



Flying Times

February 2013



Welcome 2013! I hope everyone survived Christmas that dogs didn't eat too many leftovers! What is going on with our weather, poor Queenslanders must be frustrated with the ongoing excessive rain. Hopefully they can find a venue to run comps indoors soon.

I am the AFA's new newsletter editor and thanks must go to Ann Coleman for publishing the 2012 newsletters I hope I can meet her high standards.

Goochy - Member No 58

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Eulogy - Malcolm Ford 29/1/62 - 22/12/12

Farewell to our friend and Flyball Team- mate.

Malcolm was first a member of the Leaps and Bounds club, where in his first competition won first place in Division 4 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 2003. Molly was only 15 months old.

Malcolm then moved on and became a member of Parramatta International Canine Sports (PICS) in 2004. After a few months of training with PICS he came home one night and said to Debbie he was going to run in a team with Merran and Kai, and Suzette and Moby (who were in different clubs and teams at that time).

His wish came true and in 2004 Parramatta Pandemonium was formed later to become Southern Cross Supernova. Malcolm captained this team and for many years competed in first division with many successes. Back in those days, if you wanted your dog's individual and team times, you needed to stand behind the timing table and stare at a tiny little screen to see the numbers.

We have been through some very old stat sheets and when this team was at its peak they consistently ran 18 seconds runs. Their best time that we can find was 18.0 secs. They were named team of the year in 2006 with Kody, Kai ,Molly, Moby, Bonnie and Chance.

In 2006 Malcolm was a founding member of the Southern Cross Flyball Club where he was Vice-President and chief Flyball instructor. Malcolm has trained many of Southern Cross's Successful dogs and they are a credit to him.

Malcolm was also very proud to be able to compete in the World Dog Games at the Acer Arena in Sydney in 2009. The team of Kody Kay Molly, River Bonnie and Banjo competed as Pawpedoes. It was such an amazing experience for all the Flyball competitors.

In 2010 Southern Cross Supernova (Kody, Kai, Molly, Moby, Banjo and Bonnie) won 1st place in Division 2 at the Melbourne Nationals. We were also awarded the "Maggie" trophy by Josh Ellen, as this was the first time this was awarded, it was quite an emotional presentation, but a lovely memory none the less.

Malcolm competed with and captained Southern Cross Supernovas until the teams retirement in 2011 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, winning the first Australian Nationals Veteran

Championships. This team had been racing successfully for 7 years.

At the Canberra Royal Nationals in 2012, Malcolm and Molly were then a part of The Constellations team that won 7th Division. The team consisted of Molly, Moby, Bonnie, Tanna, Charlee and Maddie. This team still competes today known as The Shining Stars and we will still run together for Malcolm with his Molly.

The first of the original Supernovas to retire was Kai, Malcolm was terribly upset when Merran made the decision as her sight began to fail. One of Malcolm's favourite little dogs was Moby. Moby was diagnosed with a brain tumor as well as cataracts on his eyes. Thankfully with eye surgery and months of wonderful treatment, Malcolm was able to compete yet again with Moby. Kody was next to retire, it was all getting too hard for the Supernova start dog.

Overall, Malcolm had a very successful career, with more ups than downs.

Malcolm lived and loved Flyball, all he wanted was for the dogs to succeed. He will be remembered by many, but he will never be forgotten by his team mates and Southern Cross.

Though he is no longer with us, we know he will always be with us every time we go into a flyball ring.

Rest Easy Buddy.

AFA Motif Lanyards.



The AFA Committee is pleased to announce that all members will be receiving a small gift when they renew their memberships for 2013. As a small thank you members will receive an AFA motif lanyard with their 2013 membership renewal.

All new members joining in 2013 will also receive the complementary lanyard with their membership card.

We hope that members will find the lanyard useful and that by displaying it they will actually be promoting the AFA brand.

Members are reminded that they can renew their membership from end March by logging onto the AFA site and completing the electronic renewal form.

Payment can be made by direct deposit or by cheque.
Additional lanyards can be purchased at a cost of \$2.00.

