



# Indy Dog & Disc Club Newsletter

Where having FUN is more important than winning!

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## **IDDC'S GRETCHEN INVITATIONAL WELCOMES HOOT BACK!!!**

This year's IDDC Gretchen Invitational was held on May 18 and 19, 2013 at Darrough Chapel Park in Kokomo, Indiana. On Saturday, IDDC greeted much loved Jeff Hoot back from a year-long breather from his hugely popular Quadruped. The Quad is a Jeff Hoot original brainstorm that can be extremely addictive and is definitely a "hoot" to watch. It was so good to see Jeff with his signature white cowboy hat on the field calling the game. In addition to us local yocals from



*Davy - photo by Mary Jo Corso*

Indiana, we had competitors from Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, Colorado, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Illinois, and Canada. Although it rained most of the week prior, causing the grass to grow at an alarming rate and give Jeff Hoot a few nervous moments before it was mowed (the Quadruped was about to become a Lose-a-Ped for the micro dogs) the field was readied and the weather turned out beautiful and cooperative. Canadian Rob McLeod and Davy Whippet hoped to break the Quad record of 116.5 yards that they set in August of 2012. Considering Rob and Davy have the World Record for Distance to Canine Catch (134 yards set in October 2012) it was not out of the question that a new record might just happen that day. Unfortunately for Rob, no records were broken, but he still threw an impressive 95 yards that wowed everyone watching and helped him win the Men's Open Division and Longest Catch of the day, beating out Ryan Hartman (2nd place) and Matt Bilderback (3rd), who won the Quad's Open Men Division the last two years in Kokomo. In the Women's Open Division, Kirby McIlveen won her 9th Quad with Sketch, along with the Longest Catch at 68 yards, beating Jenelle Miller (2nd) and Kathy Mills (3rd). In the men's division (I hate to call it novice as the level of playing was definitely NOT novice!) competition was fierce between Chris Knapp and Jordan Bybee. Chris and canine Jack prevailed, but Jordan and Rambler took home the longest catch with 71.5 yards. In the women's division (again, the term novice is being put aside) Sharon Anderson and Bling took first, Mary Jo Corso and Dugan took 2nd, and the longest catch (52.3 yards) went to Naomi Scapinello and her dog Pascal Magellan.

**Sunday's UFO Local** awoke to refreshed dogs and continued cool breezes. The smell of Curt Daugherty's coffee brewing helped the brain cobwebs dissolve as competitors began their day pitching their pop-ups and warming up on the field. Kirby McIlveen continued to prevail, this time with Torch, beating out Andrew Han and Solar in the overall Open Final by less than two points. Intermediate Freestyle went to Sharon Anderson and Bling with 61.4 points, and Novice Freestyle to Stacy

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*Sharon Anderson & Bling – photo by Marshall Smith*



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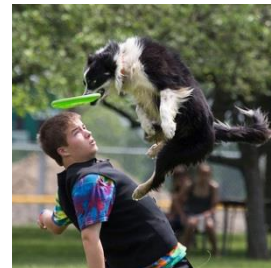


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Simison and Jetta with 41.4 points. Open Toss & Catch was won by Andrew Han and Solar, Intermediate to Jen Smith and Springer, and Novice to Naomi Scapinello and Pascal Magellan. You can catch the entire Quad results on IDDC's website: [www.indydoganddisc.com](http://www.indydoganddisc.com). The Indy Dog and Disc Club wishes to thank Gretchen Invitational host Sheridan Gilchrist and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making this another great outdoor start to the IDDC's competition season. And last but definitely not least we thank all our competitors for coming out to play!

*By Patricia Daugherty & Julie Rhea*

**Photos by Marshall Smith**



Jordan Bybee & Indy



Andrew Han & Solar(?)

### Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Event	Location	2013 Dates	Format
Indiana Disc Dog Classic	Fishers, IN	June 29-30th	UFO Major / Indiana State Champ
Skyhoundz NC Regional	New Castle, IN	July 20-21st	Skyhoundz NC Regional

Starting with the Gretchen Invitational, IDDC started using PayPal to accept online payments for registration. Sharon Galema and Pat Daugherty, IDDC registration extraordinaires, reported it was a big success and look forward to an even smoother check-in process during the Indiana Disc Dog Classic on June 29 & 30. If you preregister, you save \$5 on your registration fees, and those who pay ahead with PayPal will get the fast-track line at check-in. To register, go to IDDC's website at [www.indydoganddisc.com/classic](http://www.indydoganddisc.com/classic).



**DISC DOG ETIQUETTE:** When many people and dogs share a highly charged outdoor setting, such as a disc dog competition, rules of social behavior are essential. This is where good judgment and common sense play a big part towards a successful Disc Dog Event. To assure a safe and terrific competition, the Indy Dog & Disc Club is asking everyone who brings a dog to a competition to be considerate of others and please follow the guidelines below. Thank You!

- ✓ *Arrive at the competition early and sign-in/register on time.*
- ✓ *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.*
- ✓ *Always walk around the competition field, never across it.*
- ✓ *When not competing or walking your dog/dogs, keep them crated.*
- ✓ *Never let your dog off lead near the competition field, unless to compete.*
- ✓ *Never talk to judges while they are working.*
- ✓ *Keep your dog under control at all times. You are responsible for your dog's actions.*
- ✓ *This is a family event, keep negative emotions and inappropriate language under control.*
- ✓ *Clean up after your dog!*



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***A thank-you to our sponsors!*** We couldn't run our club and events without the help from our generous sponsors who donate everything from play-date space and trophies to substantial financial contributions that enable us to hold our competitions such as the Indiana Disc Dog Classic. Over the past years, ***Circle City Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Hospital*** and ***Pet Supplies Plus*** have been two of such sponsors, and IDDC wanted to thank them for their continued support with a photo plaque for them to display in their businesses. From left to right, pictured below is Rick Kimball with Dr. Terry L. Grieshaber, DVM from Circle City Vets, David Flint at Pet Supplies Plus in Broadripple, and Nick Milano, owner of Pet Supplies Plus in Noblesville and Broadripple. *Photos by Mary Jo Corso.*





## ***IDDC does more than Disc-doggin'!***

IDDC's animal welfare fund, overseen by Mary Jo Corso, is the club's way to give a little back to the rescues which do so much for our four-footed pals. Considering a high percentage of our own disc dogs are rescues, IDDC has a deep appreciation for animal welfare groups. Each year the board votes on two or three rescues which are especially near and dear to our hearts to be recipients of our fund-raising efforts, such as the monies raised in the Iditarod pool. This year, Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue, run by IDDC member Robin Herman, was one of three recipients. You've probably seen Robin at disc events with her white Lucky Dog Retreat van, but you may not know that prior to starting Lucky Dog, Robin was a computer professional for almost 30 years before she decided to give it all up and go to the dogs. She wanted a place where she could temporarily house homeless dogs, and her passion for rescue led her to start Lucky Dog Retreat, a doggie daycare and boarding facility, and from that grew Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue. To date Robin and LDR Rescue have saved over 400 dogs! One of her more recent rescues is none other than Reba, Sharon Galema's new pup.

