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AKC EVENT ALLOWS ALL DOGS TO DISCOVER FUN OF LURE COURSING



"After the event, they were having practices, and one of the people running the event suggested I bring out Dino and see if he would chase the lure. I had absolutely no idea what Dino would do so I brought him out and he chased the lure partially around the big field."

Jackie Phillips began seeking opportunities to let her dogs experience lure coursing and found that they loved

the activity. "Now each time Dino sees the lure, and knows he is going to run, he is absolutely bonkers. He is barking up a storm and jumping around and extremely excited."

Phillips discovered what many other dog owners have also uncovered: their dogs' natural prey drive gives them the love of chasing a lure — regardless of their breed or mix of breeds.

The American Kennel Club recently created a new event that allows all dogs to discover the excitement of lure coursing. "The Coursing Ability Test can provide a wonderful community outreach opportunity, an enjoyable experience for dogs and owners and a way to expose a wider audience to the sport," said AKC's AVP of Performance Events Doug Ljungren. "Most dogs will chase a lure and have fun in the process."

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is for any dog of any breed, including mixed-breeds, as long as it is at least 1 year old and individually registered or listed with AKC. To pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure, completing the course with enthusiasm

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NEXT MEETING September 19, 2019

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

Board Meeting 7:00pm - General Meeting 7:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

SCKC Board Meeting July 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Tabitha Dvorak at 7:03pm.
Members present Mary Bristol, Cindy Hill, Tabitha Dvorak, Linda Soukup, Tanya Williams, Cris Corum, Morgan Ehlers and guest Troy Dvorak.

No board meeting in June do to Dog Lovers day.

No President's report

Secretary reported the AKC noteworthy news for June 2019 and information from Petsensus. You are interested you can find more information for petsensus at www.petsensus.com/#profile.

Treasure's report- There was a correction to May, June and July's balances. Motion to except new balances made by Chris and 2nd by Tanya. Motion passed

Obedience: Summer class concluded on July 15 there were 17 in basic class, 1 drop, 3 part time. 10 attempted the CGC test and 5 past. 13 participated in the puppy class and 6 received star puppy title.

Fall Obedience class will begin on Sept 9 and end oct21. The 14th will be costume contest.

It was brought to the attention of the club if we should have a policies about refunding money for obedience classes and female dogs in heat. Obedience committee is to meet and come up with new policies and present them at next meeting. Motion made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy Hill. Motion passed

No Membership

No Unfinished business

No New Business

Motion for adjournment made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm.

SCKC Regular Meeting July 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Tabitha Dvorak at 7:35pm.
Members present Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak, Troy Dvorak, Cindy Hill, Diane Nitz, Linda Soukup, Tanya Williams, and Morgan Ehlers.

May minutes read, corrections made to the adjournment

time. Motion to accept minutes with correction made by Tanya and 2nd by Cris. June minutes read by Cindy. Motion to accept minutes made by Mary and 2nd by Diane.
No President's report

Secretary reported the AKC noteworthy news for June 2019 and information from Petsensus. You are interested you can find more information for petsensus at www.petsensus.com/#profile.

Treasure's report read and motion to accept balance made by Cindy and 2nd by Tanya. Motion passed.

Obedience: Summer class concluded on July 15 there were 17 in basic class, 1 drop out, 3 part time. 10 attempted the CGC test and 5 past. 13 participated in the puppy class and 6 received the star puppy title.

Fall Obedience class will begin on September 9th and ends October 21st. The 14th will be costume contest. Depending on fall class attendance the basic class maybe split into 2 different groups meeting at different times for 45minutes of class time. Group 1 meeting 6:15-7 and group 2 at 7:15-8. This would help manage class size for more individual help. It is also hard to hear instructors in the 4-H building when there is a big class. In addition to having a smaller class size, having a couple instructors for basic has been proven beneficial. Cris is going to ask Lester if he is willing to teach this fall. Morgan is to look into pricing for a microphone to be used by instructors.

It was brought up if we should have policies on the registration from pertaining to refunding money and female dogs in heat. Obedience committee is to meet and come up with the new policies and presented them at next meeting.

