grand Total** Tahoe Jones, Deanna 14.5 14.0 28.5 2 Bolaero Jones, Deanna 11.5 13.5 25.0 Stamp Loose, Carolyn 11.0 7.5 18.5 Junior Throw & Catch TnF Rd. 1 Guinan Eggleston, Riker 1.0 1.0 Guinan Eggleston, Sydney 0.0 0.0



# Indy Air K9's Performance Chicagoland Family Pet Exp

The Chicagoland Family Pet Expo was held on March 19, 20 & 21 in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, Illinois. A blanket of early spring snow sealed the weekend weather forecast. It was IDDC's Performance team and

crew's second visit to the Pet Fest and the club's first official non-competitive performance under its new name *Indy Air K9's*. Curt Daugherty, in collaboration with Mary Jo Corso, applied his extensive talents in creating and sewing capes for the Indy Air K9 dogs. These capes will be used at future Indy Air K9

performances. The Indy Air K9 members consist of Rick Kimball with Rudy and Dugan. Mary Jo Corso with Dreamer, Christina Curtis with Nitro, Fury, Tazer and Capt Jack, Danny Eggleston with Guinan, Don Lang with Lily, Sharon Galema with Cliffy, Sheridan Gilchrist with Bruno, and Carol Herbertz with Iggy Pop. The Indy Air K9 backstage crew consisted of Curt and Pat Daugherty, Alice Lang, Mike Curtis, Jim Eggleston and Vickie Settle.

The Indy Air K9 team was fired up and eager to entertain. Team member, Sharon Galema isn't a newcomer to Freestyle. She and her late Aussie, Roxanne, performed freestyle from 2004 to the end of 2006. In July, 2009 Sharon re-entered the freestyle ring with her new Aussie, Cliffy. The Chicagoland Pet Fest was Sharon and Cliffy's first primo club booking. Her prior absence didn't hinder her ability to give a first rate and entertaining performance. The entire Indy Air K9 team gave the tough Chicago audience high quality entertainment. The crowd kept cheering and the audience kept growing with every dog vault, underhand throw and catch, foot and back stall, and weaves and dog catches. Every time Christina Curtis caught her dog from behind her the audience gasped in amazement. Don Lang metamorphoses from a fit gentleman of 74 years into a spry lad of 25 every time he and Lily stepped into the disc dog arena. Don and Lily always give an outstanding performance.

Over the performance team's three day booking there were a total of 10 performances each lasting 45 minutes. The bleachers were packed all weekend with 3 standing rows deep behind the seating. Danny Eggleston did a nice job with his first solo undertaking of emcee duties. His awesome Border Collie, Guinan, provided a comic relief moment when she leaped unexpectedly for the Frisbee in Danny's mouth. A startled Danny was heard to say: "My teeth rattled for a good 5 minutes!" Danny and Guinan are an awesome team who never fail to entertain any crowd.

The weekend took on its usual IDDC Big Show success. The crowds went home with glee in their hearts and big smiles on their faces. The dogs and the crew got plenty of exercise and a fun filled 4-day weekend. When we finally "turned out the light" and headed back to Indy, only then did Chicago settled back into normalcy once again.

By Patricia Daugherty Photos by Mary Jo Corso

### **IDDC League Play**

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In January of 2010 a new Indy Dog and Disc Club feature was born. It is called League Play. No experience is necessary. It has taken the place of our play dates. It is not an official competition but rather mock play matches. The format is basically designed for those who would like to learn about the sport of disc dogging and are reluctant to join a disc dog club. It is also an opportunity to check out whether disc dogging is for you and your dog. The League Play is also designed to help those who are in the sport but want to improve. We have members on hand who are experts in the sport and they are eager to help you get started or improve your game. So all you need is a desire to have fun with your dog, and a strong curiosity about how to throw a disc to your dog and have him catch it and bring it back to you. I will warn you – It is addictive. The games and rules are different each time to suit the space and players. Sessions are usually 2 hours long. A dog can play with multiple players. During the winter months there will be a small fee of usually \$5.00 per dog. This is for the rental of an indoor facility. The rest of the year League Play is free. To find out when a League Play session is offered go to our website <a href="www.d-dog.com">www.d-dog.com</a>. Click on Information and then go to Calendar Schedule. To learn more about League Play go to our website and click on Competition and then League Play. We are looking forward to meeting you and introducing you to the wonderful sport of disc dogging. Editor

