



Guest Speaker for April  
2014 Meeting  
"Stressed Out: Recognizing and training the stressed or fearful dog" -  
Sophie Liu



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## Message from IDTC President

I've been hearing the lines from ee cummings' poem, **in Just**, in my head lately—you know them, I'm sure,

in Just-  
 spring                    when the world is mud-  
 luscious

Well, my yard is certainly mud-luscious and it isn't a pretty picture—I'm guessing cummings didn't have dogs to clean up after!

On the other hand, soon I'll be dragging my agility equipment out and I'm looking forward to some fun times training.

I'm also looking forward to the Club's agility trial June 14/15 over in Tremen Park—even if you're not entered you are most welcome to come watch, volunteer, and otherwise enjoy a pleasant couple of summer days filled with dogs and the people who hang out with them!

We have some interesting speakers lined up for our meeting programs—if you have any ideas about topics or presenters, let me know!

Please take a minute and look at all the braggs from our members! What a terrific bunch of dogs and handlers!!!

Suzanne Etherington

**APRIL MEETING**  
 Date: 4/22/2014  
 Location: Baker  
 Board: 6:00pm  
 Program: Guest Speaker  
 General: to follow

*Reminder: Vet School  
 Open House—4/12/14—  
 Contact Marian Szebenyi*

[editor's note] My thanks to Denise McGinnis for writing a feature article, Living Vicariously.

Preface from Denise: Chris O'Brien was looking for someone to add material to "punch up" the newsletter. I like to write, so I, probably foolishly, offered to try & write articles which might be of interest to the membership. If this is well received, I would welcome ideas and contributions. If you've experienced something that you would like to share, I would love to help you out. I can "interview" you or you can just scribble down what you'd like to pass on and I will organize it into something that has some form. For the inaugural piece, I thought that experiencing Crufts through someone's else's eyes might be fun. So, heat up some hot chocolate, curl up under a blanket, and enjoy!

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### ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

*Active members* get lower rates for classes and other events than inactive members. More importantly, they are what makes the Club work. When you join IDTC, you are considered an active member for the first year. After that, active membership is maintained by putting in a minimum of 10 hours per year doing things for the Club, such as assisting or instructing a class, helping out at events (e. g. being a steward at trials, providing refreshments for a graduation, making arrangements to bring in a seminar speaker, etc.), or serving on a committee such as the Training Committee. Active members are also expected to regularly attend the monthly Club meetings. Your active/inactive status for a year is determined by your participation during the previous year.

# General Meeting Minutes

IDTC General meeting Minutes

March 25, 2014

The meeting was held at Baker Lab and opened at 7:10 pm.

Member Debbie Bell presented a "behind-the-scenes", overview of her experience with her Rhodesian Ridgeback, Tavari at the Westminster Master's Agility Championship on February 8th in New York. After all the harrowing details of the conditions at the competition, someone asked - "Would you do it again?" The instant reply was "YES! in a second! (A more detailed account of Debbie's presentation appears in this newsletter)

With thanks to Debbie for her narration and (brave) humorous approach to the adventure that was the very first AKC Masters Agility Championship!

A very brief meeting followed - minutes from the February meeting were approved. Kathy Hildreth as CPE Trial Secretary requested volunteers from the Club for a Chief Course Builder. If no one volunteers within a week, the Trial Committee will search outside the Club for someone to fill the position.

New Members approved by the Board - Melissa LoPinto (junior member) and Cindy Roberson were unanimously voted in as new members .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Hannah Robinson

## Guest Speaker for April 2014 Meeting

**"Stressed Out: Recognizing and training the stressed or fearful dog" - Sophie Liu**

**Stress, and the resulting anxiety or fear, is a daily part of our dogs' lives, and this is especially true for dogs competing in sports. Yet, the negative effects of stress on animal health and well-being have been well researched and thoroughly documented. Stress is everywhere, but, luckily, we already have the tools to mitigate our dogs' stress both in daily life and in the ring. This talk will demonstrate how to recognize canine stress and how to transform it into calm, happy focus.**

