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THE ALASKA DOG NEWS© Calendar is prepared as a service dog owners and to the clubs listed. Events and dates were supplied by the clubs or from their web sites and may be subject to change. Please check with the individual clubs to verify the time, date and places of the events. Clubs, please contact Image Works Publications to update and correct your club information at [lindahenning@imageworkspub.com](mailto:lindahenning@imageworkspub.com)

It is advised to call the event hosts to confirm dates and times before heading out. Some events are open to public participation. Sanctioned events are only for pre-registered dogs. Please leave your dog at home when attending sanctioned events.

CLUBS & EVENTS

**Alaska DockDogs**  
Contact: [www.alaskadockdog.com](http://www.alaskadockdog.com)  
Cathy Moore 346-2071 [akdockdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:akdockdogs@yahoo.com)  
**June 22, July 20, August 24** -All will be fun jumps on Sundays 12-5pm at the Best Western Lake Lucille.  
August may be canceled if Alaska DockDogs is appearing at the state fair. Call for information.

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**Alaska Dogs Gone Wild & Northern Lightspeed of Alaska**  
Contact [alaskaflyball@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaflyball@gmail.com) [www.flyballdogs.com/alaska/](http://www.flyballdogs.com/alaska/)  
**Friends of Pets Dog Jog Demo**  
**July 26, 2008-Demo time: 10:30 am - East High School in Anchorage**  
We will perform a demo at the yearly Friends of Pets Dog Jog fundraising event.  
**August 24, 2008 ALASKA STATE FAIR** Matanuska Maid Corral at the State Fairgrounds in Palmer  
Demo times: 2:30 and 5:30 pm  
We will give two 30-minute demos at the fair.

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**Alaska Working Retriever**  
Contact: 907-279-9952, [www.alaskaworkingretriever.com](http://www.alaskaworkingretriever.com)  
[info@alaskaworkingretriever.com](mailto:info@alaskaworkingretriever.com)  
**July 25-27** AKC Sanctioned Field Trial – Turnagain Pass  
**August 15-17** AKC Sanctioned Hunt Test -Palmer

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**Alaska Winds Lure Coursing**  
Contact : [www.akwinds.com](http://www.akwinds.com) [coursing@alaska.com](mailto:coursing@alaska.com)  
**Saturday, July 26 & Saturday August 9** Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer Sanctioned Lure Coursing Stakes- 700 yard course for registered- Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Sloughis, and Whippets OPEN, FIELD CHAMPION STAKE,VETERAN STAKE,LIMITED STAKE,SINGLES STAKE, BEST IN FIELD WILL BE OFFERED  
Racing starts after 8:30am until completed  
**Alaska Hound Group** [www.akhoundgroup.com](http://www.akhoundgroup.com)  
Thursday Evenings through the Summer – 6:30 Lure Coursing. Any breed or mix dog that likes to chase is invited to run. Dogs run without collars or restraint so your dog must have a reliable recall.  
\$5 for first run \$3 subsequent runs E-Mail [Bark@AkHoundGroup.com](mailto:Bark@AkHoundGroup.com)  
**New !** Sunday Evenings at 6:30 - Oberg Field, Chugiak- Take the Peters Creek exit. Head north (away from the mountains) to Bill Stephens Dr. Turn left on Bill Stephens. Go past the Chevron station and take the natural +curve to the right on to Oberg Rd. Oberg Rd makes a sharp left, follow it around to the field driveway.

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**Arctic Bird Dog Association.** Anchorage & Mat-Su Valley  
Contact: 907-333-0156, [littlecr@gci.net](mailto:littlecr@gci.net) [www.arcticbirddog.com](http://www.arcticbirddog.com)  
All the following AGDA events will take place at Falcon Ridge on Pt. MacKenzie. Take the Parks Highway through Wasilla. Turn south on the Main (Knik-Goose Bay Road). Follow down 18 miles until you come to Pt. MacKenzie Road and take a right for 7 miles. Turn right at the T and follow signs to Falcon Ridge.  
**August 2** - Falcon Ridge Game Farm on Pt. MacKenzie  
**July 19 & 20** - Sanctioned pointing breed hunt test  
**July 26 & 27** - Sanctioned Spaniel Hunt Test  
**August 9 & 10** - Santioned Pointing Breed Hunt Test