Milford, Ohio

Miami Meadows Park went straight to the dogs on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Southern Ohio Flying K9 Club held their annual UFO local Event they aptly call the Chomp-A-Palooza or affectionately referred to as the Chomp. And Chomp is what the dogs did when it came time to getting down to the business of disc dogging. It was a gusty, chilly day. The wind was the big winner by stealing points all day from the competitors. Of course we are disc dog people so a little or a lot of wind just makes us more determined to do our best. IDDC had 8 members in attendance and 7 members competing. It was a fun and full day of socializing with old and new friends, playing the game we all love and bonding with our very special canine athletes.

#### **Novice Throw & Catch**

- 1. Sue Chapman & Pilgrim
- 2. Katie Rhoades & Bella
- 3. Casey Elder & Sasha

#### **Intermediate Throw & Catch**

- 1. Stephanie Myers & Ariel
- 2. Tim Zimmer & Buster
- 3. Stephanie Myers & Rodeo

**Best Small Dog** went Mark Gose and Colt **Scooby Award** went to Tim Zimmer and Buster

#### **Pro Throw & Catch**

- 1. Nate Bednar & Marcy
- 2. Mark Gose & Colt
- 3. Mark Gose & Blaidden

#### **Novice Freestyle**

- 1. Freddy Dixon & Apollo
- 2. Jordan Bybee & Indy
- 3. Julie Dixon & Smoke

#### **Intermediate Freestyle**

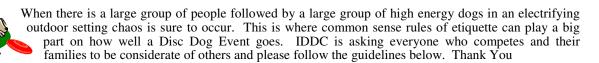
- 1. Christy Duff & Crash
- 2. Tom Williams & Cooper
- 3. Tim Zimmer & Buster

#### Open (Pro) Freestyle

- 1. Nate Bednar & Marcy
- 2. Mark Gose & Mya
- 3. Greg Wagner & Toot

**Crowd Pleaser** went to Greg Wagner and Toot **Volunteer Prize** drawing was won by Todd Bybee

### **DISC DOG ETIQUETTE**



Arrive at the competition early and sign-in/register on time.

Always clean up after your dog!

Listen for the order of competition, and be ready to go when it is your turn.

Walk your dog to and from the throwing line on lead.

Always respect every competitor's dog's space.

When you are finished with your round, gather your dog and leave the field quickly.

Never let your dog off lead near the competition field, unless to compete.

Never allow anyone, especially a child to be eye level with your dog, no matter how docile your dog may be.

Always walk around the competition field, never across it.

Never talk to judges while they are working. Wait until they are not judging and talk with them then.

Keep your dog under control at all times. You are responsible for your dog's actions whether you are paying attention to them or not.

Don't walk your dogs through other people's tents, be careful & courteous.

This is a family event, keep negative emotions and inappropriate language under control.





## **Remembering Our Friend**



She shared with us her style and grace, so lovely, slim with smiling face. Her hair was golden, her smile was warm, to see her was to know her charm.

Her life was short but full of love, for family, home, friends and God above. So short a time with us it seems, no time to really fill her dreams.

But sometimes God has other plans, that's different from we mortal man. He uses us to fill his needs, to do his work, to sow his seeds.

And so our Teresa's gone away, a star in Heaven some would say. Memories of her are wonderful you see, a perfect vision of life that's free



Teresa

Somewhere in my dreams tonight I'll see you standing there You look at me with a smile "Life isn't always fair"

You say you were chosen for his garden His preciously hand picked bouquet "God really needed me, That's why I couldn't stay"

It's said to be that angels Are sent from above I've always had my angel My Teresa - whose heart was filled with love

Wherever the ocean meets the sky There will be memories of you and I When I look up at that sky so blue All I see are visions of you

"While there's a heart in me, you'll be a part of me."