On behalf of the Committee

Patricia
Treasurer

ACT Update

At the time of writing we are in the middle of our final preparations for the Canberra Show competition. Hosted on behalf of the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society, the 2013 ACTewAGL Canberra Show is, like most things in Canberra this year, celebrating the Centenary of the National Capital. With that in mind, this year's show is taking on a historical theme that is sure to add much colour to the event – but fortunately this isn't extending to the Flyball arena.

In contrast to the current reflections on all things historical, this year's Canberra Show competition also sees phase one of the two year plan to upgrade the Flyball area at the show. After the expected number of false starts, the ground owners (Exhibition Park in Canberra) have laid enough turf to run a ring 118ft long and 40ft wide at the Cooyong (or southern) end of the area and the installation of a new watering system along with a commitment to the ongoing maintenance of this area. Phase two which will take place leading up to next years competition, will see works undertaken at the other end of the Flyball area, with a view to being back to running two returfed rings at the Canberra Show in 2015. We hope to share with you some photos of the new ring and this years competition in the next edition of the Flying Times.

Finishing off 2012 the Bullets held a very jolly Sunset Santa Claws Christmas Flyball Party in December. The judges, dogs and grass at the Belconnen dog club enjoyed the soaker hose which was on all day to cool off one and all. However, the Clean Running trophy from the Sunset Claws competition has gone missing!!! Could all New South Wales teams please have a look for it? It was won by the Tuggeranong Torpedoes in December, after an enormously successful competition. I think the Torps dropped one heat over the course of the day. Awesome!



ACTEWagl Purina Supercoat Royal Canberra Show Flyball

Once again we had another great year, with the surface proving to be challenging for the Muddy/Bullets leading up to the show again, however the society and epic managed a miracle and gave us one of the best racing surfaces we have had in years. Thanks to Pinnacle for supplying the photos below, as you can see the grass held up terrifically, and teams were amazed even with the extreme weather.



Before



After



During

A Big thanks to the Show society for making the big push to get our surface up and working, and promising to maintain it for the next 12 months, the bollards have already been put in place to stop people driving on the grass, and the new irrigation will be on a timer so watering will take place regularly.

The Muddy/Bullet team will call past regularly to ensure this is happening.

Now to plan for Ring 2, when we are not sure yet, but definitely by 2015.

Once again thanks to all the teams who came along and especially travelled distances. This been my 12th year of organising the show, seemed to be my most challenging.

I would like to personally thank Carolyn Shrives, Kim Shrives, Lyn Clyde, Michelle Gilbey and her dad, Ross Miller, Chris Bates and all the other bullets that helped out with the preparations, the event would not have happened without your support, so thanks again.

Steve Pitt, and Sue Norton who are regular attendees of the show, I believe this was their 15th year of coming, we appreciate your efforts to travel down.

We hope you will all consider returning again for 2014.

Thanks
Kylie White

NSW Update

It's been a few months of mixed emotions since the last edition of the Flying Times went to press. Unfortunately the highs of the final Flyball events for 2012 and the anticipation of the 2013 events was sadly tempered by the passing of two members of the Flyball community and the news from the bush fires in Victoria.

On December 22 Mal Ford, who was a stalwart of the Southern Cross Club passed unexpectedly, while in October Jim Curtis, who was a member of the Paws 4 Fun team passed after a long illness. Jim was diagnosed with inoperable Hodgkinson's Lymphoma in 2007. He endured many rounds of Chemo therapy, Radiotherapy and two Stem cell transplants, and was in preparation for his third when complications from his treatment caused him to catch a pneumonia superbug. Jim loved to race his two beautiful chocolate Labrador retriever dogs,

Indiana and Mississippi, and could be easily recognised at flyball comps by his trademark t-shirt "Flyball where the real men race Labradors."

Both Mal and Jim will be remembered by the community for their contributions to Flyball and our condolences go to those near to them.



NSW Clubs ran five events in the last few months of 2012. At the end of September the K9 Crusaders hosted the Irish Flyball Fling in Boorowa, (just outside Canberra). This competition is held on the same day as, and is an intricate part of a local festival and street parade, making it a good advertisement for Flyball. This year Southern Cross Solar Flares took out division one (not too difficult if you're the only team in division 1, but a win is a win!) and Sydney Scallywags Jumping Jacks team took the division 2 win. Division 3 was won by the Canberra X-traterrestrials, with another local team, the Tuggeranong Screaming Torpedoes, winning division 4.

