

DIXIE RECALL

NDTC

August 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 8/17: Obedience Show-n-Go
Fri. 8/23: Agility Show-n-Go
Sat. 8/24: Agility Practice
Mon. 8/26: Membership Meeting, 7 pm
Mon. 9/9: Board Meeting, 7 pm
Sat. 9/14: Obedience Show-n-Go
Sun. 9/15: Obedience Show-n-Go
Sun. 10/27: TD Test at The Hermitage

OBEDIENCE SHOW-N-GOES

Sat. 8/17, Sat. 9/14, and Sun. 9/15
Building opens 7 am. Registration begins 7:30 am.
Judging all classes begins 8:00 am.
1st run \$6. 2nd run \$4.
Call Jean Ervin 615-867-9047 to volunteer to work.



Fans! Fans! Fans!

You may have noticed two lines of fans installed on each of the long walls in the building, thanks to Don Lehr with the help of Ron James. The purchase was funded by agility show-no-goes and practices. The results have received RAVE REVIEWS from the agility students, even during the hottest part of some unbearably hot summer afternoons. The fans are surprisingly quiet.

AGILITY SHOW-N-GO

Friday, August 23
Registration begins 6 pm.
First run at 6:30 pm
1st run \$5. 2nd run \$3.

Dogs must wear AKC regulation collar.

Contact Lynn James at
kennelmaid@comcast.net to volunteer to work.

Novice/Open/Excellent
Running order low to high.

AGILITY PRACTICE (on your own - unsupervised)

Saturday, August 24
Sign up and prepay at the Show-n-Go Friday night.
Advance registration only.

Session 1: 8 am to 9:30 am
Session 2: 9:30 am to 11 am
Max. 10 people per session. \$8/session/person.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE!

We must keep all fire lanes inside the building open! Please keep this in mind when moving and putting up agility or obedience equipment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

At the September meeting Sandra Johns, a volunteer with the Williamson County Red Cross will be speaking to us on giving CPR to our dogs.



Tammy Haney's Ch. Desperado's Grace Under Fire CD ("**Gracie**") earned her second open leg with a second place ribbon on July 7 at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Obedience Trial.

Tammy Haney's min pin Aries Amazing Grace ("**Ashley**") earned her first and second novice legs at the Murfreesboro Obedience Trials.

Diane Overstreet's year-old black and white male Papillon, Rosebud Midnight Dancer ("**Pierre**") earned his CGC June 18, 2002.

Chris Dungan's rough collie, Apple Valley Manda by Magic ("**Mandy**") has earned her CGC.

Faye Head's Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Good Golly Miss Molly XI, CDX, OA, OAJ ("**Molly**"), earned her first AX leg in Corydon, Indiana, on Sunday, June 2nd, with a first place win.

Faye Head's whippet, Hunterhill Winsome Duchess ("**Wallis**"), earned her first CD leg at the MOTC Trial on Saturday, June 20th.

Donna Zeedar's Sheltie, **Murdoch** (DJZ's What's Up Murdoch) attended his first agility trial in Corydon, IN, June 1 and 2. He earned two legs in standard with a first and second place finish, and one leg in jumpers with weaves with a first place.

Donna Zeedar's Chinese Shar Pei, **Simon** (DJZ's Simply Simon) was listed in "Front and Finish" as the #2 Shar Pei in Novice A Obedience for 2001.

Jenny Cobb's Standard Poodle Dundee's Chance Encounter, CDX MX MXJ HIC (**Spike**) qualified with first places in Advanced Jumpers and Pairs at the North Alabama Canine Cruisers USDAA show in January. At the Nashville Trial Spike qualified in his first standard run with a third place but was lame for the rest of the show. In March at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club trial, Spiked earned a double Q on Saturday. At the ACET USDAA trial in White Pine in June Spike qualified in standard advance on Sunday with a 2nd place, qualified in snooker with a 2nd place and got a 3rd in gamblers.

Jenny Cobb's Border Collie Ch. Fantasy's Dark Dreams, PT, OA, NAJ (**Trip**) completed his Novice Jumper with Weaves Agility (NAJ) title with a first place at the Atlanta Kennel Club Agility Trials November 11, 2001 in Perry GA, and finished his Open Agility title at the Huntsville Obedience Training Club trial in May. At the ACET USDAA trail in White Pine in June. Trip got two novice standard legs with a 1st and 2nd, took 1st place in gamblers with 57 points, and a 4th in pairs. Trip is also now qualified for the Border Collie Society of America Versatility award.

