

DIXIE RECALL

Nashville Dog Training Club

March 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 11 - Board Meeting

Monday, March 25 – March Member Meeting

Saturday and Sunday, March 30-31 – NDTC Obedience Trial – McGavock High School

Monday, April 8 – Board Meeting

Monday, April 22 – April Member Meeting

Spring Trial Needs:

We are still in need of volunteers in several areas for this year's obedience trial. Please contact Ken Bell if you can steward one or both days of the Trial. Please contact Laura Cass George if you can give a donation to the general Trophy fund. Without these donations, we will have to take the trophy commitments out of the profits we would otherwise make. Please contact Bev Watson if you have any donations for Rover Retail or would like to help out at the trial.

We also need help getting the mats ready for the trial. On Friday, March 29, we will have 4 hired men in the club to wash, roll and load the mats. We need volunteers to be at the club to "Supervise" these hired help, telling them what to do and seeing that it gets done. Please let Connie Womack know if you can volunteer for a 2 hour shift at the club. We will also need help laying the mats at the show location Friday evening, so plan on helping when you come over to set up your crates. The more help we have, the faster it will get done. Let's all make it our job to see that the Spring Trial is a success.

ALL MEMBERS PLANNING TO ASSIST AT OUR OBEDIENCE TRIAL ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MARCH CLUB MEETING ON MARCH 25 AND PLAN TO STAY 15-20 MINUTES AFTERWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR RING ASSIGNMENTS.

MY HUMBLEST APOLOGIES

Your editor stands humbly groveling before you apologizing for the lateness of this edition of the Recall. Due to unfortunate circumstances of epic proportion, including but not limited to an AOL glitch, another AOL glitch, a bad floppy disc, a dog bite, a trip to the pet emergency clinic, and a trip to a "doc in the box," the Recall had to be redone and re-sent. Brags will be listed in their entirety in the next edition. Hopefully we'll have lots from our trial to include. Mea culpa, and please forgive -- Paula

ROVER RETAIL NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!

Our March 30/31 obedience trial is rapidly approaching, and so is Rover Retail, our biggest annual fundraiser. While the goal is to have item pickup under way by the 25th, we certainly will not refuse any last minute donations! Please don't be bashful about asking your hair stylist, massage therapist, etc. if they would be interested in donating. Just think how nice a pedicure would feel to all those ring stewards who will be on their feet for hours at a time! Please call me at 615-297-1229 or email me at bwatson@eceleris.com with any last minute ideas. We also still need baskets.

We also need a few good people to help staff the Rover Retail booth on both days. We have several volunteers lined up and need a few more who can work a couple of hours on either Saturday or Sunday selling raffle tickets and helping to disseminate the wonderful assortment of items that have been donated to the Club.

Lastly, we need a few people with an artistic bent to help assemble gift baskets – bow tying, appealing assembly of items – you know who you are! The ones with the prettiest Christmas and birthday presents! NDTC needs your skills to help assemble gift baskets before the event. Please call Bev Watson at 615-297-1229 (h), 615-341-6241 (w) or email at bwatson@eceleris.com for any assistance you may be able to provide in any or all of these categories.

And plan to come to the trial – you'll have a blast!

Tracking Dog Excellent Test - March 3, 2002 at The Hermitage, Home of Andrew Jackson

Sunday, March 3rd, dawned frigid, windy and snowy. Nonetheless, our experienced tracklayers were out in the miserable weather at 6:30 AM to get their tracks in. Special thanks to Debbie Cutter, Terri Schmitt, Bev Watson and Jeff Whitsitt, crosstracklayers Denise McClure and Jane Mohr, and our Judges, Cynthia Harrell and Jane Kline, for braving the bitter cold. We were grateful to Tammy Haney for providing lots of her Dad's good smoked chicken, Kate Ruddy for her Yankee stew, and Bev Watson for her Wild Man chili. We are thrilled to report that one of the six teams passed – Marian Morris and her Curly Coated Retriever, who have been active in NDTC's Tracking program for almost 3 years. Our program has produced two TDX titles thus far this year – pretty impressive! Watch for more tracking titles!

Newsflash: History was made at the test – Marian Morris's Seasaidh is the FIRST Curly to get a TDX!!!

HOT DIGGITY DOG WALK AT MAGGIE'S BARK PARK ON APRIL 20!

NDTC has been asked to participate in a fundraiser at Maggie's Bark Park in Franklin, TN on Saturday, April 20. We will sponsor a booth at the event, as well as providing obedience and agility demonstrations. All participants will be allowed to run their dogs over the equipment for a donation of \$2.00 per run (agility enthusiasts – this is a great opportunity to work with your dogs on unfamiliar equipment and support a good cause at the same time!) We will need volunteers to staff the booth, haul equipment to the site and provide assistance and guidance to the general public who are interested in becoming involved in agility. Please contact Bev Watson (615-297-1229 or bwatson@eceleris.com) to volunteer your time and services.

LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We still need instructors and assistants for Level 1 for the classes starting on the following dates:

Tuesday, 7 pm: May 7, August 27, and October 22.
Wednesday, 8 pm: September 4 and October 30.
Wednesday, 8 pm: June 5, July 31, and September 25.
Thursday, 7 pm: May 9, August 29, and October 24.

Please contact Claudia Dickerson at 790-9179 or claudia.dickerson@nashville.com to volunteer. Class materials and curriculum will be provided.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I recently had the extreme pleasure of accepting a generous donation from two fairly new members. They wish to remain anonymous, but I want to pass along their reason for their donation. They said that everyone had been so pleasant, and that the instructors always had smiles on their faces. Our heartfelt thanks to these two lovely people. Instructors – KEEP ON SMILING!

Kathryn Williams needs a break from our primary phone line maintenance to take care of family business. This job involves checking line 1 on our voice mail system, taking down the names and addresses that people leave on the system, and then mailing them a class schedule, registration form and a brochure about the Club. The line needs to be checked each evening in order to get the information out on a timely basis. Please contact me to volunteer for this critical position.

In the same vein, I sure could use some help monitoring the general information line for the Club. After working through a number of problems with revising the messaging system, we now have a new message and one less line to answer. This is a very time-consuming project for just one person, but would not be quite as burdensome if several members could be responsible for maintaining the line one or two days a week. This job does require a reasonable background in canine behavior and training, as well as familiarity with the upcoming class schedule. Any help you might be able to offer will be greatly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club meeting on the 25th, and at the Obedience Trial on the 30th and 31st.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

NOTE: To avoid confusion, we have reverted to the old class names Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4. Also, please note that puppy class is the most appropriate starting point for any young dog whose attention span has not yet matured. Even a nine-month-old of a large breed may do better in puppy kindergarten than in Level 1.

<p><u>Puppy Kindergarten</u> Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm Tuesday, May 7, 8 pm Thursday, May 9, 7 pm</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> Wednesday, April 10, 8 pm</p> <p><u>Level 2 (CGC)</u> Wednesday, April 10, 8 pm</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> Tuesday, May 7, 8 pm</p>	<p><u>Level 4</u> Thursday, May 9, 8 pm</p> <p><u>Heeling</u> Wednesdays, 7 pm, ongoing</p> <p><u>Open</u> Tuesdays, 7 pm, ongoing Call 565-7099 within two hours of class starting.</p> <p><u>Utility</u> Thursdays, 7 pm, ongoing</p>	<p><u>Recreational Agility*</u> Monday, April 6, 8 pm</p> <p><u>Therapy Dog Training</u> Wednesday, September 25, 7 pm</p> <p><u>Conformation</u> Mondays, 7 pm, ongoing</p> <p><u>Tracking</u> May 12 – Contact Bev Watson</p> <p>*Classes now 8 weeks long</p>
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