Next comp of the line was the Caring for Cleo event hosted by Norwest at Castle Hill. As per the write-up by Norwest in the last Flying Times, long time Thunderdogs team member and Border Collie, Cleo was diagnosed with a fungal infection called Cryptococcosis. (If you want to know more, see the last edition!). The club ran the comp with all the proceeds going to help pay for Cleo's medication.

The event was a fund raising success with the Sydney Scallywags Cannonballs and Scallywags teams dominating division 1 and 2 respectively. The Cannonballs ran a best time of 17.799 which shows how well their team is coming along. Norwest Thunderdogs teams 5, 6 and Thundershowers took out division 3, 5 & 6 wins respectively while Paws 4 Fun sneaked in to deny Scallywags the win in division 4

The Sydney Psychos did a good job of hosting their very first "Flyball goes Psycho" competition late in October. Once again the Scallywags team showed their prowess taking the division 1 win

with their Cannon Blast team. Southern Cross Comets and Pulsars teams took the honours in divisions 2 and 4, with Norwest Thunderdogs teams 5 and 7 taking wins in divisions 3 and 6. The Tuggeranong Torpedoes were rewarded for their trip from the ACT to take division 5

The Milton Mudd on the Paws "Muddy's Madness" competition ran at the Milton Showground for the first time on November 10. A popular event, Thunderdogs 1 returned to top spot in division 1 with a best time of 17.982 seconds. Impressive, but waaayyyy off their Australian record time!!! Their Thunderdogs 5 and 7 teams also managed to win divisions 3 and 6 at a slightly slower pace!

Southern Cross Comets won division 2; the K9 Krusaders, division 4 and Tuggeranong Screaming Torpedoes division 5.

Last but not least of the 2012 competitions in NSW was the "Twilight at the Dogs" competition run by the South Coast Dog Training Club, here-on referred to as Dapto! With the warmer days drawing in it's always nice to attend an evening competition even if you do get a good selection of moth hovering around the powerful dog track lights!

Promotion to division 1 proved good for the Southern Cross Comets who took the win. Norwest Thunderdogs 5 were successful in division 2 and Dapto's own Double Dish Lickers team won division 3. After some very close racing in division 4, the St. George Ballistics team took the honours.

And so we move into 2013.

Clubs and teams are slowly returning to training with a great opportunity to try out some new faces for the coming year at the Paws 4 Fun "Fun Day" held in mid-January. Featuring Singles, Pairs, Veterans, opportunities for newer dogs to do recalls and full runs (with a barrier in place between the lanes) and a 0.000 start comp, the afternoon was topped off with a huge raffle!



The 0.000 comp didn't achieve any, but "Ash" got close with Frances Canning releasing for a 0.003, followed by Glen Prichard and "Arrow" going only 0.003 slower with a 0.006. Third was my own newbie dog "Brady" with a 0.015.

Veterans Singles

Division	Place	Name	Best Time
1	1 st	Pjevs	4.31
	2 nd	Kelsie	4.903
	3 rd	Chance	4.869
2	1 st	Joshua	5.093
	2 nd	Sam	6.232
	3 rd	Mississippi	5.029

Veterans Pairs

Division	Place	Name	Best Time
1	1 st	Young & Old	9.159
	2 nd	Power & Passion	10.239
2	1 st	Cleo'n'Max	10.522
	2 nd	Brown Dogs	10.54
3		8 Paws 4 Fun	11.873
		Mal's Shining Stars	12.194

Singles Open

Division	Place	Name	Best Time
1	1 st	Sirius	4.411
	2 nd	Amazing Grace	4.411
	3 rd	Toby	4.389
	4 th	Jet	4.856
	5 th	Brock	4.458
	6 th	Jink	4.714
2	1 st	Panda	5.086
	2 nd	Kobe	5.091
	3 rd	Fleur	5.103
	4 th	Bundy	5.204
	5 th	Blizzard	5.128
3	1 st	Selena	5.279
	2 nd	Winnie	5.663
	3 rd	Kona	5.445
	4 th	Gemma	5.712
4	1 st	Daisy	6
	2 nd	Annie	6.196
	3 rd	Wilson	6.255
	4 th	Roxie	6.217
5	1 st	Cookie Monster	6.528
	1 st	Banjo	7.149
6	1 st	Roxy	7.911
	2 nd	Titan	7.283
	3 rd	Chilli (non competitive)	4.174