Jenny Cobb's Shetland Sheepdog Taylormade Radical Addition, NA, HIC (**Brodie**) finished his Novice Agility title at the Atlanta Kennel Club trail in Perry, GA. At the ACET USDAA trail in White Pine in June, Brodie got his first Novice standard leg, took 1st in snooker with 47points and 3rd in jumpers.

**Students: We want to brag on you if your dog earns its CGC.
Submit your dog's name and any information or stories you want printed.**

**To submit brags, include at least: Your name, dog's registered name, dog's call name, dog's breed, legs/placements/titles earned, date and show at which earned.
Submit brags to Denise McClure, at emcclure@bellsouth.net or 1733 Charity Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027, or put them in her box in the office at the Club.**

Judge Decries Dog Abuse

This article describes the conviction and appeal of husband-and-wife Tennessee puppy millers, quotes the very moving sentencing opinion of the trial judge, and describes what you can do to help prevent future similar crimes against the gentle beasts who have given us so much.

Stanley and Judy Johnson, who had operated DJ's Country Kennel in for approximately ten years in Humboldt, Tennessee, were each sentenced to just under one year in prison and fined \$1,000 each, on convictions of cruelty to animals. They appealed their convictions, arguing, among other things, that they should have been given probation. The appellate judge summarized the very disturbing evidence as follows:

"[T]he defendants maintained, under horrific conditions, in excess of 350 dogs on their premises, housing them in a kennel, a trailer, and inside their residence. The conditions were filthy and unsanitary in each of these locations. Poor, or nonexistent, means of cooling or even circulating the air caused it to be very foul, with an ammonia-like smell. A number of the dogs were not provided food or water and what food was available was often unsanitary, with water green in color. Many of the dogs or puppies were kept in very crowded and inhumane conditions, apparently without necessary veterinary treatment being provided for worms, mange, eye and skin problems. Feces was allowed to accumulate throughout the facility, with huge numbers of maggots infesting in one cage. The coats of some of the dogs had very extensive matting problems. Some of the puppies were kept on wire mesh, which allowed large amounts of feces to collect on the unemptied trays beneath their cages, and trapped them, as their legs slipped through, making them immobile."

Based upon this evidence, the appellate judge upheld the convictions. The appellate court opinion also quotes the trial judge at the time of sentencing, who stated:

"Over 350 dogs and puppies were victims of this gross violation of the law. The victims of this crime were animals that could not speak up to the unbelievable conduct of Judy Fay Johnson and Stanley Paul Johnson that they suffered. Several of the dogs have died and most had physical problems such as intestinal worms, mange, eye problems, dental problems and emotional problems and socialization problems.

"Since dogs have entered domestic service of human beings, they have given solace and companionship when needed. They have helped hunt, guard flocks, and in ice and snow have pulled sleds. They have rescued people when lost in snow drifts. They act as police in sniffing out crimes, and they become eyes for those who cannot see. They guard homes and possessions. All this, these creatures do for kind, humane treatment.

"Watching this video of the conditions that these dogs were subjected to was one of the most deplorable things this Court has observed in the 22 years in the course of being on the bench.

"And though, Judy Fay Johnson, you urge this Court to take into consideration the mitigating factors that you've been sick up to two years prior to them being rescued from your care. You say you've been sick. You talked about reducing the population, but the only thing you did was sell puppies.

"The Court finds that you have a previous history of criminal convictions or criminal behavior, that the offense involved more than one victim, that the victims were particularly vulnerable, that you have a previous history of unwillingness to comply with conditions of a sentence involving release into the community, and that you abused the position of public or private trust.

"The Court further finds that you were charged with this exact charge in 1993, and after a period of probation the matter was nollied.

"Judy Fay Johnson, you're sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in each of the 11 counts of cruelty to animals. These will be run concurrent. Further, this Court finds that probation would not serve the ends or justice, nor be in the best interest of the public, nor would this have a deterrent effect on such gross behavior.

"Therefore, you, Judy Fay Johnson, shall serve six months of your sentence on condition that you make restitution to the Dyersburg Humane Society for \$3242.84 for the expenses involved in freeing those dogs from their purgatory and your payment of the fine and costs in full. You are further prohibited from ever running or owning any animal kennel or owning any animal as a pet. Your release classification status shall be 75 percent.

