



PARADE OF VETERANS 2008

Welcome to the Minnesota Mixed
Breed
Parade of Veterans 2008

The Parade of Veterans was created to pay tribute to the old dogs that have loved the sport of agility all of these years. It is a way to bring these handlers and dogs together and let them in the ring “one more time”.

Whether they have acquired multiple titles and NATCH's or they just ran to have fun, we honor them today for all of their achievements in the agility ring. Some teams accomplished everything they set out to do and others achieved more than they could have ever dreamed.

Remember when you first saw a particular dog run and how much fun they were having and how they still enjoy it even now? Maybe at a slower pace, but still with enthusiasm.

So put your hands together and applaud these best friends who have shared so much with their handlers. Let the owner know it was nice to see them out there again. Give the dog a pat on the head and a hug - and if you shed a tear or two, it only means you understand that your time in the agility ring is limited with your canine companion.



**MUSHTOWN'S MAGGIE POLLITT. Named after the Elizabeth Taylor character in CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF— Age 9
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Handled by Chris Mosley, Prior Lake, MN**

I wanted a name that was southern and sassy, just like the puppy we got from a horse show in Tennessee, 9 years ago. We made lots of mistakes and yet, here we are. Maggie's accomplished more than anyone could have predicted. She has her NATCH, her CATCH 2, a Rally Obedience Advanced title, and she won the Pre-Elite Division at NADAC Championships in 2005.

She is as well known for her famous “Pizza’ incident during a trial and that is just one of the many times Maggie tracked food out of the agility ring. But as Allen Mosley is fond of saying, “A dumb dog is no bargain.”

She hates the heat and loves food. She loves it when I holler on course, she barks at my front crosses, and she thinks Hoopers is stupid. She makes me laugh every day.



BRADY'S BROTHER MAX—Age 9
Australian Shepherd
Handled by Niki Manning, St. Paul, MN

Six years ago Max and I took our first agility lesson. We were both immediately hooked. It's often said by judges at agility briefings to remember that your dog didn't send in the entry form. I honestly believe that if he were able, Max would say "sign me up!" Over the years, there have been many highs and lows, and an occasional difference of opinion (no, Max, yellow does not hurt), but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. I love you Max!!



Milo— Age 9
Old World German Shepherd
Handled by Terri Lewis, Oronoco, MN

Milo is a special pup. He started training for agility at age 6 and started competing at age 7. At 140+ lbs and 30" at the shoulders he was not fast but he was accurate. I never thought he would conquer the teeter but at one class he made it all the way to the pivot of the teeter and I was so excited. The people in class were laughing but I thought it was because I was so excited. As I tried to get Milo to tip the teeter and go down I turned to face him and found out why everyone was laughing. His front paws were on the teeter but his hind feet were on the ground! However he did finally conquer that thing! Agility was not his idea of fun but because he loves me he competed. I promised him he could quit when his little sister was able to compete. I never expected Milo to Q, but not only did he Q, he also Titled in Novice Regulars and Novice Chances! When little sis, KayCee started competing, Milo was done. This became very evident when visiting Karen and Cris one day with Milo. They had their Agility equipment up in the yard and I walked around the back of the van and called Milo over. When he came to me I said "Milo look, Agility equipment. Do you want to play?" Milo looked at me, then Karen and he went back in the van and would not come back out. Karen and I thought that probably meant "NO!" So after his agility career, Milo has been enjoying his therapy work **with kids and adults. Milo is a one-of-a kind pup and the love of my life.**



**Diamond Aire Aviator (Ace or Too) - Age 9 1/2
Australian Shepherd
Handled by Jan Poole/JoAnne Schwietz,
Bloomington, MN**

NATCH-2 Diamond Aire Aviator better known as Ace or Too. Ace is not my first dog, but the dog that I have had to work the hardest with. At 9 1/2 years old he has accomplished many titles in many different venues for both agility and obedience, with our prime focus on agility. We have learned to work as a team, though at times it may not look as if either of us knows what the other is doing. Many would have given up on Ace a long time ago, but with Determination we have become a consistent team on the agility field.



**Sir Anselot—Age 9 1/2
All American
Handled by Kate Ann Hunter, St. Paul, MN**

Ansel was adopted from the Humane Society. He is a very busy dog—he appears regularly on TV and radio and as earned his CGE, CO, CDX and numerous agility titles—it took him until this year to complete his Superior Novice Agility Certificate! He is known for his enthusiasm, speed and grace in agility, which have not diminished over the years.



