

DIXIE RECALL

NDTC

January 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon. 1/28:** NDTC Member Meeting and President's Award
- Sat./Sun Feb. 2/4:** NDTC Debut Agility Trials Williamson Co. Ag. Expo Ctr.
- Mon. 2/11:** Board Meeting
- Sun. 2/17:** Show-n-Go at NDTC
- Sat/Sun March 30/31:** NDTC Obedience Trials McGavock High School



EARN FREE CLASSES!

Those who teach at least 16 weeks per year get free classes the entire calendar year plus free use of the NDTC building for that year. Assistants get 8 free weeks of class for every 8-week class they assist.

Sign up now to teach class and get your free year of benefits. As long as you make a firm commitment, you can start enjoying your benefits now. To volunteer to teach or assist, contact the following:

Puppy Kindergarten – Beth Clark 370-3472
Level 1 – Claudia Dickerson 790-9179
Level 2 – Lee Kasten 370-3937
Level 3 – Connie Womack 794-7752
Level 4 – Jean Ervin 867-9047
Therapy Dog – Ken Bell 876-1344
Conformation – Cheryl Brown 646-3176
Agility – Lynn James 371-8839

Voting members who meet the volunteer service and meeting attendance requirements will be eligible for half-price classes. Teachers and assistants are eligible for free classes, and teachers also get free use of the building. Teaching is heavily rewarded and appreciated because of its importance in public service and revenue generation for the Club.

EARN CLASS FEE DISCOUNTS!

Voting members can earn 50% class discounts if they fulfill the meeting attendance and volunteer service requirements. This new provision is effective for classes starting after June 30. Start now to earn your discount for July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003.

If you take three classes a year at \$90 per class (total \$270), the discount saves you \$135! If you work 10 hours, you are in effect being "paid" \$13.50 an hour. The more classes you take, the more you "earn" per hour. Call and volunteer.

CORRECTED SHOW-N-GO SCHEDULE

NDTC will hold obedience show-n-goes on:

Saturday, January 19 & Sunday, January 20
Sunday, February 17
Saturday, March 2 & Sunday, March 3

Judging will start at 8 am. Entry fees are \$6, and \$4 for the second entry of the same dog. Don't forget the NDTC obedience trials are March 30 and 31!

See what's on page 5!





ROVER RETAIL



It's time to start collecting baskets and donating items for Rover Retail. Please put them in the concession area (glass-walled room downstairs) at the Club building. Rover Retail has been very popular and profitable for the Club in the past. Help us go over the top at this year's obedience trials. To donate services, contact Bev Watson.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE OWNED BY PETS WHEN...

You have a mental list of people you'd like to spay or neuter.

You stopped at a house with a "Free Puppies" sign in the yard to have an "Educational Chat", and your kids had to post your bail.

Running out of paper towels is a household crisis.

You not only know all the characteristics of a good "stool", but you discuss them at dinner.

You have a bumper sticker that reads "My Basset Hound Is Smarter Than Your Graduate Student."

You secretly wonder about such things as how animals can manage without wiping.

You absentmindedly pat people on the head or scratch them behind their ears.

You not only allow pets on the couch, guests have to sit on the floor because the dog has "territorial issues".

Your chatroom handle is "Queen of Spayeds".

You and your vet are on a first name basis and he genuflects when you enter the waiting room.

You needed a prescription to recover from "Old Yeller."

You've forwarded more warnings about the dangers of chocolate, onions and mistletoe than the CDC has issued about anthrax and smallpox.

You wear white year 'round, not because you are flaunting a fashion law or belong to a religious sect, but because you have a Dal, Pyr, or Samoyed.

Vacuum cleaners in your household don't just die, they go out with more smoke and noise than the Taliban.

You tell your children to "heel!" in a grocery store.

You spend eleven months of the year preaching an appreciation and understanding of canine behavior and the nature of the dog, and then you stick fake reindeer antlers on the dog and photograph him for your Christmas Card.

People are still talking about your spay-neuter holiday greeting from last year, "Deck the Halls with Balls of Collies".

--- Author Unknown

Attend the January Club meeting.

See who receives the 2001 President's Award!



Denise McClure's 3-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, **Kato's Jester CGC CD OA NAJ**, earned his Novice Jumpers Certificate (NADAC) on December 2nd, earning 3 perfect scores on December 1 and 2, at the Clermont Co. Dog Training Club's NADAC trial in Wilder, KY.