"Stanley Johnson, the Court finds that your offenses involve more than one victim. The victims were particularly vulnerable. You treated the victims with exceptional cruelty. You abused the position of public or private trust. You were charged with the exact same charge in 1993 that after a period of probation was nollied.

"You are sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in each of the 11 counts. Further, the Court finds that probation would not serve the ends of justice, nor be in the best interest of the public, nor would this have a deterrent effect for such gross behavior to animals. You shall serve 90 days of your sentence on condition that \$3242.84 be paid to the Dyersburg Humane Society for the expenses in removing the helpless dogs from your custody. You are further prohibited from ever running or owning any animal kennel or owning any animal as a pet.

"There are those who would argue that you should be confined in a house trailer with no ventilation or in a cell three by seven with eight or ten other inmates with no plumbing, no exercise and no opportunity to feel the sun or smell fresh air. However, the Courts of this land have held that such treatment is cruel and inhuman, and it is. You will not be treated the same way that you treated these helpless animals that you abused to make a dollar."

You can read the full opinion at:

<http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/OPINIONS/tcca/PDF/022/johnsonjudy&stanley.pdf>.

What can YOU do to help prevent others from abusing animals in this way?

1. Publicly support spay/neuter programs.
2. If you breed, do so only selectively where the breeding will benefit the breed, the parents are free from significant physical or temperament problems, and you have advance reservations for most of the planned litter.
3. Screen all homes carefully. Be on the alert for buyers who may be actual or potential puppy-millers.
4. Use limited registration in conjunction with spay/neuter contracts to prevent puppy buyers from breeding pet quality dogs.
5. Report any suspected animal abuse promptly.
6. Educate the public on how to find a responsible breeder. See our website's article on this subject.
http://www.nashvilledog.com/dog_selection.htm.



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

Puppy Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 27, 8 pm
Thursday, August 29, 7 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 12:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 12:30 pm

Level 1

Tuesday, August 27, 7 pm
Thursday, August 27, 7 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 12:30 pm

Level 2 (CGC)

Tuesday, August 27, 8 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 8pm

Level 3

Tuesday, August 27, 8 pm

Level 4

Thursday, August 29, 8 pm

Heeling

On hiatus until further notice.

Open

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

Utility

Thursdays, 7 pm, ongoing

Conformation

Mondays, 7 pm, ongoing
No class September 2

Recreational Agility

Monday, September 9, 8 pm

Novice Agility

Monday, September 9, 8pm

Introductory Agility

Monday, September 9, 6:45pm



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-- Bev Watson



To those of you who have tried to contact me at the email address on the back of last month's Recall, I apologize! I changed employment in June, and consequently changed my email address and daytime phone. Please update your contact records as follows: beverly.watson@essenthealthcare.com; daytime phone 615-312-5105.

Thank goodness, cooler weather is just around the corner, and with it, the start of show season, with obedience and agility trials and tracking tests just about every weekend. NDTC has made it through the summer without serious damage to our financial situation. We have not had to tap into our Future Fund, which holds steady at \$10,000, although revenues have decreased somewhat due to reduced class enrollments. We continue to take in more than we spend, which is always good!

If you have not dropped by the building recently, please make an effort to do so. Don Lehr has supplemented the roof ventilator with large, wall-mounted ventilator fans, and the effect is remarkable. Additionally, we are running the upstairs air conditioner full-time in order to reduce the wear and tear on the equipment. We found that

turning it on just for class created too heavy a load by forcing it to try to cool a blazing hot upstairs room.

Special thanks go to the group who attended our Padding and Pizza party. The following group turned out to complete taping the mats to the padding and general building clean up and enjoyed pizza and a good time. Don Lehr, Lynn James, Debbie Cutter, Christine Warmouth, Lee Hulett, David Taylor, Bonnie Davis, Angela Still, Curt Brock, Joyce Garman, Karen Booker, Melanie Del Villaggio, Janiece Harrison, Jean Ervin, and Jenny Cobb . . . My old timer's disease has kicked in and I am very sure I left someone's name off the list! Please know that it was not intentional and that your efforts are truly appreciated.

I want to encourage each and every member to participate in as many NDTC events as possible in the next few months. Our decent financial situation right now is a direct result of the efforts of many volunteers, and you should be aware that your participation in even the smallest way has a great impact when combined with the efforts of other members. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

New Device Tracks Lost Pets

A device that will be on the market soon tracks lost pets using the Global Positioning System. It weighs about a pound and is attached to the pet's collar. If the pet is lost, its exact location is displayed on a PDA, personal computer, or cell phone, or via a monitoring company that will contact the owner.