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January 14, 1965 March 9, 2010























Our friends Teresa and Chip Hershey were in love with each other and with life. On August 26, 2009 they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Tragically on March 9, 2010 Teresa lost her life after a brief illness.

# **Gretchen Invitational**

May 15-16, 2010 Kokomo, Indiana

The Gretchen Invitational is an annual competition in honor of Mark Gose's beautiful Champion Boxer, Gretchen, who passed away in 2006 at the age of 10 years. Gretchen was a special dog who was every bit a lady. But when she stepped onto a competition field the figuratively speaking pink collar came off. She was all business and a tough opponent. She and Mark won many disc dog awards in a variety of forms. Mark and Gretchen traveled to competitions outside of Indiana and they always came home with hardware. The Gretchen Invitational is a formidable tribute to this champion lady athlete and beloved friend and family member.

This year Mark handed over the Event's hosting duties to club members Carol Herbertz and Sheridan Gilchrist. It was there first time hosting a disc dog competition and the ladies did a fine job. The usual dedicated IDDC volunteers were there to help them make it a successful day. Special Awards went to Amanda Marten's Jack Russell Harley for Best Small Dog. Crowd Pleaser went to Angela Ewtushik and Gandu. Keeping it Fun went to Tom (TnT) Clement and his Border Collie Stretch. Congratulations!!

On Saturday, Jeff Hoot held his very popular Quadruped competition. For the expert teams it is a colossal test in throwing and catching skills. This year's longest Open Division throw and catches went to Darron Barrus and The Edge and Danielle O'Neill and Zeek. And in the Men and Women's Divisions the longest throw and catch went to

Barrus and The Edge and Danielle O'Neill and Zeek. And in the Men and Women's Divisions the longest throw and catch went to Canadian Sue Joy and Juice and SOFK9's Greg Wagner and Toot. Congratulations!!!!!!! All the frenzy of the Quad challenge continued after hours with the Motel 6 Bi-Ped. This year Adrian Custer won by catching the longest throw of the evening. Man that boy can run and he even had a glass of frosty "milk" in his hand and only two paws on the ground.



#### Women's Division

- 1 Sue Joy & Juice
- 2 Sarah Duke & Kate
- 3 Mary Jo Corso & Dreamer

#### Men's Division

- 1 Greg Wagner & Toot
- 2 Tom Wehrli & Coco
- 3 Todd Bybee & Indy

#### Women's Open Div

- 1 Danielle O'Neill & Zeek
- 2 Laura Campbell & Crush 3 Christina Curtis & Nitro
- Men's Open Div

#### 1 Darron Barrus & The Edge

- 2 Gary Duke & Bayer
- 3 Ron Watson & EZ Ryder

#### **UFO Local Results**

#### Overall

- 1 Danny Eggleston & Guinan
- 2 Andrew Han & Solar
- 3 Gary Duke & Bayer

#### Open Freestyle

- 1 Danny Eggleston & Guinan
- 2 Tracy Custer & Rampage
- 3 Gary Duke & Bayer

#### Inter. Freestyle

- 1 Greg Kiesow & Einstein
- 2 Mary Jo Corso & Dreamer
- 3 Tom Williams & Emma

#### **Novice Freestyle**

- 1 Greg McIntyre & Abbie
- 2 Amy Mazzio & Sassy
- 3 Rachel Mazzio & Sassy

#### **Open Throw & Catch**

1 Danny Eggleston & Guinan

Gretchen

1996-2006

- 2 Mike Hanson & Maggey
- 3 Laura Campbell & Juice

#### Inter. Throw & Catch

- 1 Sue Joy & Juice
- 2 Sue Joy & Crush
- 3 Sue Joy & Party Border Collie

#### **Novice Throw & Catch**

- 1 Diane McIntyre & Abbie
- 2 Megan Bilderback & Bella
- 3 Jordan Bybee & Indy

#### Junior Throw & Catch

- 1 Kenna Amos & Nitro
- 2 Keeland Amos & Fury 3 Rachel Mazzio & Sassy

## THE MECHANICS OF THE CATCH



1. The Jump



2. The Catch



3. The Landing

Photos by Julie Russell Demonstrated by The Labranator (aka Rocky Daugherty)

Something to think about: Our dogs have fun whether they win or lose, do you?