**Sophie's info:**

**Sophie is a first year veterinary student here at Cornell. She has been learning about and working with challenging dogs for over 7 years. As an intern for veterinarian and behaviorist, Dr. Sophia Yin, Sophie learned how to approach serious problems, like dog aggression, with creativity, skill, and speed. She has transferred those skills to training cats and chickens, as well. While an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, Sophie also worked extensively in an animal cognition laboratory, where she learned about the neurological and biological components of animal behavior and began training wild squirrels to perform cognitive tests. As an Associate Certified member of IAABC, Sophie now provides dog behavior consults to private clients, and she has a strong fondness for helping aggressive and reactive dogs perform at high levels, especially her own!**

## LIVING VICARIOUSLY—By Denise McGinnis

Debbie Bain and Sue Yanoff, among others, have traveled to Crufts several times. This year Karen Netherton and Lisa Mitchell decided to join them. Several weeks ago, all four of them drove to Newark and boarded a United Airlines jet headed east across the Atlantic. After arriving at about 7:00 AM, England-time, in Birmingham, which is about 1 1/2 hrs. north of London, they checked into the Ibis Hotel, just which is just a stone's throw away from the airport. After a short nap, they hopped on a train/tram & rode about for about 2 minutes to the show site, the National Exposition Center (NEC). [http://www.crufts.org.uk/files/kclub-crufts/necandsurrounds\\_0.pdf](http://www.crufts.org.uk/files/kclub-crufts/necandsurrounds_0.pdf)

Billed as the biggest dog show in the world, Crufts draws entries from many foreign countries and, following the removal of the UK's strict quarantine rules several years ago, also includes North America. An average weekend in the USA might have 4 days of individual shows, each day held by separate kennel clubs, and pulling, at most 2,500 entries. That would be a huge entry for us. Crufts is one big show covering four days. It takes four days to get through that many dogs! Crufts has been known to have as many as 25,000 entries! Yes, that's thousands! This year they had 21,000. Considering the number of dogs, it's kind of like each breed having its own national specialty. Breed judging is scheduled with specific groups presented each day, climaxing with Best In Show on Sunday evening.

The NEC is a huge complex of buildings with the show spread out among 6 buildings. Seeing how vast it is was a bit daunting for the newbies. Upon entering, they were able to locate the Bernese Mountain Dog ring. Leaving Lisa behind to soak up the aura of her beloved breed, the others continued on walking through the buildings, getting their bearings, or as Karen said, "getting lost more than anything". The main arena, which was the area that was live-streamed by Eukanuba, was a good place to go if you wanted to see a little bit of everything in one place. You could watch agility, heeling to music, or as we like to call it, dancing with your dog, fly-ball, and a variety of demonstrations, including police dogs working in simulated situations. Buildings 3 & 3A were designated for demonstrations and youth activities. They were able to watch obedience in Building 5, where Lisa later observed that the obedience rings were the size of our agility rings here. The rest of the buildings held rings for breed competitions. Each building had big screens installed that showed the activities in the main arena, so that even though there was a lot going on, you could, at least, see two activities at one time.

There were vendors in each location, some of them duplicated. Karen compared it to the Center of Progress Building during the NYS Fair in each building. You could find and buy anything canine-related that you could imagine. They were amused by the many cars displayed, like a car show, but, in many cases, highlighting their use for transporting dogs.

Both Karen and Lisa noted that Crufts is, very much, a spectator event, geared toward education in all aspects of canine ownership & activities, something that televised shows in the states could learn from. There were booths and demonstrations for everything that you could do with your dog, including search and rescue, how to train a guide or assistance dog, and there was one section where each breed was represented in alphabetical order.. There were educational handouts available for just about everything you would ever want.

The rings were not gated, but rather enclosed with chairs around the perimeter, so, if sitting in one of the chairs, you were basically in the rings with the dogs. Continuing the theme of promotion, they realized that the breed being shown in a particular ring also had a set-up by their breed club, at the ring, with educational material, as well as items for sale, to benefit the breed club.