Expected to be available by the end of the year, the device has not yet been priced. However, it is expected that it will be quite expensive, since hand-held GPS units may cost around \$300. It has been reported that those expressing an early interest in the product may be given a discount. Therefore, it may be to your advantage to contact the manufacturer now to express an interest.

GPS Tracks, Inc., located in Dallas, Texas, can be contacted via <http://www.gpstracks.com> or by calling 214-520-9400. The website contains additional information about the product.

CONDOLENCES

NDTC offers our sincere condolences to our Property Chair, Erin Hamedi, for the sudden and unexpected loss of her brother. Erin, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We also extend our condolences to Dan Jett on the death of McDuff of Deveron ("Duffy") CDX AX AXJ HS AD HTD-Ilds HRD-IIs TT (July 21, 1987 - July 31, 2002). Duffy was Dan's first dog.

NEW AGILITY CLASSES

Introductory Agility

Starts Monday, September 9th

Class from 6:45 to 7:45, for 8 weeks

Prerequisites: successful completion of Level 1 and reliable off-lead control of dog, even with distractions

Novice Agility

Starts Monday, September 9th

Class from 8:00 to 9:00 for 8 weeks

Prerequisites: successful completion of Introductory Agility or Beginner/Starters class at another facility

See our website for more details.

NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming new members Terry Wagner and June Johnston. Their contact information is included in the revised and updated membership roster in this issue.

"KEY" CHANGES

The building locks will be changed over Labor Day weekend. New keys will be made available to current instructors, committee and board members, and certain other members who require regular access to the building. The keys will be numbered and will require a \$15.00 deposit from each recipient. The \$15.00 deposit will be refunded when the key is returned. Erin Hamedi will supervise the key distribution. You may contact her at 615-294-1988 or at ehamedi@yahoo.com. Keys will be available at the August club meeting on August 26.

NASHVILLE HUMANE ASSOCIATION AGILITY FUN MATCH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Nashville Humane Association is holding a full-scale Agility Fun Match as part of its annual Dog Days celebration on Saturday, October 5 at Centennial Park. There will be four classes offered: Excellent, Open, Novice, and Pre-Novice. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, as space is limited. All pre-registrations received by September 27 will be eligible to win two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines!

Cash and merchandise prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each class in each jump height except Pre-Novice. Entry fee is \$10, which goes to the Nashville Humane Association.

To enter Excellent and Open, your dog must have earned at least one leg in an AKC, USDAA, or NADAC agility event. For Novice and Pre-Novice, no legs are required but the dog must be familiar with and comfortable on all regulation agility equipment and be able to act responsibly off-lead with a reliable recall.

For more information and a registration form, contact Shannon Fredricksen at the Nashville Humane Association: 352-4030 extension 3011, or e-mail her at: shannon@nashvillehumane.org.

In addition to this event, NDTC will be sponsoring an information booth at Dog Day. We will need volunteers to staff the booth during the day to hand out brochures and information on responsible dog ownership, as well as information about NDTC's classes and activities. This is a very important marketing opportunity for our club. To volunteer to help at Dog Day contact Bev Watson at 615-297-1229 or beverly.watson@essenthealthcare.com.

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Connie Cleveland

Obedience Problem Solving Seminar

December 7-8, 2002

Nashville, TN

Some of Connie's past accomplishments include:

- 5 OTCHs
- 1995 and 1996 Super Dog Winner at Gaines/Cycle Central Regionals
- UDT Maltese (her first dog)
- CDX Shih Tzu
- FC-AFC-OTCH Lab

Connie has recently completed UD's on her Labrador Retriever FC AFC "Ezra" (OTCH pointed) and Golden Retriever ARC "Eli". She is now working on their OTCHs.

This is a working seminar. If you would like Connie to work with you and your dog, please specify the problem on a separate sheet of paper.

Cost: \$150.00 per dog/handler team for 2 days (limited number of participants)

\$75.00 per person for 2 days to audit (unlimited)

Continental breakfast and lunch included. Plenty of crating space available.

Registration opens September 4, 2002.

Registration closes November 1, 2002.

Directions to the clinic and a list of motels will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

_____ **Working seminar \$150**

_____ **Audit seminar \$75**

If all working slots are filled, do you want to audit the seminar? _____ Yes _____ No

Please make checks payable to Nashville Dog Training Club and mail registration to:

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