Pairs Open

Division	Place	Name	Best Time
1	1 st	Like a Dane	8.794
	2 nd	Two Tones	9.049
	3 rd	Fur in a Blur	9.367
	4 th	The Cross Boys	9.744
	5 th	The B Team	9.736
	6 th	DallynMessenger (non competitive)	9.421
2	1 st	KoKo	10.631
	2 nd	Black & Brown	11.287
3	1 st	PICSI Juggernauts	11.895
	2 nd	Boderjack	11.862
	3 rd	Black Merle	10.367
	4 th	Dudlo	12.295
	5 th	Best Buds	11.695
	6 th	Blondes have more fun	12.48
4	1 st	Chorded Culprits	12.147
	2 nd	Fluff & Tough	11.623
	3 rd	The Rangas	13.571
5	1 st	White Blizzard	12.802
	2 nd	Pawsitives	15.946
	3 rd	Air Supply	22.51
6	1 st	Brown Eyed Boys	15.415
	2 nd	Side Winders	13.991

A worthy event with the proceeds of \$3,500 going to the Haematology Department at Royal North Shore Public Hospital in memory of Jim Curtis.



In late January Maria Tsoromokos from the PICSIs organised a collection of useful dog and household goods for the Ellen family who lost everything in the Bush Fires around Ballarat. The Sydney Flyballers made a huge effort and a 3 tonne truck load of goodies was delivered to the Ellens'.

A massive shout-out has to go to Maria and everyone else involved!

I suspect several of the NSW teams will be attending the Canberra Show two day competition at the end of February and then it's on into competitions hosted by Norwest and Southern Cross before the Easter Show hits us with several weekend demos plus a single day and a two day competition over the Easter weekend.

I know of at least one dog that will be looking forward to it all!

Happy Flyballing!

Frank

QLD Update

Dear Ray and Gayle,

When we heard of the tragic events your family has experienced recently, we immediately thought we would like to help and the obvious choice was to donate the profits from our January comp to your family.

We did an email around to the clubs of Queensland, letting them know what we had in mind and asking them to bring their change with them and buy raffle tickets.

We thought we would be able to raise at the most around \$1,000. It would help with rebuilding animal enclosures, buying dog crates, bedding etc. But, the events that unfolded on the night were far beyond our expectations.

We started with money donated to the account prior to the day.

The Pine Rivers Dog Obedience Club donated \$200.00. Ros, the president of the club, commented that when the floods went through their shed a couple of years ago, the "Flyball world" raised the funds for new equipment for them, so, it was now time for them to give some back.

The AFA kindly waived the light levy. This, along with the donations started to build the amount in the money tin.

All raffle prizes were donated.

We had an optional penalty for people to pay, if they wished to participate, for indiscretions throughout the night. Deliberate typo errors were made in paperwork, the challenge opened to everyone to find the errors and I added to the money tin. Optional fines for false starts, handler errors, judges errors. Handlers lined up as soon as racing finished and tossed into the money tin to cover their fines.

Redlands Club donated boxes of dog food, we auctioned them off.

Then there was the challenge put up by Sue personally. If anyone handed Jenny \$50 throughout the night it would entitle them to throw one bucket of water over Sue. Sue was doused three times!! Who wouldn't jump at the opportunity to get back at a judge!

On behalf of all the Queensland Flyball Clubs, Ray and Gayle, I would like to present you with the enclosed cheque for \$2,320.00. As you can see, it was very much a combined effort from all of the Flyball people in Queensland.

We are looking forward to catching up with you again at the Nationals.

Regards,

Kevin Crane

President of Awesome Pawsome Flyball Racing Club Inc

On behalf of Queensland Flyball Clubs.