### A CELEBRATION OF LIFE







I would like to tell you about a special dog. His name is Bud. The year was 2001 and IDDC member Marshall Smith was volunteering at the Scott County Animal Shelter in Georgetown, Kentucky. There was an 18 month old Border Collie who Marshall was trying to place into a good home. For about a year and a half Bud had been gravely abused by a family of misguided children and their scary father. In one particularly horrendous episode of abuse the father kicked Bud's front teeth out. This dog needed rescuing in a big way and immediately. Marshall thought he had found just the person until the gentleman's wife suddenly changed her mind and said No. So at the end of that fateful day of rejection, a compassionate Marshall pulled into his countryside driveway with Bud securely nestled in the backseat. At that moment Bud's bleak past melted away and his celebration of life began. It has spanned 12 yrs and counting. The Smith's have a credo; "once a family animal member crosses over their threshold they are there for life." So Marshall wasn't concerned if Bud wasn't interested in the disc. But as fate would have it Bud had the talent and the drive. He took to the game of disc dogging right from the start. That first Frisbee throw to Bud was the start of an awesome disc dog career.. Team Baddog was on their way and they didn't look

back. Bud's many disc dog fans have been able to enjoy his beautiful execution of the sport for six wonderful years. It was such a treat to watch this team perform. I can see Bud now soaring high in the air for the catch and landing. In Bud's hay day there was a prominent gentleman in our club who showed his fondness for Bud in a unique and fun way. It never failed; with every sip of libation he took he would add another "u" to Bud's name. That was the start of Bud's affectionate alias.... Buuuuuud. The moniker caught on quickly. Now every time I say it or hear it, it brings back fond memories of good times with this beautiful champion and the IDDC family.

In 2002 Bud and Marshall won the Skyhoundz World Finalist Sport Division, and 1<sup>st</sup> place Regional Championship Sport Division Expert Class. In 2003 Adrian Custer and Bud won the Skyhoundz North Central Regional Extreme Distance with a throw and catch of 189.7yds. In 2006 Bud and Marshall won 3<sup>rd</sup> place IDDHA World Championships Open Single Disc. And the list goes on. The years have slipped by way too quickly for this formidable athlete. Bud is 12 and half now and in retirement. He is still giving Margaret and Marshall on going love and friendship and they give it back twofold.. In 2008 he was diagnosed with heart damage brought on by extreme bloating. It left him with only one working heart chamber. In 2008 the doctor told the Smith's he would only last 6 months. He fooled them all. This tough, determined champion is still winning the game...now it's the game of life. As long as Bud isn't in grave discomfort and his eyes are bright Margaret and Marshall, with their Vet close by, will be at his side keeping their Bud comfortable and loved until God calls him home.

Fortunately Bud's story has been played out all over the world for centuries. It exemplifies how life can drastically change for the best for those less fortunate, man or beast when others reach out with kindness and love. And how that goodness is given back to you for the rest of your life. The structure of giving ourselves and others a good life always begins with the building bricks of commitment, the cement of unconditional love and the staying power of compassion and stability. These attributes are also the components to a celebration of life!!

-By Patricia Daugherty

Bud, a Champion in Retirement, 2010



### A Friend for Life

It is a cool Spring day. The Crocus beds blanket the cold March earth.

I decided to take an energizing stroll thru my favorite nearby Woods.

The ground is soft beneath my shoes - Evidence of an earlier rain shower.

The Woods are intoxicating with the smells of winter's spent leaves and Spring's flowers. I savor several deep breaths. Of earth's heady perfume. My soul is at peace amid God's glory. It's good to be alive.

As I walk, the Woods seem to engulf me into its mossy protectiveness.

Suddenly off to the side I detect a rustling sound. I cautiously investigate.

There in a small leaf choked enclave is a shadowy figure. I slowly move closer.

My eyes focus upon a frail, frighten dog. He is crouching in fear. I see by his matted and dirty coat his trek has been arduous.

I reach into my pocket and pull out a stale piece of soft candy. I gingerly extend my hand.