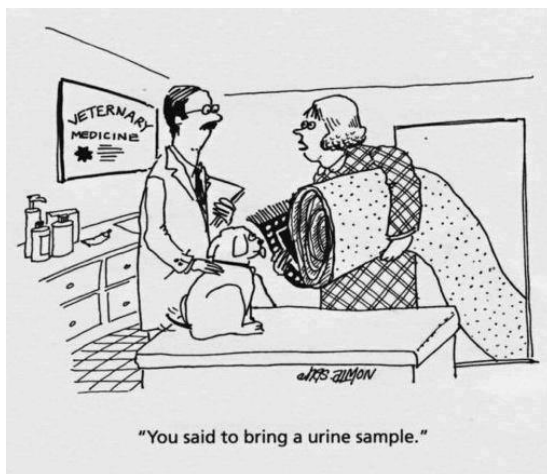


*Sharon & Reba  
photo by Julie Rhea*

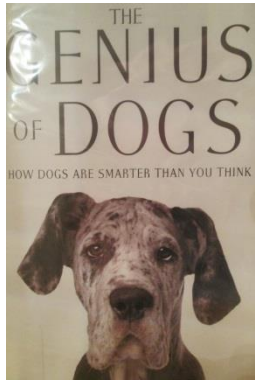


*Robin & Nano, one of her own  
rescues, photo by Marshall Smith*

At the April 7, 2013 Tour for Life sponsored by Indianapolis Animal Care and Control, IDDC had a tent set up next to Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue's booth that Robin was running. A man walked by with Reba with the intention of dumping her at the pound, but Robin intercepted and took her in. Sharon, stationed next door at the IDDC tent, looked over and saw the blond pup, and Reba quickly wiggled her little furry butt into Sharon's heart and went home with her that very day. This was one of Robin's quickest adoptions! Her other dogs up for adoption, many who arrive emaciated or with injuries, take longer to place, and cost quite a bit more to vet and rehabilitate. If interested in adopting or donating to Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue, please see [www.ldrrescue.org](http://www.ldrrescue.org) for more information.



"One small step for Rover.  
One giant setback for the Invisible Fence"



## **BOOK REVIEW – THE GENIUS OF DOGS by Brian Hare**

I just finished a fascinating book that I highly recommend for all dog lovers, especially for those of us who ask our dogs to do more than just hold down the rug. *The Genius of Dogs* by Brian Hare (Director of the Duke Canine Cognition Center at Duke University) and Vanessa Woods (research scientist at the center) explores just how smart our canine companions are, and his findings will probably surprise you. In some ways they are smarter than chimps and wolves, and in other areas not so much. But their unique attentiveness to their human companions makes them geniuses, and he explains why in this informative and eye-opening read. He explores how dogs most likely evolved, and how their dispositions helped shape the species into what it is today. The last section of the book explores the smarts between different breeds (Just what breed IS the smartest??? You'll have to read for yourself to find the answer to that question!) as well as explain how dogs best learn new things. It is not a training book, per se, but when he explains HOW dogs learn, you can't help but gain insight into your own training methods and tailor them accordingly. He even has a website, [www.dognition.com](http://www.dognition.com), where you can order testing materials to test your own dog's smarts! *The Genius of Dogs* was first published by Dutton in February 2013 and should also be available at your local library or through interlibrary loan.

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## ***A letter from Tulip***

My sister Daisy got to close the last newsletter for our mom, so now it's my turn. Love, love, LOVE the weather now – we get to go to the park almost daily, and it's so much fun to chase those Frisbees (and birds, and rabbits, and whatever else runs by my nose!) I want to invite you all to register for the Indiana Disc Dog Classic that is at the end of June as I'm looking forward to seeing you again! Also, I wanted to let you know that IDDC has demos intermittently scheduled throughout the summer. These are great opportunities for you to get out and strut your stuff without an annoying timer telling you that it's time for you to get off the field. My mom said it's good for newbies like myself who are still learning their routines and what it means to perform in front of a crowd. (Don't know about you, but sometimes I much rather go off and sniff, especially if an onlooker has a hotdog in his hand!) If you volunteer for the demo, your human will get volunteer bucks to apply towards registration fees or cool IDDC merchandise. Watch the IDDC emails (if you aren't already, join the IDDC training email list at [www.indydoganddisc.com/resources](http://www.indydoganddisc.com/resources)) for upcoming events. We have one scheduled for June 16 in Muncie. Till then, remember, having fun is more important than winning!