Braggs now go to Denise McClure.
You can email them to emclure@bellsouth.net,
mail them to her at 1733 Charity Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027,
or put them in her box in the office at the Club.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER -- Bev Watson



What an honor to serve this Club as President! In the 16 years of my NDTC membership, I have made so many dear, true friends, met marvelous dogs and experienced countless wonderful adventures as a result of those acquaintances. I hope you will join me in yet more wonderful adventures in the world of dog training!

My heartfelt thanks to Claudia Dickerson for all her hard work in 2001. Her tireless efforts have helped to make things a bit easier for me, and I truly appreciate her dedication and innumerable contributions to the Club. I also want to thank the volunteers who will be serving with me as your Board: Debbi Martin, Vice President; Deanna Levenhagen, Secretary; David Taylor, Treasurer (David is also our new webmaster); Pat Thorne, Training Director; Jimmy Sloop, Property Chair; Denise McClure, Membership/Historian. Although the following members are not Board positions, they serve as Chairs of key committees reporting directly to the Board: Connie Womack is our Obedience Trial Chair, Jenny Cobb is our Agility Trial Chair, and I am the Tracking Test Chair.

I look forward to our January 28th meeting to talk with you further about the opportunities open to us this year. We will be hosting obedience, agility and tracking events, as well as participating in a number of community events. Additionally, we will be working closely with veterinarian offices to promote the benefits of responsible dog ownership and basic training. Our marketing program is in place and we are beginning to see the benefits as our phone lines and classes fill. Please plan to join us at the January Club meeting to meet your new Board and let us know what you would like to see the Club become involved in this year.

INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS MEETING

All instructors and assistants are encouraged to attend the January club meeting and plan to stay 20-30 minutes after to meet with Pat Thorne and Bev Watson.

CLUB CLOTHING

Debbi Martin has been obtaining pricing and availability information on clothing items with the Club logo. She has located several distributors who are able to provide a good variety of styles, from basic t-shirts to golf shirts to hooded sweatshirts to jackets. Pricing on these items will vary from \$15 to \$35, depending on the item. A plus is that you can also have your favorite breed embroidered below the logo. Please contact Debbi at basset515@comcast.net and let her know of your interest in ordering any of these items.

AGILITY PADDING

We need "PADDING FOR OUR MATTING"! In order to offer full-height jumping for agility and obedience classes, we need to provide additional padding beneath the matting. We have received a donation in the amount of \$100 from a member to apply to this purpose, and want to make any interested parties aware that they can "sponsor a mat." Contact Denise McClure at emcclure@bellsouth.net to sponsor your mat.

JUDIE HOWARD UPDATE

We have received nothing but rave reviews from the participants at the Judie Howard seminar. Judie was equally pleased with the turn out and enthusiasm of all the participants. We're pleased to note also that the seminar resulted in a profit of approximately \$2,200.

OCTOBER 28, 2001 TD TEST UPDATE

We are thrilled to report that our October Tracking Dog (TD) Test resulted in a profit of approximately \$145. This profit is due in large part to donations totaling approximately \$300. Special thanks to the donors.

AGILITY WORKSHOP

Our debut Agility workshop – How to Construct Weave Poles – was a huge success. Many thanks to Don Lehr, Lynn James and Sandra Edson. The workshop netted over \$400. Subsequent workshops will teach you how to build a tire jump and how to construct jumps in your backyard. Watch for dates and times.

CGC REVISIONS

Since its inception in 1989, the AKC's CGC program has been one of the most rapidly growing programs in the AKC. Veterinarians have recognized the benefits of well-trained dogs and there are some CGC programs in place at veterinary hospitals. State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 14 states now have CGC resolutions. Police and animal control agencies use CGC for dealing with dog problems in communities and some therapy dog groups use the CGC as a partial screening tool.

The AKC revised the program in January, 1999 and the 2002 NDTC Board has fully endorsed upgrading our CGC program to incorporate the AKC's revisions.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Evaluators now fill out a 1-page registration form and are assigned an evaluator number. Qualifications include having worked with other owners and their dogs (a variety of breeds) in a professional or educational capacity for at least one year. Blank application forms are located on the table at the entrance to the building.
- 2) Evaluators receive test kits that include three-part (NCR) Test Forms. The CGC test is given and the owner/participant receives two copies of the test. One copy (including test items and the Responsible Dog Owner's Pledge) is kept by the owner and the owner sends the second copy to the AKC requesting a CGC certificate. THE CGC CERTIFICATES ARE NOW ISSUED BY THE AKC. The owner pays a \$5 fee that covers recording, the new high quality certificate (they look just like title certificates – very nice!), printing, postage, data entry and handling. Please note that for owners who choose not to purchase the certificate, a copy of the actual test form scored by the evaluator is acceptable as proof of CGC certification.

