



# DOG VEGAS

## **Grade 3, 4 & 5 Final 2010**

Yet another year of agility passes us by. It is already time the third Dog Vegas Large Grade 3, 4 & 5 Agility final supported by Paws Trading.

The Final took place at the Dog Vegas show on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the Winterton Showground, Scunthorpe.

There was a real buzz in the air as there were money prizes on offer to 5<sup>th</sup> place - Some lovely glass trophies, some t-shirts and a voucher for future Dog Vegas shows, placing rosettes to 10<sup>th</sup> and also a rosette for all unplaced finalists.

We were blessed with a dry, bright evening, and perfect ground conditions for the competition. The crowd gathered to watch the evening's entertainment as the judge Lee Gibson was setting a suitably challenging agility course for the 40 competitors.

With the running orders drawn, the course set, the wine flowing and Lotta Bowers on the microphone it was time to start the final.

First to go was Lorraine Walchester with 2 year old Corriedhu Lace, they ended up with the dreaded E, but I am sure we will see this young dog back next year. The next up to run was Colin Veal with Wiccaweys Magic Magpie, (Floss) – apparently, Dog Vegas is her favourite show (a dog with good taste) - they managed a lovely clear in a time of 37.547. Third to run was Sally Harrop with Comebyandaway Wyn In Time, unfortunately picking up 10 faults, leaving the way open for forth to run Pauline Verity with Viceroy Pharoah, having a clear round in a time of 41.971 – taking them into second place but would this be good enough to stay there?

After a couple of 5 fault rounds and several more eliminations, running 15<sup>th</sup> was Roger Teasdale and Petnap at Jingo – sure to be one of the favourites with this promising 2 year old bitch. Roger managed a stunning round, and was sure to be fast enough to win, when on the last straight, 'Mabel' ran inside the wall to end up with an elimination!! Such a shame. After a couple more E's – we had to wait until Trevor Shelswell with Bartonview Cast A Spell for our next clear round – and what a round it was! With a time of 34.351, he was just over 3 seconds faster than Colin to take the first place position – would it be good enough to win? With some top class acts to follow, (including World Champion – Natasha Wise) it was a nail biting wait for Trevor and his Hinckley fan club. Several more faults and eliminations later, was Bob Sharpe, running 36<sup>th</sup> with Sherebridge Just In Case (Blaze) this young dog is only in his second year of competition, but Bob has only been running him for a short while, due to a knee operation. Well done Bob and Blaze, a clear round in a time of 37.137. Not fast enough to take the lead, but one to watch out for next year.

Next up, definitely one of the favourites to win was Natasha Wise with her dog Flickless Latin Dancer. I think by this time, Trevor must have bitten all off his nails. I know his club (Hinckley) were actually quiet for a few minutes, when Natasha took to the start line. They didn't have to wait long, it was obvious that Natasha meant business as they set off at full speed. It was a blistering round until they came to the wall – and just as Roger had done, the dog just nipped inside to collect an elimination! Running next was Shaun Hunt with his young dog Phix – another of the favourites – they came home in the fastest time of 31.496, but unfortunately picked up 10 faults on the way. After a two more eliminations, it was clear that nobody could touch Trevor's round. Hinckley now have their excuse to celebrate!

Out of the 40 dogs that ran, there was only 4 clears, 5 with 5 faults, 3 with 10 faults, 1 with 15 faults, and 27 eliminations! Most of which fell for the trap of going into the wrong end of the tunnel, after the long jump.

This Final proved to be a very exciting competition to watch, every partnership was worthy of being there, showing us that the standard of our handlers and dogs is getting higher each year. It was also lovely to see the dedication of our handlers, some of which travelled a long way to attend. Grade 7 people – watch your backs!

It is very rewarding for us to be able to put something back into agility, it makes all of the hard work worth while when we see how much these dog enjoy their job, especially as a lot of the dogs were rescued or re-homed. It is great to see the pride on the owners faces of what they have achieved with their 'unwanted' pets.

Congratulations to Trevor and Bartonview Cast A Spell on winning the second Dog Vegas final.

Well done and thank you to all the competitors who provided us with a thrilling and entertaining final, to Paws Trading for supporting the heats, the clubs that hosted the qualifiers, and the judges and ring parties throughout the year, Lee Gibson for judging the final, Lotta Bowers for commentating and thank you to the Dog Vegas organisers for hosting the final. We look forward to another successful competition next year.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Shelswell	Bartonview Cast A Spell	C	34.351
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Sharpe	Sherebridge Justin Case	C	37.137
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colin Veal	Wiccaweys Magic Magpie	C	37.547
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Verity	Viceroy Pharoah	C	41.971
5 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Brown	Easy Take Me High	5	34.983
6 <sup>th</sup>	Georgina Baker	Borderstorm Dare To Have Fun	5	35.211
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Hyslop	Bonvivant Object D'Art	5	35.817
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mandy Melville-Love	Bottleford Chesness Dance	5	37.216
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Fisher	Delicious Samilicious	5	44.383
10 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Hunt	Getz Inna Phix	10	31.496

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