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Spring 2025 - President's Report

Hello CNASA Members,

As we reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the upcoming months, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you who has contributed to the continued success and growth of our club. The year has been one of accomplishments, exciting events, and the strengthening of bonds within our dog-loving community. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our past achievements, share our upcoming plans, and encourage everyone to get involved, support one another, and participate in CNASA events to further elevate our passion for the Australian Shepherd and the world of dog sports.

1. Reflecting on the Year's Events

This past year, we have had a number of successful events that brought our members together, both competitively and socially. From hosting several sprinter trials, a regional in almost every zone, a very successful and fun National event, a scent trial, herding trials, some educational seminars and much more. It's been a year of celebration and shared experiences.

These events have not only allowed us to showcase the talents of our dogs and handlers but have also created valuable opportunities for networking and learning. The energy and enthusiasm each of you brought to these events have made them special, and I hope you have all enjoyed being a part of our growing community.

We can't thank enough the numerous volunteers and event planners that made all the CNASA events a success. Without your continued dedication to the breed and our community, we would not be where we are today. We appreciate all that you have done for our club and look forward to the many future events.

2. Upcoming Club Plans

As we look to the year ahead, we have some exciting events and plans in the works. We are committed to fostering an environment where every member, whether new or seasoned, can find joy, education, and community. Some of the key upcoming events and initiatives include:

- CNASA AGM (Zoom, April 28th, 2025 @ 6pm CST)
- CNASA Scent Detection Trial (Pincher Creek, Alberta, May 10-11th, 2025)
- Several CNASA Sprinter Trials (See Events Calendar on the Website for Dates)
- CNASA Agility Trial (Sainte-Genevieve-de-Batiscan, Québec, Jul. 26-27th, 2025)
- Hoping to Add More Member Benefits and Associate Discounts in the near future

We are also planning to introduce more training workshops and social events aimed at helping all members improve their skills, share knowledge, and grow closer as a club. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye on our communication channels for further details on these exciting plans.

Your Board is also currently working on proposed updates to the CNASA Bylaws to reflect required compliance changes to be implemented as per CKC requirements for clubs. Potential changes and updates will be proposed, reflected and voted on by the membership at a near future date.

3. Encouraging Members to Get Involved

One of the most important aspects of any successful club is the involvement of its members. Our club thrives when everyone actively participates, whether by volunteering, attending events, or simply supporting fellow members.

I encourage each of you to step up and get involved in whatever way feels comfortable. Whether it's helping out at our next event, sharing your experiences and knowledge with newer members, or participating in committee roles, every contribution makes a difference. Our strength lies in the collective effort of our members, and there's always room for more hands and ideas.

Here is a list of ways you could get involved in the club:

- Volunteer or participate in upcoming CNASA events
- Join or get involved with your Communication Committee
- Help fundraise for future CNASA events
- Provide your board with new ideas, opportunities and events for your club to partake in
- Help foster a sense of community, respect and fun

4. Supporting Each Other and Fostering Community

Our club is built on a foundation of respect and support for one another. We each bring unique skills, experiences, and perspectives that enrich our community. Whether it's cheering each other on during events, offering advice, or simply being a source of encouragement, our ability to support one another is what makes our club so special.

I urge you to continue fostering this spirit of camaraderie. Take the time to get to know your fellow members, support them during events, and share your own successes and challenges. Together, we grow stronger and more connected.

5. Let's Have Fun!

Finally, let's not forget the most important aspect of attending events with your Australian Shepherd, it's to have fun with your dog, regardless of whether you qualify in an event or not, you always take home the best dog! The primary reason we all come together is because of our love for dogs and the joy they bring to our lives. Whether you're cattending an event, volunteering, or just training with your dog, let's continue to enjoy the process and celebrate every achievement, no matter how big or small.

I look forward to another fantastic year ahead. Let's continue to work together, support each other, and, most importantly, have fun with our dogs!

Thank you all for your dedication and passion. Here's to another successful year! I leave you with the gentle reminder of practicing good sportsmanship, getting involved with your club and volunteering.

Warm regards,



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Good Sportsmanship in Dog Events: The Importance of Being Nice to Volunteers and Getting Involved with Your Clubs

Dog events, whether agility trials, obedience competitions, or conformation shows, are an exciting and rewarding experience for both dog owners and their furry companions. They provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to showcase their skills, bond, and have fun. However, behind every event is a network of volunteers, organizers, and club members who work tirelessly to make these events successful. The spirit of good sportsmanship, kindness toward volunteers, and active involvement with local clubs play crucial roles in fostering a positive environment for everyone involved.

The Essence of Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship in dog events goes beyond just playing by the rules or showing respect to competitors. It involves treating everyone—competitors, volunteers, and event organizers—with kindness and respect. Demonstrating good sportsmanship includes things like congratulating others on their successes, accepting both wins and losses gracefully, and maintaining a positive attitude, regardless of the outcome.

Sportsmanship also means upholding integrity, being honest in your actions, and supporting the event's purpose: to showcase the bond between humans and their dogs. It's about encouraging healthy competition while ensuring the event remains friendly and supportive for all participants. For example, if a competitor's dog struggles during a routine, a simple word of encouragement can mean a lot. By showing empathy and respect for your fellow competitors, you're helping to create a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive.

Being Nice to Volunteers

One of the most important elements in any dog event is the team of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to ensure the event runs smoothly. Volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as setting up equipment, registering participants, keeping score, guiding competitors, and providing assistance in the event of an emergency. Without these selfless individuals, many dog events simply would not happen.

