

WELCOME to our club

Have you recently joined The Agility Club?
don't you introduce yourself
an article and some photos to editor

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Courtesy of G&T Paws

Inspired by Greg Derrett's "Great Dog Shame About the Handler" DVD, I took a crazy leap into classes and competitive agility. I work in digital media, West Sussex and have a Masters in Cognitive Psychology and Reiki (hands on healing), offered to dogs only.

Satorius Rouse succeeded my soulmate, merle collie, Yang. Rouse is now 4 years old, Grade 1 with a dozen KC clear rounds, WSD, abandoned nearly PTS. Luckily fostered 2 years ago by Scallywags School for Dogs where today visits for agility coaching. Rouse started in his first week, at age 2 to follow a toy in my hand. Now does fast clear rounds, stays, perfect contacts, weaves, jumping and goes on. After 13 months competing, I became a ring manager, he moved up to UKA Novice for Steeplechase and soon for agility too. He recently did clear rounds in his first pairs/team runs.

Out of the ordinary, most dogs love tunnels, but due to past dark space phobia or acute sense of smell? Sometimes in competition, Rouse runs into tunnels, sniffs has a scratch or fear-aggression rub before exiting, so times out. Any rare similar experience reader tips, welcome!



Courtesy of Tom Adams

Rouse is magnetic with a mystical wolf-like blue eye and amber brown other eye, heart of gold, gives hugs, loves his walks, garden agility, snuggles, reiki, meditation CDs. Passionate about red kong, green frog, knows tons of words, loves clicker training. He adores pepperami, honey and ginger biscuit snippets. Communicates by blinking or nodding his blue eye head or confused tilts his head quizzically. Rouse was selected for runner up Supadogs Rescue League Defa's Award, 2008' and Agilitynet's 'Spirit of Agility Photos.'