The first day came to an end with the completion of judging of that day's breeds, Working and Pastoral group judging, and consuming English meat pies, similar to our pot-pies, "but higher quality".

Debbie & Sue's friend, Mary, and her daughter, Rebecca, arrived from Germany, and they all returned to the show site on Day 2. They had more of a plan this day and much of their time was spent visiting breed booths, petting dogs, talking to people, learning about unusual breeds (to us, anyway), and proceeding to "shop 'til they dropped". Karen laughed recalling one Scottish exhibitor who was pushing for them to visit her country more than discussing her dog. They just had to have a "real" English meal. So they left the NEC and traveled by train to small, nearby village. At a small shop, with no dining area, they purchased authentic fish 'n chips with mashed peas tucked in between. They ate their lunch outside on a cement wall and watched the locals. Groups judged on day 2 were Hounds and Terriers. Back at the hotel, imbibing at the bar, Mary and Rebecca regaled them with search and rescue stories, which Mary is very actively involved in.



They decided to take a break from dogs on Saturday and took a day trip to Shrewsbury, a town that Lisa described as the size of Cortland. Unable to see much of England during their trip, the train ride afforded them the chance to view the countryside, houses, and pastured livestock. "A lot of sheep!", Karen recalled. In Shrewsbury, they visited the military museum, Shrewsbury Abbey, the Darwin Memorial, and a crafts and food market, shopping and eating delicious cupcakes. It didn't take them long to find a place that served traditional tea and scones with clotted cream and jam, which was a "must eat" according to Debbie & Sue, based on previous experience. All of them arrived back in time to watch that day's groups, Toys and Utility (similar to our Non-Sporting). A second evening of drinking wine at the hotel and gabbing seemed the perfect ending to day 3.

Sunday gave them the opportunity to have a traditional English breakfast of an egg, rasher of bacon, sausage, grilled tomato and mushroom, hash-brown-type potatoes, and baked beans. "Delish!", according to Karen. The final day highlighted the Gundogs, which included several breeds of interest to the group. Karen noted that the Labrador Retrievers looked very similar to those that we see in the ring here...and they weren't as "pleasingly plump". Ear cropping and tail docking is banned in the UK, however the exception appears to be dogs that have documentation that they are used in hunting. The finale, of course, was Best-in-Show in the main arena, where all of the groups had also been judged.

I asked them what were some of the main differences that they noticed. Lisa said that the handling is much more relaxed and the judges are more hands-on, in all venues. Crufts is a benched show, and unlike the few benched shows held here, such as Westminster & Philadelphia, where most dogs are crated on their benches, in Europe dogs are tied to their benches, in many cases with multiple dogs grouped together, and the owners seem comfortable leaving them unattended. There is no big grooming area. In fact, a lot of the dogs, Lisa thought, were "not immaculate", not over-groomed like we see. "You don't see dryers, chalk & hair sprays", she told me, although she admitted that she didn't witness the poodles being prepared. The handlers' manner of dress is also much more casual.



Lisa thought that agility was basically the same as here. They were entertained by the commentators, who gave excited "blow-by-blows, just like a race", while the dog was performing. One of them even carried a stuffed dog explaining the pattern to the spectators and how they should run the course during the walk-through.

Obedience is very different. Their novice class includes a retrieve, which involves the judge's choice of item, which could be a stuffed animal or anything else. Heeling is very lengthy (as long as 10 min, it seemed) with a judge, numerous stewards in the ring, a recorder for the judge, and someone calling instructions. The heeling is "very precise, military-type handling", according to Lisa, and there are some additional elements. There is scent discrimination in several levels. The beginner is the owner's scent, intermediate the owner's and steward's scents, and advanced being the judge's scent. Karen thought that the way that they introduce the scents was a bit extreme. One level uses pieces of cloth and, once the scent is added, the handler basically encloses the dog's nose in the cloth or the judge wraps his hands around it's nose, if using his scent. A lighted scoreboard above the ring, posts each dog's score following their performance. Fortunately, the commentator for obedience is quieter and doesn't talk during the run.



