

Congratulations to **Darlene Hunt** and her Papillon, Fabulous for a superb performance at their first AKC agility trial held in Amherst, NH on August 8th and 9th. Darlene and Fabulous ran in Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers both days. They Q'd and placed first in all 4 runs. Here are the stats: 8/8/09 Standard course 118 yards Time allowed 47 seconds - they ran it in 28.16 seconds. Jumpers course 122 yards Time allowed 66 seconds - they ran it in 43.53 seconds. 8/9/09 Standard course 111 yards Time allowed 44 seconds - they ran it in 30.71 seconds. Jumpers course 140 yards Time allowed 75 seconds - they ran it in 50.77 seconds. Way to go Darlene and Fabulous!

Congratulations to **Melissa Riley** and her Rottweiler, Bridgette for earning their first CD leg and a second place ribbon at Providence County Kennel Club Obedience trial held at Twin Rivers in Lincoln, RI.

Congratulations to **Henry Rines** and his Golden Retriever, Cricket for earning their second leg towards their Utility title at the Ladies Dog Club trial held in Wrentham, MA on May 30th. Henry and Cricket took first place in Utility A under Judge Tom Masterson with a score of 194.5. Wahoo! one more leg to go.

Congratulations to **Paul O'Connor** and his Miniature Poodle, Pepper for earning their Rally Advanced title at the shows held in Wrentham at the end of May. Here are the particulars - Saturday, May 30th at the Ladies Dog Club trial they took 3rd place under Judge Lori Moffa. On Sunday May 31st at the Framingham Kennel Club trial they took 3rd place again under Judge Lori Moffa with a score of 97 for their title. Wahoo! on to Rally Excellent.

Congratulations to **Carolyn Goudreau** and her Golden Retriever, Gunther for earning their second Open leg taking third place under Judge Brian Cleveland from the Open A class at the Albany Obedience Training Club's trial held in their facility in Albany, NY on May 17th.

Congratulations to **Avis Prior** and her American Water Spaniel, Daisey for achieving their AKC Novice Standard Agility title and their Novice Jumpers With Weaves title with 4 first places in the 16" division at the trials held in Wrentham on May 16th and 17th. No easy feat for a senior handler with a senior dog. Wahoo! Way to go!

Congratulations to **Beth Gwillim** and her Labrador Retriever, Leah for achieving their AKC Novice Standard Agility title with a first place from her height division at the agility trials held in Wrentham on May 16th and 17th. Now all she needs is her Utility title. Wahoo! Let's train.

Wahoo! Paulette and Rush have done it again!

Congratulations to **Paulette and Rush** for making the **2009 Agility World Team**. It takes incredible skill and ability to make the team and Paulette and Rush have done it for two years. Holy cow! They are a great team to watch. They will be representing the USA at the World Agility Championship competition in Dornbirn, Austria September 18-20, 2009.

SHOW RESULTS - Congratulations to all!

Marcia Welch and her Australian Shepherd, Hannah, showed at the York County Kennel Club trial in Maine the first week end in May and earned their second Open leg from the Open A class

under Judge Tibby Chase taking first place with a score of 183. It was an outdoor trial with terrible weather conditions. The wind was blowing a gale. It was blowing so hard, it kept blowing the ring gates over. At one point, they left the ring gates down between rings because they wouldn't stay up. The stewards were using rocks to hold down the paperwork. Rally and Obedience were under a pavillion (the horse pulling area of the fairgrounds) so it was very dark. Stays were a nightmare. Dogs on either side of Hannah got up and left. A couple of dogs went down on the sit. The long down was just as bad. Hannah was steady as a rock on the sit and the down. She was the only class survivor. What a trooper! One more leg to go Wahoo!

Melissa Riley and her Rottweiler, Bridgette showed at the American BullMastiff's Rally trial held in Franklin, MA on May 2nd and 3rd. They showed in the Novice A class under judge Karen Wrey taking first place with a score of 97 earning their **Rally Novice title**. When the placements were announced the judge said...."in first place is the Rottweiler team 11 with a perfect scoring 100 dog and a 97 handler". Melissa dropped the leash and repeated a station when she didn't need to - so she lost 3 points. She definitely learned from that experience and won't do that again in a hurry!

Carol Costa and her Rottweiler, Tedy traveled to the Colonial Rottweiler Club Specialty held in Pennsylvania the last weekend in April and earned their second leg in Open A under Judge Pat Scully taking first place with a score of 184.5. A few days later they showed at the American BullMastiff's trial held in Franklin, MA on May 2nd and 3rd and earned their **CDX title** under Judge Edward Haas with a score of 191.5 taking second place. Let's hear it for **Exodus Heart of a Patriot CDX** It's on to Utility now!

Nancy Droukas and her Golden Retriever, Twist showed at the American BullMastiff's trial on Saturday, May 2nd taking first place in Utility B with a score of 196.5 under Judge Tony Cherubini picking up another 10 OTCH points. Wahoo!

In April **Janet Steeger** and her Australian Shepherd, Nealy showed in Open A under Judge Susan King at Twin Rivers Casino in Lincoln RI. They earned their first Open leg taking second place with a score of 196.5 Not bad for the first team in the ring bright and early!

Melissa DePasquale and her Doberman "Retriever" Brody earned their CDX in grand style on February 28th, 2009 at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston under Judge Mrs. S. Walker. Melissa is an excellent handler and Brody worked beautifully, earning a 195.5 and run off for second place. Brody wound up with the third place ribbon; what a terrific performance! Brody is Melissa's Novice A dog.

Karen Davito and her Belgian Tervuren earned their CDX in the Open A class under Judge Robert Harris at the CRDTC obedience trial November 15th, 2008, with second place and a great score of 194.5. Taz is Karen's Novice A dog. Taz earned his CDX in just 4 trials with placements in two of those trials. Taz is also known as Ferrinsong Five Star Vintage CDX. In addition, Taz was voted number 1 and number 2 Belgian Tervuren in Novice A obedience in placements and points for 2008 by Front and Finish.