



*Orchid Isle Dog Agility presents  
a weekend with Marj Vincent and  
Jeannie Biggers, November 22 – 25 2019,  
at Karen's field in Hawaiian Acres, Keaau.*

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**Marj Vincent** has been involved in agility since 1991 and has been teaching agility since 1992. She has been involved with NADAC since 1994, becoming a judge in 1997. Marj has trained and competed with a multitude of herding breeds. She has won NADAC Championships with her Corgi and has competed in the Stakes division (Big Distance Division) at Champs with all her Border Collies, placing in the top 3 for many years. She presents seminars in multiple countries and throughout the US. Her seminars include foundation, timing and handling, and distance training.

**Jeannie Biggers** has been playing agility since 2005, with Aussies and Border Collies. Her passion is helping people teach their dogs skills that help them stay active in agility, including getting distance. Her students learn to improve their timing and the clarity of their verbal cues. Her three current Border Collies are in the Super, Silver and Starter Stakes at this year's NADAC Championships. Jeannie looks forward to working with each of us and helping us improve our communication with our dogs.

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## **EVENTS**

- Friday November 22, 1:00 – 4:00 pm: *Introduction to NADAC judging.*
- Saturday and Sunday November 23 & 24: *Two-day NADAC agility trial which can also be used for novice training and For Exhibition Only.*
- Monday November 25, 9:00am – 4:00pm: *Improving handling and timing, and gaining distance - an agility workshop by Marj and Jeannie.*

## Introduction to NADAC Judging, November 22

Open to anyone interested in becoming a NADAC judge, or learning what is involved. Even if you do not want to become a judge, this information can improve your understanding of the course as a handler. Free, with limited spaces. If interested email Renee at [elliottjohnandrenee@gmail.com](mailto:elliottjohnandrenee@gmail.com).

## NADAC Trial, November 23 and 24

A two-day double-format trial – walk the course once and run it twice, with the chance to get two “Q”s! Novice, open and elite levels will be offered. Junior and veteran handlers, and veteran dogs, are very welcome.

If you are not ready for competition come for a fun run! NADAC now allows novice handlers to train in the ring with a toy – you must declare that the run is for training at the start of the run, and no qualifying scores are awarded. For-exhibition-only (FEO) runs are also possible, where the dog can run with lower jump heights; no qualifying scores are awarded.

Classes for Saturday November 23 are: Jumpers, Regular Agility, Touch N Go, and Weavers. Classes for Sunday November 24 are: Gamblers, Regular Agility, Tunnelers, and Hoopers.

Premium available soon. Meanwhile, email Sandy at [vierrett@gmail.com](mailto:vierrett@gmail.com).

## Agility Workshop November 25

Marj and Jeannie will teach a one-day workshop focused on teaching the skills to be able to work further away from the dog by teaching how and when to use proper directional cues. Proper use of cues allows the dog time to think and decide on the path based on the handler's verbal and physical cues without the need to be glued to the handler.

The afternoon session will build on the morning classes. One or two stations will be set up and up to 16 handling teams can be accepted. A minimum of 7 handlers is required for the workshop to proceed.

More information and registration available soon. Meanwhile email MaryJo at [mjostevenson@yahoo.com](mailto:mjostevenson@yahoo.com).