On Monday morning the gals packed up, got on a plane to Paris, rented a car to Sarlat, in the south of France, and spent a couple of days touring the area, the highlight being 17,000 year old prehistoric cave paintings. They also enjoyed visiting castles, eating French cuisine, and looking at green grass and smelling flowers. They noticed that dogs are allowed EVERYWHERE, including restaurants.

Upon returning to Paris, Karen and Lisa boarded their international flight to DC & then to Syracuse, while Debbie and Sue continued on to Belgium and Germany. When I asked what they would do differently, Karen, said "go to Crufts fewer days, have a plan, still see groups every day, but plan time to see more of England". Lisa would have liked to have seen more of the activities in the main arena, but admitted that there is just "too much to see".

I called this article "Living Vicariously", which I kind of did myself, by watching, at home, much of the live-streaming of the show during those 4 days. I was disappointed not to be able to watch breed judging, Dalmatians in particular, but found that it was still a great way to feel a part of it. I hope that you agree that reading about Karen and Lisa's experiences there helped to add that extra dimension for you as well.



# IDTC BRAGS

Denise McGinnis—Dalmatian, CH Empire's Time Will Tell "**Darcy**", was named the #1 Brood Bitch for 2013 by



the Dalmatian Club of America. Darcy was co-bred by Denise and John & Kris Benoit, Dakota Dalmatians, Illinois, who leased her for the litter. Logistics had prevented breeding earlier, so this was Darcy's 1st and only litter at 6 years of age. She surprised everyone by producing 15 puppies. After an emergency caesarian & a few rough first days, they ended up with 11 healthy pups. 4 of the boys finished their championships, easily, prior to or shortly after their 1st birthday. Some of those wins included Best Junior &

Best in Sweeps at regional specialties by one, Best Senior Puppy at the National by another, and major wins at specialties by several. Kaeleb, owned by Donna Colt, Michigan, is considered the over-achiever in the litter, having received his breed Grand Championship, RN, BN, CC (lure coursing), and CGCA (advanced) titles all before he was 18 mo. old, and he's just getting started. One of the girls has only been shown a few times, to date, and is pointed. Darcy went Winner's Bitch at the Dalmatian Club of America's National Specialty at the age of 15 months. She was pulled off the couch for 2 of the Wine Country weekends where she was rewarded with 10 GrCH points thanks to Team Linda Howell.

Pauline Helfenstein—Pauline reports about her Vizsla, Simple Gift LuLa BN, CGC, who is 9 years old with Addison's Disease: "Good news! Good ole **LuLaBelle** got her CD today in Syracuse" at the Salt City Cluster.

Kerry Boisvert—Border Terrier **Lark** had two good days in Agility (also at the Salt City Cluster). 2 standard., 1 jumpers and 1 fast Q.

Debbie Keith—Six month old Finnish import Belgian Malinois, No-How Ever N'Ever "**Finn**" spent last weekend in Edison, NJ for a 3-day cluster. He took Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite every day for two four point majors and a three point major. Best Puppy was offered two days and he took it both days finishing with a Puppy Group One and a Puppy Group Two!! His first show 11 point and three majors! Debbie reports "I am so proud and still have not come down off the clouds!" To follow-up Finn's debut in NJ, Debbie took him to the Salt City Cluster. She reports: "My seven month old puppy, No-How Ever N'Ever aka Finn finished his AKC conformation Championship on Sunday, March 30 at Salt City. He finished in his first two weekends, five shows, undefeated Winner's Dog, with three majors and a Puppy Group 1 and 2. What a ride!! The final two points came from judge Sharon Redmer who was the very first judge I ever showed to when I showed Ally to her 13 years ago! She also gave Ally her last RAE leg a few years later." Deb also showed Belgian Malinois, **Kip**, at Salt City. Broadcreek's Best Kept Secret TD NAJ finished his Novice Jumpers title at Salt City with a 1st place on Saturday. He also won Novice Fast the same day for his second leg.