Unfortunately, sometimes the hard work of volunteers can go unnoticed, and they may even be subjected to stress or unkind behavior during the event. This is where good sportsmanship becomes even more critical. It's important to remember that volunteers are often just as passionate about dogs and dog events as you are, but they are there to help, not to serve as an obstacle or an inconvenience. When interacting with volunteers, always express gratitude and be patient, even when things don't go as planned. A kind "thank you" or a quick smile can go a long way in making them feel appreciated for their contribution.

Why Getting Involved with Your Clubs Matters

Being actively involved in your local dog clubs is another way to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Clubs are the backbone of most dog events, providing resources, organizing competitions, and fostering a community where members can learn and grow. By participating in club activities, you contribute to the overall success of events and create a network of like-minded individuals who share your passion for dogs.

Getting involved in your club can take many forms. You might volunteer at events, help with organizing training sessions, assist with fundraising efforts, or even take a leadership role in the club. The more you give back to the community, the more you contribute to creating a positive atmosphere in the dog sport world. Not only does this strengthen the club and help make future events more successful, but it also provides an opportunity for personal growth and the development of new friendships. The sense of camaraderie and collaboration that comes from being an active participant is one of the greatest benefits of club involvement.

The Ripple Effect of Positive Attitudes

Good sportsmanship is contagious. When you demonstrate kindness to others—whether it's fellow competitors, volunteers, or club members—you set an example for others to follow. This creates a culture of respect and positivity that spreads throughout the event and the community. In turn, this can lead to a more enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved. When people see how much fun you're having and how well you treat others, it encourages them to do the same, ultimately fostering a sense of unity and collaboration.

Furthermore, the attitude you bring to the event not only affects your own experience but also that of your dog. Dogs pick up on their handlers' emotions and can respond to the energy around them. A calm, positive handler will likely have a dog that is more relaxed and confident, which can enhance performance in events. Conversely, a stressed or frustrated handler may inadvertently create tension for their dog. By embracing good sportsmanship, you set the stage for both you and your dog to have a more fulfilling experience.

Conclusion

Good sportsmanship is an essential aspect of dog events, and it goes far beyond the competition itself. Being kind to volunteers, showing respect to your fellow competitors, and getting involved with your local clubs helps to create a positive, supportive environment that benefits everyone. Whether you are attending your first dog event or are a seasoned competitor, remember that the true spirit of these events lies not in winning, but in building relationships, encouraging one another, and enjoying the incredible bond between humans and dogs. The more we embrace these values, the more vibrant and welcoming the dog sport community becomes. So, let's all lead by example—spread kindness, show respect, and get involved!



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in 2024

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7 AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPPY
9 AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD OWNER-HANDLED
in 2024

Owner/handler: Julie Plourde

United States

Group Winning & Placing GCH CH/ASCA MJR PTD Applestream's Reliving Flashdance RN TKI CGC FDC BCAT DNA-VP NOHS-S

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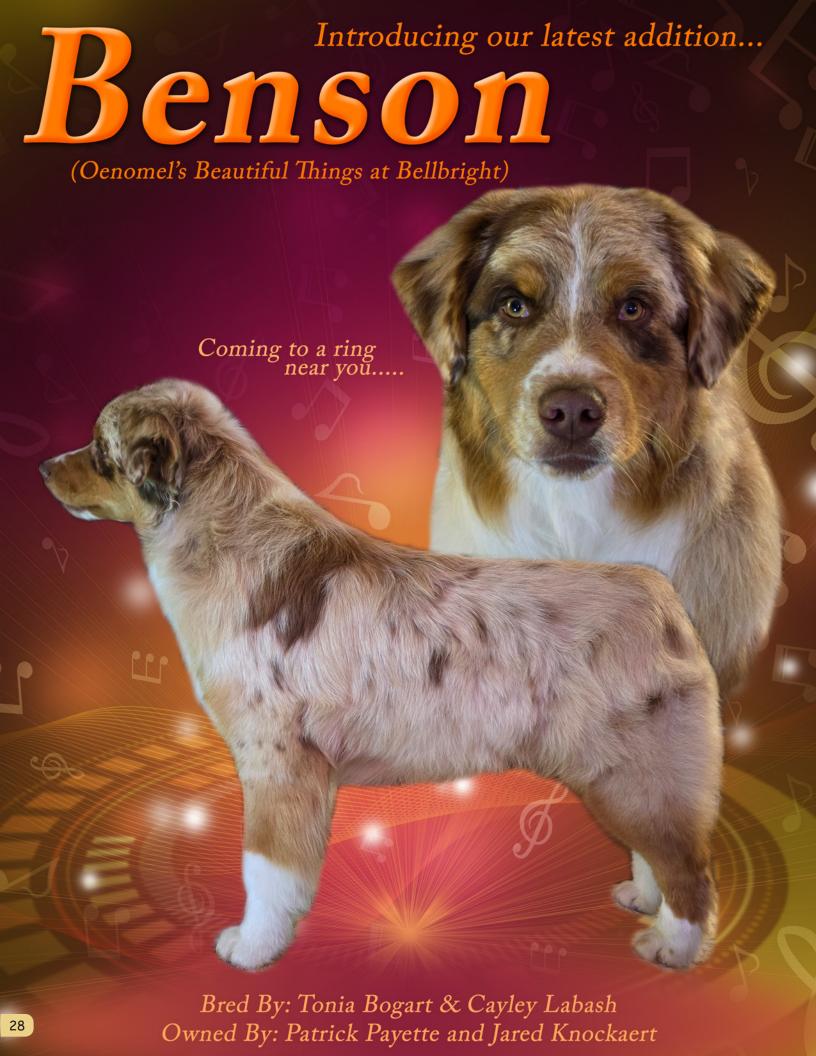
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