Membership: First reading for Amber and Adeline Reed they are interested in obedience. They also participated in summer obedience class.

Website update: There is a chewy.com link on the website for having this the club gets a small little kick back. Tabitha is to send chewy the banking information needed. Mary (treasurer) asked to have chewy send a report at the end of the month if there is a transition of money via email.

Unfinished business: Changing the meeting format so that there is a special program before regular meeting to avoid being repetitive with the board meeting. Few examples of a program would be special speakers or members giving information about breeding, obedience, comfort dogs,

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therapy dogs etc. Cindy motion to transition board meetings into as needed basis. Beginning in March 2020. Program is to start at 7 and regular meeting starting at 7:30pm. 2nd by Mary. Motion passed.

Motion to make changes to constitution and by-laws to remove section 3 of Article II pertaining to board meeting made by Morgan. 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed.

New Business- Responsible pet owner day possibly having it September 7th on the square during the farmers market so that we can also promote fall obedience class starting the 9th. Tabitha going to find out if we can get a space at the farmers market. Committee for Responsible pet owner day includes Chris, Tabitha, and Tanya they will meet before the next meeting to come up with ideas.

The meeting with Grand Island kennel club was held on July 13th in York. It was reported that Grand Island was not willing to move dates or location. Advantages to joining GI would be to have more space for more events like the fastcat, barn hunt and scent work. Diane motion to decline the offer to join Grand Island Kennel Club Show, motion was 2nd by Cindy and passed.

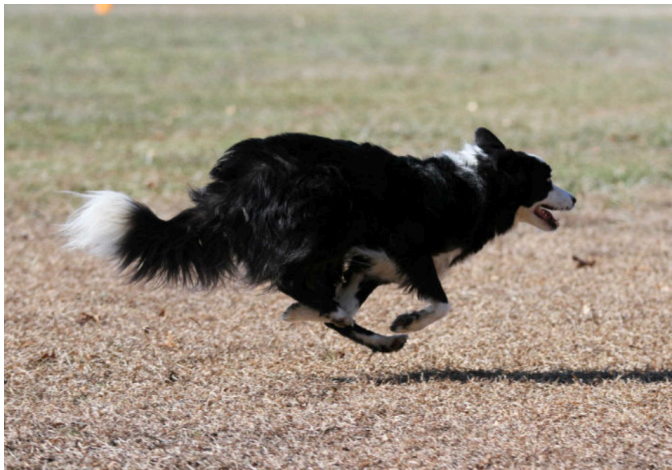
Tabitha's friend/judge would be willing to come and do a scent clinic and contest.

Vicki will check on possible dates for our 2021 show.

Motion for adjournment made by Cindy and 2nd by Cris. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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and without interruption within a given time. Dogs that pass the CAT three times will earn a Coursing Ability (CA) title. Ten passes and a dog earns a Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) title, and 25 passes results in a Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) title. Licensed lure coursing clubs may hold CATs in conjunction with a licensed lure coursing trial or as a standalone event.

The first Coursing Ability Tests debuted with five days of action from Feb. 23 to 27 in Calhoun, Ga., in conjunction with lure coursing trials hosted by the Bluegrass Coursing Club and the Greyhound Association of North Georgia. There were 158 CAT entries over the five days with a 75 percent qualification rate. "Many of the participants had not been to a lure coursing event. They arrived early and enjoyed watching the sighthounds run. They basically had a wonderful time," said Les Pekarski, president of

When it was their turn, they cheered for each other and Greyhound Association of North Georgia. "It was great fun watching such a variety of dogs try their hand at coursing – what a positive activity for the sport, the club and all the new participants."