# IDTC BRAGS

Hannah Robinson—Hannah reports on All-American, **Belle**: “Things got busy last week as we decided to do two days of Salt City on Thurs. & Fri. We did finish our Rally Advanced title—91 on Thurs. and 100 on Friday.”

Chris O'Brien—We also had a successful weekend at the Salt City Cluster—just one day for the Aussies.

**Fleck** earned her very first AKC title—Rally Novice—just out of placements with a 96. Considering the dog in front of us urinated in the ring, I'm pretty happy with that performance! **Jazz** competed in both pre-novice and pre-open and did well earning his PCD title with a 2nd place. Although we had a NQ (Not Quite) in pre-open, I'm very proud of his performance—especially with the retrieves and jumps—losing only 2 points in those 3 exercises.



Joan Shaw—Little "**Victor**" (GRCH Goldmedal Victor's Leroy CDX BN RA CA CGC) kicked butt at the Salt City Cluster Sunday going Best of Breed Veteran and on to a Veteran GROUP First!! I put him in a Stand/Stay on the table and backed off three feet away ---he was a rock!! The judge was sooo impressed! He said "You just don't see that with a Min Pin"!! So obedience training and breed competition can go together!!

Mallorie Morse—Mallorie is bursting with excitement and smiling ear to ear this weekend. Poodle **Parker** was entered in agility all 4 days at the Salt City Cluster in Syracuse. He was entered in 3 classes a day, FAST, Standard and Jumpers. Team Parker ended up qualifying 9 out of 12 times earning 3 double Q's, 2 Triple Q's and coming home with 65 MACH points. They are both exhausted but she adds “I couldn't ask for a better agility partner! I'm hoping to finish Parker's MACH this year. We need 10 double Q's and 325 points. So we are a little more than half way there :)”.

Suzanne Etherington—Airedale Treverwood **Verbena** Grace completed her CPE Level 1 Standard and Colors titles at Boomtowne on 3/22-3/23. Airedale **Morgan** Trueheart got his first Level 5 Standard Q at the same trial.

Susan Morse—Belgian Malinois, **Cane**, completed his Excellent Fast preferred title at Salt City with a 2nd placement. He also picked up another leg, first place and 10 points in T2BP class. Malinois, **Kiss**, at over 12 years picked up another Fast leg and placed third. That is her 28th Fast leg. She also received 4 q's in T2B and a total of 13 points. Kiss now has been measured down to the 20" class so it is harder to get the speed points for T2B. However her accuracy is great and is the steady dog. I only allow 1-2 runs a day due to her age and the shorter courses. I am pleased that she is still running at over 12 and in very good shape.

Kathy Hildreth—Sheltie, **Magic**, qualified for the AKC NAC last week in Harrisburg, PA. Magic and Kathy came home with a clean run and a rosette Q ribbon for Standard.

# IDTC BRAGS

Member Debbie Bell presented a “behind-the-scenes”, overview of her experience with her Rhodesian Ridgeback, **Tavari** at the Westminster Master’s Agility Championship on February 8th in New York. Brenda Finnicum and her **Rose** were also invited, but did not qualify for the Finals. Debbie and Brenda actually stayed in New Jersey, and had some difficulty just finding safe parking near the venue.

Debbie voiced some frustration at the way the event was organized (or not...). Billed as an AKC event for the public – it meant that dogs were besieged with hordes of people poking their fingers through crates and crowding around them everywhere. The “security” measures were strongly enforced - each dog had a paper and each handler had a wristband,



*This shirt was required attire for the trial. One side had the Pro Plan logo (sponsors) and the back had the WKC logo.*

which had to be shown going in and coming out again. Dogs who got invited had to qualify in either jumpers or a standard run to get to the Finals, with different breeds (and mixed Breeds) included by a rather baffling formula. Debbie and Tavari qualified on their jumpers run.