Maya—Age 9 1/2
All American
Handled by Leo Fuerst, Appleton, WI

Maya was rescued from the Bay Area Humane Society in Green Bay, WI at the age of 5 months. She loved to run through the woods jumping over fallen trees and climbing on top of things at a very fast pace (thus the cmayago). While watching the show Zig Zag on Animal Planet, the idea that Maya might enjoy that type of thing inspired me to give it a try. After making some pretty crude equipment (let's just say a log and a board for a teeter) she seemed to enjoy it and obedience classes ensued. And, well, the rest is history. She went on to become that once in a lifetime agility dog, achieving NATCH's, Versatility NATCH's, 3 Speed Stars, and became a NADAC 12" Elite champion in 2004. She is not only an agile dog but some would call her a "Diva". She loves attention and knows how to work a crowd. She is a very special dog and I am lucky to have had the honor of being her agility partner.



Fabian—Age 10
Golden Retriever
Handled by Laura Breckheimer, Minneapolis, MN

Fabian TN-E, S-OJC, TG-N
Fabian was training to be an assistance dog but flunked the "Big Stuffed Animal Test" (test reaction to WEIRD things) and was dropped from the program. After some time in limbo and moving around he became my big old golden goofus at 3 years old. He started competing in agility at 7 years old (overcoming many stress issues). I'll never forget the many friends who asked "who's dog is that?" – they'd never seen me with anything but the Jack Russell Terriers!

This year Fabian let me know he really didn't want to jump anymore but would like to add contacts (sometimes he even touches the contact!). His LOVE is Tunnelers! Love ya "Gramps"!



The Good Shepherd's Bad Habit (Ginger)
Age 10 Border Collie
Handled by Gina Pizzo, Maplewood, MN

Ginger is a rescue foster dog who ended up staying with us. She didn't start agility until she was five years old, and really accomplished much more than I every thought she would.



Bushbusters Kayley of Camelot—Age 10
English Springer
Handled by Janet Ingersoll,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kayley is a 10 year old English Springer Spaniel, born in Regina, Saskatchewan. Kayley has been playing agility for most of her life and has earned a Veterans Agility Trial Champion Canada (VATChC) title and a Bronze Award of Merit (AAC), and an Elite Versatility Award, a VNATCH (NADAC) and is one leg short of her USDAA ATCh.

Kayley retired from Flyball 4 years ago. She played with Allsorts Dogsports and was the first Springer to earn the FM, FMCH, and Onyx flyball titles.

In addition to agility Kayley and I also enjoy playing disc, obedience, and a little Rally O. We started trialling in obedience in July 2008 and she finished her novice title in August with 2 high in class scores. Kayley (aka "Spitfire") is also a member of the International lams SuperDog Team.



Murphy—Age 10
Sheltie
Handled by Deb Rickard, Jordan, MN

Murphy was a rescue that they believe was about a year old. He was afraid of everybody and everything. I had started Brady in agility, so I decided to work with Murphy too. It took two years before he did a contact obstacle without a leash on. The first trial he did a whole course was at an MMBC trial and I so remember the cheers and tears of classmates for that run! Murphy is also known for his infamous hummmm.



Skeeter Jo—Age 10 1/2
All American
Handled by Joyce Johnson, Monticello, MN

Skeeter Jo came from the Hennepin County Humane Society. We've been competing for seven years. The biggest obstacle for us to overcome since the beginning has been knee surgery. Skeeter has had three procedures. I have had four. We're slowing down now, but happy and content to be heading toward an Outstanding Elite Agility title. Skeeter will get us there.



Hamilton's Copper Devil—Age 11
All American
Handled by Heather Sather, Nowthen, MN

Copper is an 11 year old mixed breed. He has participated in drill teams, demos, agility, obedience, flyball, tracking and weight pull. Copper started out as a puppy who was scared of everything and who had an uncertain future. Luckily I was able to keep him. We worked on a lot of his issues. He has taught me a lot over the years. He is retired from a lot of sports but still gets to play agility in some venues. He is enjoying his senior years and is a very spoiled as all seniors should be.



Nordic's Munge Tak—Age 11 1/2
American Cocker Spaniel
Handled by Lorelei Purdy, Forest Lake, MN

Whether it is traveling to a local trial or across the country (he has been in 27 states and 2 Canadian provinces), Garrett has always been one of those dogs that is willing to go and do anything I ask of him. He has been an incredible partner on the agility courses and while things didn't always go smoothly on our way to a MACH and a NATCH title, we both have enjoyed the ride. He is the current top pointed flyball cocker spaniel earning 56,707 points during his career and he is in the top 150 pointed flyball dogs of all breeds. When Garrett is not out playing the sports I ask him to do, you may find him enjoying an afternoon motorcycle ride (he sits on the gas tank) with my husband or sitting beside him on the riding lawn mower but you can be sure he isn't taking semi-retirement laying down.