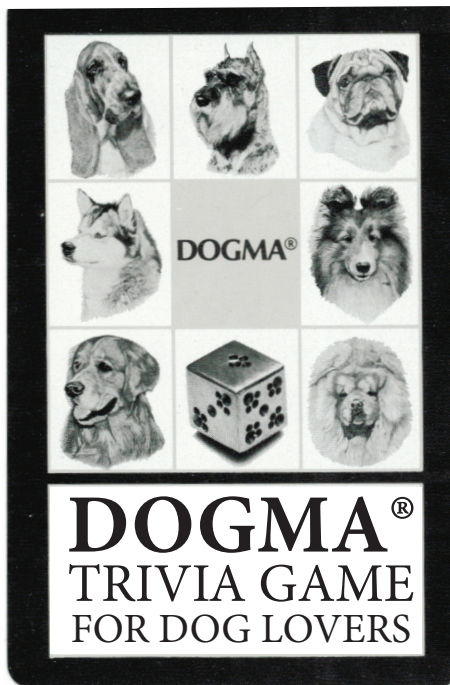
Twenty-eight different breeds competed in the tests, and several earned CA titles. Nine dogs became the first to earn the CA title on Feb. 25, including the first mixed-breed dog. He is Charlie, a Siberian Husky-Whippet mix, owned by Jan Curry of Columbia, Ky. Kate Corum of Georgia brought her mixed-breed dog, Vito, to try coursing and admits she was surprised at how welcomed they were at the event. "I was amazed at how friendly and helpful the lure coursing people were," she said. "The only one worried about my mixed breed dog being here was me."

Another mixed-breed dog taking home a qualifying ribbon was Millie, who raced around the course and had no problems passing. Her owner, Bob Keller of Clearwater, Fla., is vice president of the Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club and said his club is always looking for additional activities, like the CAT, that will attract new members.

After first witnessing Dino chasing the lure, Phillips became so interested in coursing that she formed her own all-breed lure coursing club in northern California where she resides. She said she is thrilled AKC is allowing non-sighthounds to title in the sport. Not only is coursing fun, it offers many other benefits ranging from exercise to a remedy for boredom. "So many times, people get a dog as a cute fluffy puppy, play with him or her and then, as the dog gets older and stronger and more demanding of their time, the dog spends more and more time in the backyard. As the dog gets older, it starts to go nuts,"

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1. Which breed is believed to be the oldest breed?
2. Which terrier is known as the "daredevil" of the terrier tribe?
3. How many dogs are in the AKC Non-Sporting group?
4. Is the Occiput an ancient Chinese breed?
5. Robert Benchley said, "A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around 3 times before _____"
6. According to the English superstition, what does "to meet a spotted or black and white dog going to work" mean?
 - a. bad luck
 - b. go home
 - c. good luck



1. What is the word for "food" in Cantonese?
2. Name the Bouvier des Flandres owned by President Reagan?
3. Are the Shih Tzu and the Lhasa Apso both shown in the Toy group?
4. Where did the Skye Terrier originate?
5. At what age did the oldest dog on record die?
 - a. 21
 - b. 26
 - c. 30
6. The Border Terrier's head should resemble the head of what animal?
 - a. an otter
 - b. a fox
 - c. a badger

Answers: Left card 1. the Greyhound 2. the Irish Terrier 3. 12 in 1985 (21 in 2019) 4. no 5. lying down 6. c. Right card 1. Chow (the Chow Chow is eaten in China)* 2. Lucky 3. no 4. the Isle of Skye 5. b 6. a. *this game was created in 1985. Answers were created for what was true at the point in time and may not reflect current practices today.

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Phillips said. "Lure coursing gives these people and dogs an event where they can spend time together and have fun, and the dog can get the exercise it needs, all with very little training."

AKC Coursing Ability Tests do not require dogs to run as far as dogs in lure coursing trials. They also do not have to execute extreme turns, with no turn being more acute than 90 degrees. Dogs under 12-inches at the withers have a course of approximately 300 yards. Dogs more than 12 inches at the withers race approximately 600 yards. The 600-yard course must be completed within 2 minutes and the 300-yard course within 1½ minutes.

Lure coursing often requires no training. Many dogs see the lure move and immediately want to chase it, Phillips said. "Some dogs need some practice and some coaxing, but eventually, with repetition, they will get it," she said. "If your dog has already displayed a pretty strong prey drive by being attracted to squirrels or wild birds or other small animals, their chances of liking the lure are higher."

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