The seating was completely sold out during the finals – so there was no place to even stand after their runs to watch others. Debbie said there was a television viewer in a separate area. No one offered them any information on where to find scores, (ribbons were self-service) and since the audience was seated right up against the ring edge, people put coats and children dangled arms over the side of arena during the runs. The crowd noise made it difficult to concentrate, and the dogs couldn’t hear voice commands. To add to the mix, the footing was a green astro-turf like material – which was very slippery, especially for the larger dogs. Although the crowd was wildly enthusiastic – cheering at every completed obstacle, groaning loudly at every missed one, Debbie claimed it was just like having the audience run the entire course with you – “which they could have, since they were so close!”.

During the performances, especially the Finals, there were cameras of all sizes everywhere – including a camera taped to the chute! There was no “starter”, bell, or buzzer, each competitor just went into the ring when directed – and started when ready. The event committee placed an oversized chair INSIDE the ring for the Finals as a place for the current “leader” to sit with their dog. Unfortunately, it was in a direct line with one of the obstacles, as well as being very close to the gate. At one point a dog on a loose leash managed to get up to the “leader” dog next to the chair – so when Debbie and Tavari went clean – and got to sit in THE CHAIR – she put Tavari in the chair with her, hoping to avoid the incoming dogs on the course. To her frustration once seated she had no snacks for him, nor an assistant to get them - though someone did eventually get her some to keep Tavari happy.



*This is the 4th place Rosette from the Finals. A smaller green rosette was for the Qualifying run.*

# Spring 2014 Class schedule

## Class Schedule Notes:

- ◆ **REGISTRATION PERIOD:** March 21-28. Register BY MAIL ONLY. Your check must accompany your registration form. Fee is \$20 for Club members unless otherwise noted.
- ◆ TIME CHANGES—note **new** start times to accommodate parking lot congestion!
- ◆ Tuesday 4/22 is a meeting night.
- ◆ At publishing time, it is not known if there will be any availability in the Pavilion in May. If there is, classes may be extended.

## Advanced Obedience Classes

⇒ Register with Karen Netherton, 7 Cricket Lane, Freeville, NY 13068

**Tuesdays**— 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 (Graduation)

6:15 P.M. Rally—Novice and Advanced Levels Lisa Mitchell

This class is appropriate for anyone interested in learning or improving Rally skills.

6:15 P.M. Open Obedience Training

No instructor; space will be available for members to train on their own. Pre-registration required (\$10.00)

7:30 P.M. Novice Ann Lynn (Limited to 8 students)

This class is for dogs who have completed the CGC class and are working towards Beginner Novice and Novice levels. There is an emphasis on getting and maintaining attention, heeling, figure 8's, and the recall.

7:30 P.M. Beginning Open Tammy Snyder (Limited to 6 students)

Introduction to exercises in Open class—drop on recall, retrieve, jumps.

## Beginner Classes

⇒ Register with Marian Szebenyi, 176 Jackson Hollow, Newfield, NY 14867. Applications can be mailed any time; include the fee (\$85 except as noted) and vaccination information. If you want to check whether classes are full, please contact Marian.

**Wednesdays**— 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 (Graduation)

6:15 P.M. Puppy Beginners Bill Hansen assisted by Judy Roberts

This is a first class for puppies 3-6 months old. It covers manners, introduction to basic obedience, also some socialization and fun activities. Successful completion of this course will enable your puppy to get the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certificate.

6:15 P.M. Beginner II Betty Baldwin assisted by Hannah Robinson

Builds on training begun in Beginner I or Puppy Beginners to widen your dog's experience and improve reliability.

7:30 P.M. Beginner I Tammy Osmeloski assisted by Kathy Hildreth

For dogs 6 months and up with no previous formal training. Covers problem solving, attention, and basic obedience (sit, down, come, stay, walk on a leash).