My abandoned waif gives a slow weak growl. As I move forward he burrows deeper into his bed of wet leaves.

My soothing words seem to relax his tense muscles. I am thinking he has heard these words before. I take another step forward.

His sorrowful eyes are pleading to me for help. His hunger overtakes him.

He quickly snatches the candy from my fingers. Beside me is a damp and weathered tree stump. I sit myself ever so slowly upon it.

My new friend and I begin our journey towards trust. Two tedious hours have passed and my new friend finally settles onto my lap, and we begin to bond with the forest as our arena.

We finally head for home. Upon my cozy kitchen rug my little friend is content, warm and fed.

We are both weary from the day's emotional rollercoaster.

As I looked into my new friends sad, crusty eyes, I made him a solemn promise.

Little fella you need never fear again. I will always be here for you. I will keep you safe.

Never again will your bond of love and trust be broken. Life will always be good, because we are friends for life.



By Patricia Daugherty



#### **Black Jack Memorial**

#### April 24, 2010

Versailles, KY

Marshall & Margaret Smith founders of the Bluegrass Area Disc Dog Club (Baddog's) held their annual disc dog competition, The Black Jack Memorial, is in memory of their beloved black Lab Jack. Jack came to live with the Smith's as a puppy in 1995. In 2004 Jack was taken down by a passing car. The Smith's were devastated with sorrow at the lost of Jack. This Event honors the nine years that their beloved Jack spent in the Smith household. All the love, joy, devotion and faithfulness this beautiful Lab bestowed on his people folks is celebrated each year with a disc dog competition. Something Jack loved to do.

The day of the competition threaten thunderstorms. But the show must go on. So the Smith offered up their allegiance to the Rain Gods and proceeded to hold a disc dog Event.

The Rain Gods smile down on them and let them have a dry day for the Event. A great time was had by all and high scores were the order of the day. Marshall was able to break out his camera lens to complete a perfect day. When it was time to pack up and go home, the Rain Gods' rain meter went to "time up" and it poured buckets of H2O on the tear down crew. I'm sure Jack, who was a Lab in everyway, was looking down on his crew and thinking: What a perfect ending to my Memorial day...WATER. Man do I love water!!!!!!!

#### **Novice Toss & Catch**

#### Freddy Dixon & Apollo 24.5 Jordan Bybee & Indy 17.5 Calvin Vain & Max 12.0 Scott Bowman & Mattie 12.0 Casey Elder & Sasha 11.0 Allison Hubbard-Robinson 9.0 Shannon Riley & Indy 8.0 Sarah Williams & Cooper 7.5 Marty Elder & Crash 7.0 10. Ginger McBride & Summit 6.0 11. Ginger McBride & Grit 12. Sarah Williams & Emma 4.5 13. Jordan Bybee & Laci 3.0 14. Julie Dixon & Smoke 2.5 15. Todd Bybee & Spot 2.5 16. Jordan Bybee & Spot 2.0 17. Shannon Riley & Spot

#### Free Style (Peer Judging)

- Jeff Duff & Jessie
- Tom Williams & Cooper
- 3. Freddy Dixon & Apollo

There was a tie breaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot

#### **Skip Board Catch**

Jeff Duff & Jessie with 111.2 feet.

This is a distance event where you must skip the disc off of a piece of plywood lying on the start line.

Pro Toss & Catch				
<ol> <li>Jeff Duff &amp; Sasha</li> </ol>	30.0			
2. Todd Bybee & Indy	20.0			
3. Christy Duff & Sasha	19.5			
4. Debbie Gravitt & ESPI	N 15.5			
<ol><li>Jeff Duff &amp; Jesse</li></ol>	12.5			
6. Joy Bowman & Mattie	12.5			
7. Tom Williams & Emm	a 9.0			
8. Christy Duff & Crash	9.0			
9. Tom Williams & Coop	er 7.0			
10. Todd Bybee & Lexi	5.0			
11. DebbyGravitt&KurliQ	ue 4.5			
12. Jeff Duff & Trooper	3.0			



NO RAIN! Thank you Lord!

