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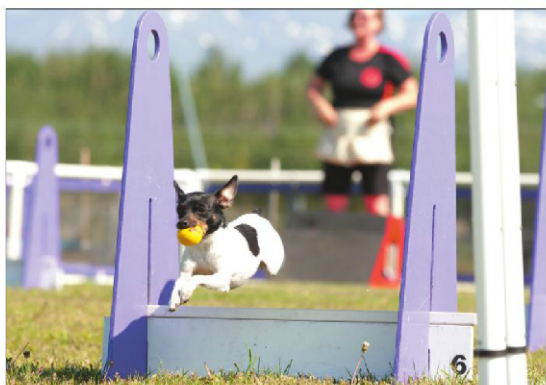
Summer Solstice Flyball Tourney

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Heidi Sheridan releases her dog, Maggie during Saturday's flyball event at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer. Sheridan and Maggie are part of the Pawsitive Synergy team. Flyball is a team sport for handlers and dogs. A dog must clear several hurdles, retrieve a ball from the flyball box and return through the hurdles before another dog on the team can be released. Two four-person teams compete side-by-side on separate courses for the fastest time.

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Peanut, a miniature rat terrier, clears an obstacle with a ball in its mouth during the eighth annual Summer Solstice Flyball Tourney last weekend at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer. Peanut, weighing in at 7 pounds, is the smallest flyball competitor in Alaska.



Flyball judge Curtis Smith posts team scores during Saturday's flyball event in Palmer.



Wayne Bell and Pawsitive Synergy teammate Rachel Rocky feed their team treats before Saturday's flyball tournament.



Dawn Bell encourages Maggie during flyball competition Saturday. The box Maggie is stepping on is weight activated. When the dog hits the platform, the ball is released.



Annie shows great form as she clears the hurdles on her way to retrieve the ball during early-round competition at Saturday's flyball tournament at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer.