



# DIXIE RECALL

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Newsletter of the Nashville Dog Training Club

November 2002

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., 11/25: November Member Meeting  
Sat./Sun., 12/7 & 8: Connie Cleveland Seminar, NDTC Training Building  
Mon., 12/9: Board Meeting  
Friday, 12/13: NDTC Christmas Party and December Member Meeting

### 2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Board of Directors for calendar year 2003 were elected at the October club meeting. They are as follows:

President:	Jenny Cobb
Vice President:	David Taylor
Treasurer:	Deanna Levenhagen
Secretary:	Debbie Cutter
Training Director:	Bev Watson
Membership/Historian:	Connie Womack
Property Chair:	Erin Hamedi

The nominee for the Secretary position, Faye Head, was required to withdraw prior to the election. We thank Debbie Cutter for volunteering to serve in this important capacity in the coming year.

Additionally, shortly after the election, our Treasurer-elect, Deanna Levenhagen, accepted a wonderful job offer from an outstanding biotech company. Unfortunately, this position is located in Minneapolis, MN! Needless to say, this put the new Board in a bit of bind. We're happy to report that Janiece Harrison has volunteered to serve as Treasurer.

Deanna's imminent departure also adversely affected our upcoming Obedience Trial, as she was Secretary for that event. Again, a big thank you to Janiece Harrison, who will be taking over this pivotal position.

### **WE'LL MISS YOU, DEANNA!**

Please join me in wishing Deanna Levenhagen the best of luck and success in her new home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We'll all miss Deanna,

Pooh and Hayden – Deanna, please keep in touch and let us know how the girls like the snow!



### **NDTC 2002 Christmas Party**

Mark your calendars! Friday, December 13 is the date of our 2002 Christmas Party. The event will take place at Denise McClure's house in Brentwood. The club will provide the meat, and we will depend on the outstanding cooks who grace our membership to provide the accompaniments. Please let Denise know what tasty side dishes you plan to bring. Her email is [emcclure@bellsouth.net](mailto:emcclure@bellsouth.net), or call her at 615-309-8049. Additionally, we will be holding our "Dirty Santa" gift swap, so plan to bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift.

In addition to lots of fun and camaraderie, the annual NDTC Christmas Party is also when title pins are awarded to members. If you have earned any titles this year, you should have communicated that information to Denise previously. At last count, NDTC members have racked up an impressive 74 titles this year! This number does not include titles achieved by former members who did not renew in June, plus I am sure there are many members who have not contacted Denise with their information. The titles we are aware of include obedience, agility, tracking, herding, lure coursing, hunting, conformation, CGC – you can see we are a wonderfully diverse group!

Directions to Denise's house follow.

From Nashville and the north, take I-65 South to Concord Rd exit. At the first light turn left onto Concord Rd. Once you are on Concord Road, go to the third light and turn right onto Wilson Pike (BP-Williams station at the intersection). At the first light, turn left onto Crockett Rd (there is a church by this corner). Stay on Crockett Rd until you see a subdivision sign on the right that says "Raintree Forest". Take a right into Raintree Forest. Stay on this divided road and go on through the neighborhood, up a hill and past a subdivision sign that says "Highland Park". After the hill, watch for Charity Drive (second left after entering Highland Park). Make a left onto Charity. After the 4-way stop on Charity Dr., my house is the second on the right (1733 Charity). The number is on the mailbox. I have lighted deer in the front yard.

From south of the Cool Springs area, take I-65 North to the Moores Lane East exit. Stay on Moores Lane until it dead ends into Wilson Pike. Make a right onto Wilson Pike. Be careful of the road construction. Make a left where the road appears to cut between large construction hills and go over the railroad tracks. After crossing the tracks, make a right. Then at the stop sign make a left (traffic from the right does not stop). I'm sorry, but with the construction the street signs are gone. Continue on this road and pass through the subdivision sign "Highland Park". Take the second right (Charity Drive). Once on Charity Drive, my house is the second home on the right after the 4-way stop (1733). I have lighted deer in the front yard.

You can park in my driveway, on the street, on the cross street at the 4way stop sign, and in Judy Hackett's driveway next door (1735 Charity Dr.)

Denise's phone number is 615-309-8049 in case you get lost.