Tassie Update

In March 2012 a new flyball team was born in Tasmania. We now have two affiliated teams and hopefully in the near future another one forming up the top end.

New Team (Hobart Dog Training Club) has affiliated with the AFA and our competition racing name will be Hobart K-niners. At present we are a small number - i.e. 7 dogs - enough for racing but need another handler. Also box loader. We are hoping to come to the mainland in

November for the Dandenong two day week end if we can just get the extra handlers. It is an exciting time for our Hobart Club - our team colours will be black and white as are the club colours.

On a sadder note - Maureen Williamson has resigned as our Tasmanian AFA Rep. She has been a dedicated worker for the sport of Flyball and will be missed noticeably.

Maudie, as we all call her, was like a Mother Hen looking after us all and making sure rules were obeyed etc. She will still give Jeannie a run occasionally when she comes to the club and hopefully she will stay well and enjoy doing other things which she and Robbie are involved in.

Robbie (husband) has always give us lots of support even though he did not run a dog in Flyball. He organized Mainland trips for us all and also kept up with paperwork and records etc. We thank them both sincerely. Firstly - our thoughts are with all those on the mainland involved in the dreadful bushfires, who have lost homes and pets. We in Tassie know what you are going through and hopefully the rains will eventually come to help out the Firies.

The Hobart K-niners team - new as from last March, are gradually building up a nice little group of dogs and doing a few demos around the state. Shortage of handlers is a bit of a problem but luckily some of our dogs will run for anyone if there is a food treat to get back to.

We will have a try at getting to the mainland some time this year for a comp. but apparently now - we have to have permission from our Canine Control to do a comp. if we are members of the ANKC so we will look further into that.

We sadly lost our dear old Jordie (Border Collie) who was 15 years old. Just 2 points off his Flyball dog championship but to us he was a Flyball champion anyway. He was a dear old thing and is sadly missed by us and all our other dogs.

Take care everyone over there and stay safe.

Dot Baverstock - Team Co-ordinator - Hobart K-niners.

Aussies Invade CanAm!

My experiences at the North American Flyball Championships, Indianapolis Indiana, October 2012

By Jessica Mellon



It was an honour to be asked to share with Australian Flyballers my experiences at CanAm 2012. At first I thought it would be easy, but trying to work out where to begin turned out to be surprisingly difficult.

After having competed in this spectacular sport for so many years in Australia it only seemed right to see how it was done by the country where it all began. After a long sleepless flight and a very short night we woke up early, well before reveille, to walk into the venue of the world's largest Flyball competition (or tournament if we are going to be culturally correct). Trying to describe what it was like is challenging; this is something that really needs to be experienced.

If you've never been to an indoor Flyball competition, or have only been to a mats competition here in Australia, you could not possibly imagine the thrill of walking into the West Pavilion of the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the largest pavilion you could imagine (but then again the Americans do like to do things on a grand scale, don't they?) and be confronted by the colour, noise and bustle of the biggest Flyball event in the world.

To give you a feeling for it, the biggest competition we have in Australia is our Nationals with 2 rings and maybe 45 teams. At CanAm there were 6 and 200!!! The main ring was the Red Ring. For those who watched on LiveStream this was the ring which was being filmed for most of the weekend and was where CanAm was run.

CanAm, by the way, isn't just the name of the overall event – CanAm is an event within an event, in which the “Best of the Best” teams are selected through a qualifying process during Day 2 for entry into the CanAm. CanAm is run only in the Red ring, in three sessions during Day 3, and all other racing stops when it's on. It is truly spectacular to watch.

Every ring had its own judge, with judges stepping in to relieve when needed. Brian Fay, who people would remember judged at our 2009 and 2012 Nationals, was in charge of the Blue ring (which you might have seen a bit on the LiveStream). Our very own Phil Lea Line Stewarded for Brian most of the weekend.

Speaking of Brian, he was one of a number of people we reconnected with. Geoff Brown, who judged at the 2011 Australian Nationals, his wife Amanda Brown, who came out with Geoff and time tabled at the same event, and of course Pam Martin (Pam, you'd remember, commentated at the World Dog Games in Sydney in 2009). Geoff and Amanda looked after me during the CanAm and I stayed with them afterwards and they showed me around; two nicer people you could not hope to meet, and they know where to get the BEST ice cream. You're welcome to come visit us any time you want, guys! As for everybody else, they were AMAZING! Everybody was so wonderful and friendly. I have made a lot of new friends and will treasure every memory I have. Made some excellent club shirt swaps, too!