**Zerlahn Cody's Wild Hunter—Age 11 1/2
Australian Shepherd
Handled by Jan Poole, Bloomington, MN**

NATCH-2 Zerlahn Cody's Hunter, is better known as Hunter Boo. Hunter has been my best friend and companion for 11.5 years. He has taught me a lot about teamwork, as he is the strongest member of our team (at least in his mind). We have shown in agility and obedience in many Venues over the years and achieved more than I could have ever imagined. Agility by far is his favorite! He always has a smile on his face and a gleam in his eye whether working, showing, or just having fun playing. Thanks Hunt for the wild ride—I've treasured every moment!



**Kallie— Age 11 1/2
Labrador Retriever
Handled by Jolynn Wedekind
Eden Prairie, MN**

Kallie and I began playing in agility when she was 4, after a friend commented, "you should give agility a try, to burn off some of her energy". I never expected that 7 years later, we'd still be competing together. Kallie holds titles in NADAC, CPE, ASCA, and AKC agility, as well as UKC and AKC obedience and APDT and ACK rally.



**Gina's Thousand Dollar Rescue (Kip) - Age 12
Border Collie
Handled by Jim Nally, Maplewood, MN**

Kip is one of three returned foster dogs. He had surgery for osteochondritis dissecans as our first foster dog earning him the name of Gina's Thousand Dollar Rescue. Since then he has gone on to earn 10 NATCH's and three Versatility NATCH's. At 12 years old he is still Mr. Reliable



- Ramsay's Boomerang Aussie (Shep) - Age 12
Aussie Mix
Handled by Jim Nally, Maplewood, MN

Shep is a twice returned foster dog who finally decided he should just stay with us. He didn't begin showing in agility until he was five years old, but has still managed to earn 2 NATCH's and his Triple/Triple Superior award. Shep is best known for his roll at the start line.





Brady—Age 12 1/2
Australian Shepherd
Handled by Deb Rickard, Jordan, MN

Unless you are new you've heard BRAAA-DEEE ring out across the trial site. He's definitely a dog with his own agenda. Brady is my first agility dog and has been very hard on me as a handler. He is very smart and extremely sensitive and quite often loses patience with me. Regardless, he is my very special boy. There are plenty of stories to tell, but I would have to say the thing he hates most—animal communicators.



Riley Roo—Age 12 1/2
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Handled by Becky Hart, Prior Lake, MN

At 12 1/2 years old, Riley still competes in NADAC agility. He lost a leg to cancer in October of 2007, but hasn't let that affect his full-speed approach to life! Riley is Becky's first agility dog, starting his career at age 5 and earning his NATCH in 2005. Besides Roger and Becky, he shares his home with two lesser beings: dogs Nikki and Cody. In his spare time Riley enjoys food, long walks, strawberries, food, chasing squirrels, food, and generally running things. He is thoroughly enjoying his retirement.



SUSIE—Age 13
All American
Handled by Barbara Davis, Sierra Vista, AZ

Susie had just turned 1 1/2 when she competed in her first agility trial in Duluth—in the rain! A disaster, but so much fun. St. Cloud followed—a little better—then Savage (or was it Prior Lake?) at a hockey rink with 4 foot high walls. She was doing a gamblers run perfectly with only a tire and jump to go, when she noticed all those disembodied heads looking over the wall. She stared and stared; then took the tire and jump—but of course—out of time. She just couldn't figure out those heads with no bodies! Susie retired after ten years of agility.



MAGGIE—Age 14 1/2
All American
Handled by Gina Pizzo, Maplewood, MN

Maggie was adopted by us when she was 1 1/2 to 2 years old. We soon realized that she needed a job, and when we found agility it was a perfect match. Maggie has been a great teacher, usually demanding things to be done her way, but always giving 100%. She earned her first NATCH at the age of 10 and quickly earned 5 more NATCH's and four Versatility NATCH's.



Trilogy Firepower Salulaire (Tigger)
Age 14 1/2
Manchester Terrier
Handled by Lorelei Purdy, Forest Lake, MN

Tigger is a dog that came to me many years ago because there were not any Manchester Terriers going performance events and his previous owner thought it might be a good idea to see if I could train him for flyball and agility. I never knew how much patience I would need when I started our venture, but he certainly showed me that I had more than I could have imagined. He became the first Manchester to ever title in flyball and he did earn his Excellent titles in AKC, some Elite titles in NADAC and even a couple Master titles in USDAA. Tigger is now thoroughly enjoying his life of retirement laying under some blanket or enjoying a sunspot and he had certainly accomplished the "title" of Master Snuggler in our house.



Banditt—Age 15
Siberian Husky
Handled by JoAnne Schwietz, Bloomington, MN

Banditt, better known as B, Buttercup or Old Man is a dog that at a tender age of 15 still loves agility! His accomplishments were many in his day and has eased into retirement with heading up the Posse's cheering section . . . it's a tough job but someone has to do it! Banditt is the dog who introduced me to this crazy sport and the good friends that I have made over the years.

Banditt, you are my Heart Dog and I cherish the great friendship that we have!



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