This is a program that can help us assure that the dogs we love will always be welcomed and respected members of our communities. In fact, the AKC is working with several motel chains and more organizations such as dog parks, insurance companies and rental programs now recognize the AKC CGC test.

If you have an older CGC certificate, you may send a copy of the certificate with \$5 and they will enter you into their database and send you a new certificate. This applies to both AKC-registered and All-American dogs.



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

Puppy Kindergarten

Wednesday, February 13, 7 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 8 pm
Thursday, March 13, 7 pm

Level 1

Wednesday, February 13, 8 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 7 pm
Thursday, March 13, 7 pm

Level 2 (CGC)

Wednesday, February 13, 8 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 8 pm

Level 3

Tuesday, March 12, 8 pm

Level 4

Thursday, March 13, 8 pm

Pet Therapy

Wednesday, February 13, 7 pm

Heeling

Wednesdays, 7 pm, ongoing

Open

Tuesdays, 7 pm, ongoing
Call 565-7099 within two hours
before class starts to confirm.

Utility

Thursdays, 7 pm, ongoing

Clicker Class

Monday, February 25, 8 pm

Recreational Agility

Monday, February 25, 8 pm

Conformation

Mondays, 7 pm, ongoing

Tracking

Contact Bev Watson

**OUR NEW REGISTRAR IS CHRIS DUNGAN!
OUR NEW INTERIM RECALL EDITOR IS BEV WATSON!**

NDTC SPRING OBEDIENCE TRIAL

NDTC's Spring Obedience Trial will be held at McGavock High School March 30 and 31, 2002. To make this event a huge success, we need club members to volunteer wherever they are needed. Please contact the chairperson listed below to volunteer. This will give you some or all of the volunteer hours needed to remain eligible for reduced training fees.

Bev Watson - Rover Retail 297-1229
Donna Zeedar – Concessions 885-1472
Ken Bell – Stewards 876-1344
Laura Cass George – Trophy 615 325-3223
Jimmy Sloop – Set Up 717-0920

SPRING OBEDIENCE TRIAL TROPHY DONATIONS

Everyone likes to win something special at a trial, particularly if your dog has performed well. Please send your donation before we contact you. Suggested donation to the general fund is \$20. Trophies and checks must be received by March 16, 2002. If you wish to sponsor a trophy for a particular breed, please contact Laura Cass George. All donations will be recognized in the Trial Catalogue. Thank you for your support.

Enclosed is \$_____ for the NDTC Obedience Trial Trophy Fund.

I want to sponsor a trophy for (trial class, breed of dog, etc.) _____ on Saturday, March 30, 2002.

I want to sponsor a trophy for (trial class, breed of dog, etc.) _____ on Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

**Mail form and check to:
NDTC c/o Laura Cass George • 1027 Hickory Lane • Portland, TN 37148 • (615) 325-3223**

NDTC'S DEBUT AGILITY TRIALS!

Come see the fastest-growing canine sport in the country as NDTC sponsors Nashville's first AKC Agility Trial!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

indoors at the

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXPO CENTER

Just below Cool Springs off I-65 South, Exit 61

Follow signs to Dog Agility.

See dogs at all levels of competition jump over hurdles, run through tunnels, barrel through chutes and blast through weave poles!

15 on-site vendors selling doggie treats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and accessories! Plenty of spectator seating and concessions.

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COME AND SEE WHY DOG AGILITY IS THE #1 CANINE SPORT.**

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Nashville Dog Training Club is an American Kennel Club-licensed dog club dedicated to encouraging responsible dog ownership and the conscientious training of dogs. Training classes for puppies through adult dogs are offered Monday through Thursday evenings. The Club sponsors AKC-sanctioned events such as obedience and tracking trials, and a range of activities, including Canine Good Citizenship tests, recreational agility, Show'N'Go's, and workshops. Visit <http://www.nashvilledog.com> for updates, photos, and class registration forms.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

CLUB MEETING 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 28. PRESIDENT'S AWARD!