Oh, and when I speak of “we”, there were quite a few Australian Flyballers at the CanAm in 2012 – as well as me, we had Martin Watt (Para District, South Australia), Phil Lea (Norwest, NSW) and Suzette McFarlane and Leah Curnovic (Southern Cross, NSW). When word got around that the “Aussies” were in town, we were all made really welcome by everyone we met and can't speak highly enough of the friendliness we were shown. Pam Martin got us together for interviews on Livestream on Days 2 and 3, which people around the world (including back home) interacted with via text with Amanda Brown on the keyboard. Well, all of us but Phil that is, he went all camera shy on us.

I have been asked by people what the difference was between American Flyball and ours. Well, for the most part it is exactly the same. 4 dogs run up over 4 jumps, retrieve the ball and return it to their handler to receive their reward, all the while racing against another team of 4 dogs. The jumps were the same design, the boxes weren't much different, there were some new types of balls but generally it was all the same. And for you old timers who remember the "old point system", well, they still run under it.

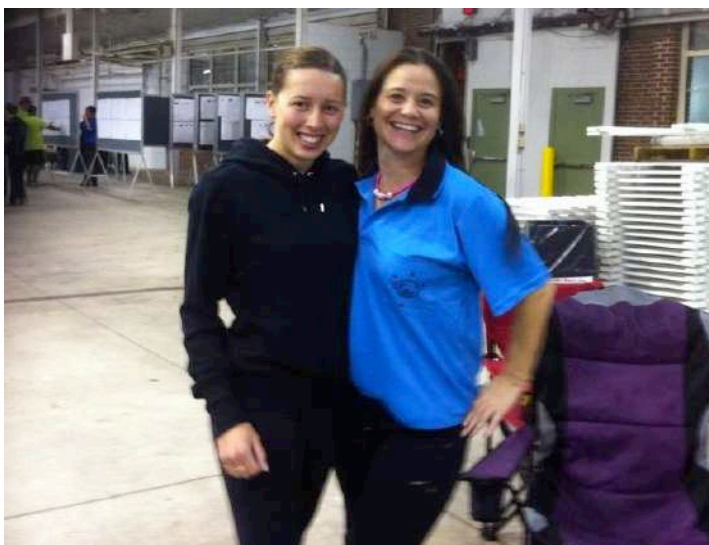
There were, however, some differences and new technologies. Let's start with the card system. Well there are no cards. They have a similar but different system. I have a bit of an understanding about it but not a complete one, so I'll leave that to somebody else to describe in more detail.

Then the Americans combine the line steward and timing steward jobs. The line steward fills out the time sheets (there's your job gone, Dad!). Then there is all the fancy equipment like the heat trackers which replace the judge's pegs. Have you got yours going, Steve?

And last but definitely not least, there is the coolest thing ever, the passing cameras. Forget having somebody telling you how big your pass is or filming it just to look back at it later. These cameras show you, from a birds eye view and in real time, exactly how late, or early, your pass was. Its field of view only goes so far, so if you did a mammoth pass (you know, like 8 feet) then you won't see your dogs in the frame – but if that happens, do you want everyone to know anyway?

Now for the dogs. Yeah there were lots (well, maybe 1200 of them), and there were the usual suspects, but there were also some you would never think of. Dachshunds and corgis can apparently do Flyball, and pretty well, too. Yeah of course you have your slow dogs but to make the time these dogs would be put in teams with faster dogs, just as we do with our height dogs, Talking about fast, wow!! Teams running 15 seconds!! Dogs running 3.5 seconds!! As it was I had the privilege of running Kohl, a 3.8sec Border Collie belonging to Geoff and Amanda Brown, and the proud mother of some crazy Border Cracks, AKA Border Jacks.

This leads me onto the breeding and cross breeding. Forget your labradoodles and your cavoodles. We're starting at Border Jacks, Border Staffs and going onto every mix in between and beyond. If you can think of it, it is possible and has probably been tried.