## Agility Classes

⇒ Register with Pepi Leids, 7021 Boot Jack Road, Bath, NY 14810

**Fridays** — 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/9, 5/16, 5/30 (Graduation)

6:15 P.M. Agility 1 Tammy Osmeloski assisted by Suzanne Etherington

This course provides a basic foundation in agility. No previous agility experience is required but the dog must have sufficient obedience training to be under control.

7:30 P.M. Open Agility practice

**All participants of Agility classes must be present for equipment set-up/tear-down. If you are not, you will not be allowed to participate. It is a lot of work to set up and take down the equipment each week and all class participants must do their parts to make things run smoothly.**

**Save the Date!**

**Guest Speaker for May 2014 Meeting**

**Introduction to the Sport of Weightpulling—Lisa Mawson**



Introduction to the organization, American Pulling Dogs Association, the sport of Weightpulling and the very therapeutic effects of this type of resistance training on dogs with various types of behavioral problems, to owners and trainers. Their website [www.APDASports.com](http://www.APDASports.com) has a lot of educational information. And their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/APDASports> offers access to their newsletter and monthly training videos

**Lisa's info:**

Lisa has a training center called Canine Culture ([www.canineculturecny.com](http://www.canineculturecny.com)). She moved to the Oneida area in 2007 and shortly thereafter started offering the sport of weightpulling in addition to agility and behavioral classes. What started as a competition sport offering, soon also became a recommendation to Lisa's behavior clients, specifically, as a simple way to drain excess energy to make rehabilitation and confidence building easier, for shyness, phobias, aggression and other types of common problems. It took on a life of its own when she realized how successful and important it was to make a variety of behavioral problems significantly easier to overcome. With more study, and more happy clients, she found the science supported it and wanted to really help get the word out to trainers, veterinarians and behaviorists how helpful it was and hope, with education, they might add it to their program at the same time educate and promote the fun, competitive aspect of the sport I have been introducing to the area for years now. The organization is striving to have the AKC accept the sport into their "title recognition program". An AKC representative is going to be at their April 19th and 20th sanctioned event, and they will be doing demos at the APDT (association of pet dog trainers) national conference in October.

**Intro to Barn Hunt Clinic and Run Thrus**

*With Nancy L. Sankus, Barn Hunt Judge*

**Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Otsiningo Park, Binghamton, NY**

**Open to all breeds and mixed breeds**

**Dogs do not need to be registered with Barn Hunt, LLC**

***Come see what all the excitement is about!***



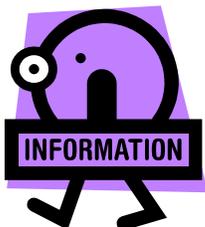
*Barn Hunt is a fun and exciting new sport for vermin hunting dogs. It will test speed, agility, and surefootedness.*

*The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog's vermin hunting ability in finding and alerting to rats in an above-ground "barn-like" setting, using a straw/hay bale maze to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog's path. Rats in aerated tubes are hidden in the maze for the dog to find, and some tubes will be empty or only contain litter.*

*Barn Hunt is fun for any dog and owner who wish to play the game.*

*At all times, the safety of the dogs, handlers, and rats is to be of paramount importance*

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CPE	<a href="http://www.k9cpe.com">www.k9cpe.com</a>	World Cynosport Rally	<a href="http://www.rallydogs.com">www.rallydogs.com</a>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1—IDTC Classes	2—IDTC Classes	3	4—IDTC Classes	5
6	7	8—IDTC Classes	9—IDTC Classes	10	11—IDTC Classes	12—Vet School Open House
13	14	15—IDTC Classes 	16—IDTC Classes	17	18—IDTC Classes	19
20	21	22—IDTC Meeting 	23—IDTC Classes	24	25—IDTC Classes 	26
27	28	29—IDTC Classes	30—IDTC Classes			

# MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 	12	13—Graduation	14—Graduation	15	16—IDTC Classes	17
18	19	20—IDTC Meeting	21	22	23	24
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