

May 15, 2011 Nutmeg's AKC Agility trial

Nutmeg hosted an AKC All Breed Agility trial at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. The day was filled to the maximum with 660 entries by the second day after the event opened for applications! Yes that means that in two rings, there is a dog and handler team running the courses from 7 am to almost 5 pm. It is an action packed day.

Agility is a sport where the dog and its handler run an obstacle course of approximately twenty obstacles. Each run takes between 30 and 50 seconds, the teams are judged on accuracy and speed. There are three different types of courses, run at three different skill levels. Water Dogs were competing in all of the events in the novice, open and the excellent skill levels. Most Water Dogs compete in the 20 inch height class, and we all cheered one another for a fun and fast run.

Our trial site was wonderful at FDR State Park, even in the pouring rain that started this year's trial. Sunday was the fourth day of competition in a combined effort with the Port Chester Obedience and Training Club. Lots of Nutmeg members participated this year as volunteers, as competitors and as spectators. It takes over 75 volunteers to run an agility trial, and lots of good spirits too. Jo-Ann Ford, Patty Hobin, Patti Cox and Stephanie Staszack lead the effort of organizing these volunteers. Sandy and Arnie Brown and Ann Camp helped keep everyone well fed. LynMarie and Tom Thompson kept the grounds organized. Ylisa Kunze and Carole McIvor helped distribute ribbons and volunteer tee shirts. Many other jobs were led by Nutmeg members from score runner, to gate steward to scribe. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Report submitted by Laura Taft Paulsen (Trial Chair)

And congratulations to the Water Dogs that qualified at our trial:

Class	Div	Dog's Name	Owner
Std	Nov A	Mazie	Lisa Sweet
Std	Nov B	Gracie	Brian McGunigle
JJW	EXC B	Clew	Lynmarie Thompson
JJW	Nov B	Hestia	Laura Taft Paulsen
JJW	Nov B	Starr	Stephanie Staszak
JJW	Nov P	Pepper	Patty Hobin
JJW	OPEN	Gracie	Brian McGunigle

Grace, Bantry's Got a Brand New Bag , was the PWD high in trial. Go Gracie!