Photos by Marshall Smith Dog: Smoke Dixon

# **IDDC Annual Membership Drive**

## Free Photo Shoot and Chili Cook-Off March 27, 2010

It was springtime! The flowers were peeking thru winter's cold ground to meet Spring's warm sun. A welcomed setting to usher in another Annual Membership Drive. This year it was held at an old familiar haunt, Mary Jo Corso & Rick Kimball's home. A huge thanks goes to Rick and Mary Jo for their gracious hospitality. The sunny, cool day was jammed packed with activities. The club was delighted to welcome two new members who signed up at the Membership Drive. Melisa Lalich and her Briard Prada and Howard Hoover and his Shepherd/Rottweiler mix Pirna. Also recently new members Diana and Sean O'Brien and their German Shepherd Carly came to the Drive.



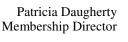
Mary Jo had her studio set-up for free photo portraits for those people and their dogs who signed-up or were current 2010 IDDC members. The kitchen was heavy with the aroma of spices from chili cauldrons bubbling away for the Chili Cook-Off. There were 3 entries this year – Sharon Galema, Diana O'Brien and Rick Kimball. Every entry was a culinary delight to the taste buds. The winning recipe went to new member Diana O'Brien. Rick lost by one vote. Diana, won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Pet Supplies Plus. Congratulations Diana! Diana's husband Sean brought a scrumptious Amish Friendship Cake, warm from their oven. His culinary efforts were devoured in less then 30 minutes. Charter member Greg Million stopped by to chat and re-up his membership. It is always a treat to see Greg. He is one of this planet's stellar human beings and IDDC has him!

I would like to thank all those who helped me with the Membership Drive. Rick Kimball, MaryJo Corso, Sharon Galema and Curt Daugherty.

#### A warm IDDC welcome to all her new 2010 members thus far.

- 🦮 Amber Amos & her children Kobi, Keelend, Kenna, & Kohle and their Aussie Jave Joe
- 🖼 Larry & Lisa Davis and their Beagle mix Snoopy and Shepherd mix Sadie
- ₩ John & Erika Gerhard and their Border Collie Duke
- 🖮 Dr Roy and Ruth Goode and their Collie/Border Collie/Sheltie mix Zina, Border Collie Shake, Border Collie Sting
- 🖼 Barbara Gulbranson and her Aussie Cheyenne
- ₩ Howard Hoover and his Rottweiler/Shepherd mix Pirna
- ₩ Stephen Jennings and his Border Collie/Lab mix Luna
- ★ Scott & Deanna Jones and their Lab Bolaero, Aussie Tahoe, JR mix Snicker and Lab mix Spur ......(Scott & Deanna are new members but long time disc doggers and friends of IDDC)
- ₩ Brett & Sandi Kemerly and their Whippets Maddie & Leila
- ₩ Melisa Lalich and her Briard Prada
- ₩ Cheryl & James Manning
- ₩ Gia Nichols and her yorkie/poodle mix Maximus
- ₩ Diane Nicklaus and Ivy Rose
- ₩ Sean & Diana O'Brien and their German Shepherd Carly
- ₩ Reed Scherrer and his Border Collie Hogan
- ₩ Vicki Setttle and her Boston Terrier mix Romeo
- m Tom & Sarah Williams and their Border Collies Abby, Cooper, Emma, and their Aussie Twist
- ₩ Matt Maynard and Annabelle
- ₩ Jennifer Marencik and her Border Collie Madison

When you see these new members at our Events, please introduce yourselves.





#### **Remembering Our Canine Family**

Passed Away:

Sept 27, 2009.....Bill Marion's Indy (Border Collie)
March, 2010......Mary Jo Corso & Rick Kimball's Key (Jack Russell)

March 12, 2010.. Deanna & Scott Jones' Stetson (Lab)

March 12, 2010.. Pat & Curt Daugherty's Jack (Chow/Spaniel mix)

All of the dogs lived a long and full life in happy, loving homes. They will be so very missed.



## Facebook Has Gone to the Dogs

The Indy Dog and Disc Club is now on Facebook Click Here

When packing for a competition don't forget to bring along water and shade for your dog.











