



Quincy Kennel Club



August 2024

Upcoming ACT trial info

There will be an ACT trial at QKC on August 10. Registration materials and additional information are at the building.

An ACT trial is a great way to ease a new dog and/or handler into agility trials.

There will be two rounds of ACT 1, two of ACT 2, two of ACTJ 1 and two of ACTJ 2. Two qualifying runs are required to earn a title.

The cost is \$15 per run per dog.

Schedule

8:30 Evaluator's briefing and walk-through.

8:45 ACT 1 Test #1

ACT 1 Test #2 follows immediately
Evaluator's briefing and walk-through.

ACT 2 Test #1

ACT 2 Test #2 follows immediately

12:00 Evaluator's briefing and walk-through.

12:15 ACTJ 1 Test #1

ACTJ 1 Test #2 follows immediately

Evaluator's briefing and walk-through.

ACTJ 2 Test #1

ACTJ 2 Test #2 follows immediately



FOR DOGS TRAINING IN AGILITY, THE ACT TEST IS A GOOD FIRST TRY AT COMPETING.

QKC hosts 4-H Fair

On Saturday, July 20, the club hosted 4-H members competing in the Adams County Fair canine competition.

Categories included obedience, showmanship, and grooming.

Club volunteers including Ann Behrens, Ann Lauer, Linda Snider, Stacey Nicholas and Joe Coelho aided in organizing, judging, set-up and photography. Honorary member Marian Sorenson also provided valuable assistance.



A 4-H MEMBER WALKS HER DOG AROUND THE RING.

THE BRAG BOARD



It looks like we are bragging
because we are!

In the past couple of weeks, Carolyn Williams' Vegas has been turning in solid JOLT(Just One Little Thing) runs and a couple of Q's. At Muscatine Agility trial in Quad Cities on 7-14 she Q'd in Master's Standard. At the Gateway Agility Trial at Purina on 7-26 she turned in a Q in Master's JWW.

Team Lily and Darlene Young passed the Odor Recognition Test (ORT) in July. This involved identifying each odor, birch, anise, and clove, in three separate searches. Successful completion of the ORT is a requirement for being eligible to enter a National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) trial. NACSW was the first scent work organization founded.

Lily and Darlene Young are also working on a Level 3 Canine Scent Sport (CSS) title in Canine Performance Events (CPE). At a July Quad City Dog Center trial, the team had 6 of 7 qualifying scores, placing first in a vehicle search, second in a container and interiors searches, and third in exteriors and container searches.

For inclusion in the newsletter,
please send your brags to
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Always in our hearts

Shammy Johnson's Berger Picard "Pierre" passed away recently. He was 10 years old. He was always happy and smiling. He loved people and hosting parties for his friends, both human or canine.



PIERRE

In the news!

In a study entitled, "The mouth speaks as much as the eyes: Free-ranging dogs depend on inner facial features for human recognition," scientists showed that free-ranging (not pet) dogs can recognize and discriminate between familiar and unfamiliar humans. By covering parts of the human face with hoods, sunglasses, and/or bandanas, they showed that inner parts of the face, such as eyes, nose and mouth were more important than outer components like hair in human recognition. Covering even a single inner component of the face prevented recognition by these dogs. Read the entire study here: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2407.07192>

Dogs can be trained to smell changes in levels of cortisol, a major stress hormone that most service dogs probably use as a cue. A new study showed that dogs will modify their behavior in response to such scents. Human volunteers were stressed by having them do math problems and give a speech while researchers collected stress sweat with rags in the armpits of the volunteers. Dogs exposed to stress-sweat odor were less likely to investigate a novel food bowl than those exposed to relaxed-human odor. Read a more detailed article here: <https://www.npr.org/2024/07/23/nx-s1-5049543/dogs-stress-smell-study-emotions-decisions>