

Fall News 2014

This summer we set some lofty goals for the dogs training here at Shadowbar.

We chose to concentrate on Shepherding, Scent Hurdle Racing, Rally Obedience, and Agility as our dog sports.

And we chose Hunter, (German shepherd), Drummer, (Shetland Sheepdog) and Castle (Shiba Inu) as our event dogs for the season.

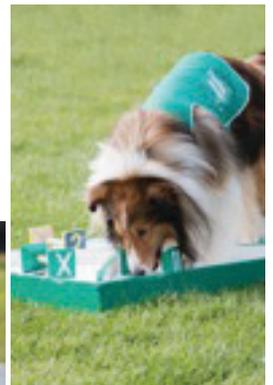
We could not be happier with the results of our training.

At the end of the summer, Castle has enough points to apply for his Scent Hurdle Dog Excellent Title and Drummer only needs 30 more points to gain his Scent Hurdle Masters Excellent title.

Scent hurdle racing is a fast-paced relay race with four dogs on each team racing over four jumps to a box which contains four numbered dumbbells, one of which belongs to each dog. The dog must choose his own dumbbell and as each bell is

removed, an X bell replaces it so that the box always contains four bells.

The team to finish first without any errors is the winner and the individual dogs on both teams receive points for a team running "clean". The dogs love the competition, as seen here with Castle looking over at his competitor as he is racing down to the box.



We travelled to Spruce Meadows the Heritage Day Weekend with Drummer and Castle to try our hand at some Extreme Agility Games as well as some



We rushed home Monday for the CKC sheepdog trials at the Winchester Cattle Co. Ranch south of Pincher Creek, where Hunter, our 7 year old German shepherd had the best herding trials ever!!!

Try a HIGH IN TRIAL and two RESERVE HIGH IN TRIAL AWARDS plus a wonderful silver bling leather collar and leash! What a rush! What a dog!



Last of all, we headed south to Great Falls, Montana, to try our luck at American Kennel Club Rally Obedience. Both Drummer and Castle were entered in the Novice B class and after two days competition and four trials, Ch. Asgoodasitgets at Mtn. High, CD. SHDX. CGN, RE, came away with an American RN title, and \$80 U.S. for winning the grand Aggregate with an unbelievable score of 398/400. Amazing! Right behind him was Drummer, with a score of 395/400. How proud are we of our training program? Very proud. We reached all the goals we set for our dogs this summer and we stand behind our belief that professional training produces proven performance.



Thank you, Pets Go Raw, for providing the diet that keeps our dogs ready and willing to work at any sport we ask of them and for believing in our training program.

Congratulations, Sherin and Stu Laurie, and thank you for giving me a quality dog like Castle. Everybody loves and admires him, and so they should.