

# **Lex Anne Van Tighem**

## **February 9, 1955 – August 4, 2022**

From an early age, Lex had a love of all animals, particularly horses and dogs. This love led her to a lifetime hobby of training and showing her dogs. Lex started her dog show hobby with Shetland Sheepdogs and Belgian Shepherds and later added Papillons. She enjoyed successes in the Breed, Obedience, Rally, and Agility rings throughout the US and Canada.

A long-time member of our Club for over 40 years, Lex volunteered in every capacity from board member to trial chair to class instructor. In 2010, she headed a committee to initiate agility trials in Great Falls. She was a valued instructor at classes held by the Club where she helped and encouraged many to go on and show their dogs to advanced levels.

Lex was a popular and well-respected competitor. She was a friend to all with her good sportsmanship, humor, and willingness to help wherever and whenever needed. She saw the fun side of everything and would lighten up a room with her presence and sense of humor. Lex was known for her Double-Dog dares, defined as “a challenge that is harder or naughtier than a regular dare.”



At the May 2023 agility trial, the Great Falls Dog Training Club is presenting the first annual Lex Van Tighem Sportsmanship Award honoring Lex’s fun, bright spirit which shone through in her passion for dog training and her devotion to the sport. Her family expressed appreciation for this dedication and shared that Lex would be humbled and honored. Please see the nomination form in the premium.

We miss her but know that she is cheering us on from her reserved seat in heaven where she is sending a double-dog dare to go forth, do good deeds and live in the moment!

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## **Special Attraction**

### **GFDTC Presents TNT - Twist N Turn Class**

**A non-regular class, that will consist of Tunnels (10', 15' and 20') and 2-4 jumps with bars set on the ground**

- 🐾 Perfect for beginner dogs who might not be ready for a full jumpers or standard course
- 🐾 Perfect for retired or nearing retired dogs, nothing to jump or climb
- 🐾 Perfect for dogs that want to have a great time enjoying a few tunnels
- 🐾 Perfect for everyone wanting to have a fun run with their dog!

This class is open to all dog eligible to enter AKC agility as stated in chapter 1 section 3 of the AKC Agility trial Regulations. Entries will be accepted in our premium, cost will be \$15.

Skill level is Open (for number of obstacles) equipment will be all tunnels, 10 foot, 15 foot & 20 foot, with 2-4 jumps (wings optional) jump bars are set on the ground.

There will be, one class, broken by jump height, preferred & regular. 1st place - 4th place, by Preferred/Regular, jump height. High Scoring by AKC breed group, including All American dogs. Scoring no refusals/run outs, Off courses 5 point fault. Course time deductions 2 point deduction over course time, rounding to whole numbers, time is called at course time plus 20 seconds, then dog is excused. Mandatory Elimination and Mandatory Excusals as in Chapter 5 Sections 5 & 6

Perfect. score 100, Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85. Must qualify to place  
STD course time, such as is used in Time2Beat NO FEO

**TnT (Twist N Turn) class can only be entered by a paper entry – online entries are not possible**

## LEX VAN TIGHEM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award will be presented annually at the Great Falls Dog Training Club's May Agility Trial to the person selected by the committee.

The Great Falls Dog Training Club (GFDTC) encourages you to recognize a fellow competitor who continually demonstrates good sportsmanship at our agility trial.

Following are examples of what the committee will consider in selecting an individual for this award:

- Candidates must demonstrate a history of going beyond the call through volunteering
- Makes a positive impact with an enthusiastic attitude and spirit
- Displays integrity, fairness and honesty
- Shows respect for judges as well as other competitors
- Wins with character and loses with dignity by supporting the activities/wins of others and extending good wishes
- Is courteous, friendly, kind and encouraging to others, especially newcomers

To be eligible, candidates must be planning to help or be entered in this year's trial.

Candidates may be nominated by any competitor or volunteer

### Submissions:

Please fill out the form and submit (email or US Postal Service) to: Joanie Carl, 113 22nd St, Black Eagle MT 59414 or email to Joanie@Libers.com

**The completed form must be received by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The award winner and the submitter will be notified by May 8, 2023. If no qualifying nominations are received the award may not be presented each year.

Please direct all questions to Joanie Carl at the above address or email.



## LEX VAN TIGHEM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this candidate is worthy of this award. List specific examples of how this person has impacted the sport. Feel free to attach an additional sheet.

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Submitter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**One submitter per nomination form  
Must be received by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**