CHUCKER HUNT !  
**August 2** Falcon Ridge Game Farm on Pt. MacKenzie  
A simulated bird hunt using Chukar. Tune up your dog & shooting skills for the hunting season.  
A fun competition! Open to all breeds & abilities. Ribbons for 1, 2 & 3rd places.  
Cost:\$50 for 3 birds and lunch

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**Alyeska Canine Trainers** Anchorage  
Contact 907-563-4335 [www.alyeskak9trainers.com](http://www.alyeskak9trainers.com) E-mail [ACT@alyeskak9trainers.com](mailto:ACT@alyeskak9trainers.com)  
549 W International Airport Road , Anchorage suite A-15

**Dog Obedience Training Club of Anchorage**  
Contact: Sue Striebich (907) 345-9264  
[Striebich@aol.com](mailto:Striebich@aol.com) <http://dotcanc.org/>  
**July 26 & 27, 2008** ALL-BREED AKC AGILITY TRIAL  
Entries Limited to 330 runs per day  
DAVENPORT FIELD #1 -- LAKE OTIS PARKWAY, ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

*Holds DockDog sanctioned events for all breeds and mixes. Dogs need to be able to swim and have a desire to jump after a object suspended or thrown in the water. Fun event for spectators and competitors alike*

*The Alaska Dogs Gone Wild Flyball Club was created in October 2004. It was the first flyball club in Alaska. Mat-Su members started Northern Lightspeed in 2008.*

*AKC registered retriever breeds. Events held in theMat-Su Valley & Turnagain Pass AKC Field Trial, Hunt Tests & training.*

*Both Alaska Winds Lure Coursing and Alaska Hound Group hold Fun Runs (any dog) and KC Qualifying runs JC Tests (registered site hounds) during summer months near the State Fair Grounds.*

*AKC Pointing breeds and Spaniels, Field Trails, Hunt Tests & training. Gun Dog training and AKC competition for registered gun dogs. Other breeds and mixes can participate in some flushing training, Chuckar and Pheasant shoots on Pt. MacKenzie later in the summer & fall*

*Alyeska Canine Trainers is an all volunteer, non-profit organization started in 1986, by a group of dedicated dog enthusiasts.*

*DOTCA was established in the early 1940's by a group of Alaskans interested in dog training. Today DOTCA sponsors obedience, rally and agility trials. Classes are not currently offered.*



# FlyBall



Flyball got its start in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It's come a long way from it's start using stop watches and human ball throwers to adding boxes that the dogs trigger to release a ball, lights and infrared sensors with dogs' times measured in thousandth of seconds.



What is the draw to Flyball... Fun. its pure fun for the dogs, handlers and spectators. The competition is as intense as any other sport. Handlers contest judges decisions and strategize to beat the opponents. The dogs are driven and feed off of the excitement. Here is another sport any dog, of any size and breed or mix can compete.



Flyball races match two teams of four dogs each, racing side-by-side over a 51 foot long course. Each dog must run in relay fashion down the jumps, trigger a flyball box, releasing the ball, retrieve the ball, and return over the jumps. The next dog is released to run the course but can't cross the start/finish line until the previous dog has returned over all 4 jumps and reached the start/finish line. The first team to have all 4 dogs finish the course without error wins the heat. Jump height is determined by the smallest dog on the team.called the "height dog", is measured at the withers, then that number is rounded down to the nearest inch and another 4" is subtracted to get the jump height ,with the minimum jump height being 7". Maximum jump height is 14".



North America Flyball Association tournaments are divided into divisions so that teams compete against other teams of equal abilities. All dogs including mixed breeds are eligible to compete and earn titles in NAFA sanctioned tournaments. Titles are earned via a point system based on the time it takes a dog's team to complete each heat race.

NAFA currently has over 700 registered clubs with more than 16,000 registered.



SOUND LIKE FUN ?  
CONTACT THE FLYBALL CLUB IN YOUR AREA & JOIN IN

The Alaska Dogs Gone Wild Flyball Club [flyballdogs.com/alaska/](http://flyballdogs.com/alaska/) was created in October 2004. We are the first flyball club in Alaska, with members who live in the Anchorage/Mat-Su area. Our main goals are (in order of importance) to have fun with our dogs, enjoy socializing with our teammates, and to promote competitive flyball in Alaska. ADGWFC hosted their first set of two two-day tournaments in June 2006 followed by another successful set of tournaments in June 2007 and 2008. This year the Mat-Su club [www.northernlightspeed.com](http://www.northernlightspeed.com)

Check the Alaska Dog News Calendar for upcoming events and contact information to the clubs.