Trying to sum everything up now in a few words, all I can think of to say is HUGE venue, AMAZING people, COOL new gadgets, AWESOME dogs and SUPER fast racing. But CanAm isn't something you can be told about or watch. CanAm has to be experienced!

Can't wait to go back! CanAm 2014 here I come!

(Next edition of Flying Times will have Martin Watts report on CanAm)

Indoor Matting (The Facts)

Agility and Flyball Matting. Why Anti-fatigue Mats?

As dog sports have increased in popularity, so have the number of facilities offering indoor training in the USA. For facilities that want to offer training for Flyball and agility, a high performance flooring product is required to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the dog and the handler. Anti-fatigue mats provide one such alternative.

Anti-fatigue mats are ergonomic products, designed to work by providing a balance of softness and support while reducing the amount of strain on human feet, ankles, legs and back. Benefits of Anti-fatigue mats for humans include:

- Promotes employee wellness
- Increases productivity
- Reduced spinal compression
- Increased circulation
- Reduction in back, leg, foot and ankle fatigue
- Reduces back pain

What about canines? How can anti-fatigue mats benefit canines who participate in dog sports? Here is what our customers tell us about their experiences:

- Superior slip resistance
- Excellent traction
- Greater softness that reduces impact on the dog's forelegs, shoulders and back
- Maximum comfort for the handler with reduced stress on their legs and back
- Improved performance

Crown manufactures matting products for commercial, industrial and specialty applications. Our dog sports mats are manufactured from foam which is the the same foam used in anti-fatigue matting in the work place. Zedlan foam is our patented foam technology that is used in Comfort King Agility mats and has proven extremely beneficial to dogs and handlers who participate in agility, flyball and obedience training. It is the premier flooring option for dog training facilities.

For more than 60 years Crown has been a pioneer in the development and production of matting products and offers the most diverse matting product line in the industry. Crown invented the first walk off mat nearly 60 years ago and holds a patent on Zedlan used in Comfort King Agility mats.

Sam Ford, One of NAFA Board of Directors:

Let me say that I am currently helping to put on a tournament with 200+ teams with 6 rings of matting. No dogs were injured because of the matting.

It has been years since I put on a tournament with any other surface. All tournaments in Texas are matted tournaments and I would have to travel thousands of miles to find anyone racing on a natural surface.

Now and again I do find a dog that will scuff their pads like a rug burn on a human but we add a bit of vet wrap to those dogs and they don't have any issues.

I believe the surface plays a big part in these nor scrapes. But bad injuries happen no more frequently on matting and my team found out years ago that matting is far superior to dirt and now we won't attend any tournament with loose dirt

CRN	Points						
1C	2146	296B	2026	531C	2005	660D	582
44B	2923	296D	450	531D	336	665B	1517
44C	1798	299A	570	532B	156	666A	3495
44D	1140	299C	439	535A	2444	668A	724
44E	1086	309D	1774	535B	460	671B	1066
58C	1017	319C	2415	535C	2678	671C	764
58D	0	319D	464	542A	2568	671D	0
58E	934	319E	285	542B	1112	671E	4
60C	1084	326C	493	543B	1600	675A	1006
67B	89	333A	1547	543C	1304	675B	236
67C	533	333B	701	544C	1715	688C	1643
67E	2160	333C	1394	544D	118	689A	1556
67F	894	336A	4453	544E	6	689B	2329
80D	1168	342D	182	551A	48	689C	202
80E	578	348A	2111	551B	51	689D	0
88C	2349	357A	1360	552A	2961	690B	536
88D	244	366C	1034	552B	2299	690D	68
92D	3627	371B	1539	552C	414	699A	1814
92E	559	371C	616	554A	1025	699B	123
92F	0	374A	2107	554B	3539	705C	1729
97B	2954	374B	67	554C	1949	705E	414
115C	1554	384B	472	554D	628	705F	0
115E	436	396A	1530	558A	1984	705G	40
128C	907	396C	0	559A	2756	719B	924
128D	61	400D	9	559B	1472	742C	167
150D	380	405A	32	559C	528	745A	256
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