# IDDC'S ANNUAL CAMPOUT

May 21st, 22nd and 23rd

By Patricia Daugherty with Carol Herbertz

This year's annual club camp-out weekend started out on rain soaked ground. From there the weekend went up, up and away!!! Carol Herbertz' farm is the official residency for the annual weekend festivities. Don and Alice Lang were inside organizers. They made a yummy spaghetti dinner on Friday night and all weekend they were a huge help to Carol by doing kitchen clean-up duties. Club president, Rick Kimball, was the weekend organizer for all outside activities. Rick was relentless in seeing that everything went off without a hitch He ran a Disc Throwing Clinic and League Play. He did all the announcing and game scoring. He even stepped in and performed grillmaster duties. He had the grill rockin', rollin and smokin' with chicken, brauts, burgers and hot dogs. Curt, Sharon and I could smell the vittles all the way from our hotel in wee bonnie Scotland. Rick also brought the firewood. He really needed roller skates to give his poor feet a break. He didn't sit down much all weekend and I am sure when it was all over he was one tired puppy. Chip Hershey spent his Friday preparing pork in his smoker for everyone's enjoyment. It is a time consuming chore and everyone appreciated and enjoyed Chip's delicious pulled pork. He brought two kinds of sauces to go with it. Christina Curtis helped Rick run a freestyle clinic by taking turns demonstrating tricks and vaults. Teresa was sorely missed but she was there for Chip and the gang in spirit. She contributed an offering too – She chased the rain away and brought Sunday's sun.

The dogs romped and played and some took a dip in Carol's "ole swimming hole," her pond closest to the house. Rocky loves this part of the camp-out and I was bummed out that he couldn't be there to dive for Frisbees in Aunt Carol's pond. It was nice to see some of our new members at the camp-out. Among them were Amber Amos her husband and their children, Diana & Sean O'Brien and Stephen Jennings. Club founders, Ron and Amy King and their kids, were there too. Chip and Curt are the usual campfire keepers. But this year Chip had full honors, and at dusk he made a boyscout perfect camp fire. People roasted marshmallows and chilled around the fire. This is the best part of a camp-out. On Sunday, Amy King's brilliant idea, the traditional men's breakfast went smoothly under Don Lang's expert supervision. Ron and Amy would have been proud!! After Sunday's breakfast there was a League Play and the Contest Award Presentation.

And The Contest Winners are......

Best Decorated Tent – Sean & Diana with their Medieval fortress (they had one of those big carnival looking tents that reminds you of something from a far away medieval land!!)

Best Desert - Sean & Diana O'Brien for Russian Crème - a yummy strawberry & cream desert

The dog that had the most fun – Sassy, Dan & Amy Mazzio's border collie. Always running around with a smile on her face having a blast playing with all the other dogs!

Around 4:00 on Sunday, people started packing up and some came in and had leftovers for lunch and then left. Each year the camp-out gets better and better. It was another great weekend!!



Will the real Rudy Kimball Please Sit Up



Pee U...Alright, who ate our garlic bread



Lang's City Slicker Hash Slingers



Chief Light-Em-Up

Mandy Spady was heard to say: "You know your dog is tired when he falls asleep sitting up & snoring before you hit the highway for home!!"



Photos by Mary Jo Corso

# **Chicagoland Family Pet Expo**































Photos by Mary Jo Corso

#### DERBY CITY DISC DOG CLUB IS GROWING!

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> was an exciting landmark for a young disc dog club comprised of many of our long time disc dog friends. The club is steadily growing and her friends couldn't be more over-the-moon for her and her president Jeff Duff. So much so that many of them were on hand to support her in her first Event, the Kentucky State Championships. The club did a splendid job in giving us a fun day of competition. We are anticipating many more competitions from this up and coming disc dog club. Congratulations DCDDC. You're on your way now!!!!.......Editor



Photos by Patricia Daugherty



# The Indiana Disc Dog Classic is coming soon.

IDDC and the Event host Rick Kimball invite you and your dog/dogs to a weekend of colossal merriment and competition. So mark your calendars for June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The place to be.....Holland Park, Fishers, IN.



# 10 Years Strong!

2000 - 2010