## **NDTC TRACKING DOG TEST A HUGE SUCCESS!**

October 27, 2002 dawned cool and cloudy – perfect weather for a tracking test! And perfect it was! Ten dogs were entered and 8 passed – extraordinary statistics! We thank Judges Susan and Orrin Eldred and tracklayers Marian Morris, Lynn Rose, Terri Schmitt, Bev Watson and Jeff Whitsitt for their hard work. Bev Watson served as Test Chairperson/Secretary for the event. The test was once again held at The Hermitage, Home of Andrew Jackson, and we are extremely grateful to the management of The Hermitage and particularly to Yvonne Wheeler of the Group Events Department for continuing to allow us to utilize this magnificent and historic property for our tests.

Congratulations to the following NDTC members who successfully completed their Tracking Dog (TD) titles at our test:

- Judy Hackett and Border Collie, Magee;
- Janiece Harrison and Beagle, Annie;
- June Johnston and Pointer, Fancy;
- Debbie Cutter and Scottish Deerhound, Ariel.

The additional tracking teams who were successful at our test were:

- Marilyn Burke and Dancer, English Springer Spaniel (Roswell, GA);
- Jane Mohr and Boo, Cocker Spaniel (Brentwood, TN);
- Lynda Oleksuk and Joy, Australian Shepherd (all the way from Blacksburg, VA);
- Carol Rives and Chaucer, Cocker Spaniel (Huntsville, AL).

We are again extremely grateful to Tammy Haney's Dad for his outstanding smoked chicken! Mr. Haney, I don't believe we could hold tracking tests if we didn't have your smoked chicken to look forward to! Big thank you's also to Paula Harris for her excellent chili, to Debbie Cutter for the Halloween cupcakes and to Lynn Rose for providing water and soft drinks.

AKC TD/TDX Judge Jane Kline stopped by to enjoy the event, and ended up observing and certifying two dogs. Bev Watson and English Springer Spaniel, Firkin, and Marian Morris (tracklayer from Florence, AL) and Curly Coated Retriever, Maica successfully completed their TD certification tracks. It was quite a day!

NDTC will not be sponsoring a TDX test this coming spring, but watch for news of our TD test next October, 2003 (pending AKC approval).

## **2003 CHRISTMAS PARADE AND NDTC YARD SALE CANCELLED**

NDTC members will not be walking in the Nashville Christmas Parade this year, as we had no members to volunteer to organize this event.

Likewise, we have postponed our annual yard sale. We had very few donations, and the weekend on which the yard sale was scheduled turned out to be an "away" weekend for many of our members. We're looking at rescheduling in the spring.

## **CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR**

**DEC 7 & 8**

We continue to finalize plans for our upcoming seminar presented by premier trainer, Connie Cleveland. Connie is a remarkable speaker, as well as an extraordinary trainer. Her seminars are highly informative, educational and suitable for dogs and handlers at all levels of training. We do still have a few working spots available, as well as unlimited audit spots. A registration form is included in this issue of the Recall. If any club members would like to assist with transportation or breakfast items both days, please contact Debbi Martin at 615-367-1931 or at [basset515@comcast.net](mailto:basset515@comcast.net).

### **WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE**

In keeping with our not-for-profit status, we are in the process of changing our website address from [www.nashvilledog.com](http://www.nashvilledog.com) to [www.nashvilledog.org](http://www.nashvilledog.org). You should not experience any difficulty in accessing this new address, and the .com address should forward you directly to the new .org address. Should you have any difficulty in accessing our website, please contact David Taylor, our most excellent webmaster at [paws4you@charter.net](mailto:paws4you@charter.net).

### **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Join me in welcoming the following new members to our remarkable, versatile organization:

Michelle Martin and Weimeraner, Pepper  
615-356-9150            [mydogpepper@netzero.net](mailto:mydogpepper@netzero.net)  
512 Old Hickory Blvd., #1003  
Nashville, TN 37209

Jackie Brasen and Akita, Cisco  
615-792-9246            [jrbrasen@copper.net](mailto:jrbrasen@copper.net)  
81 Hicks Lane  
Ashland City, TN 37015



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

We have big news on the brag front! NDTC celebrates our first VCD2! Judy Hackett and Border Collie CH Shoreland's Doublestuff Magee, HT, OAJ, AX, CDX, obtained their TD title at the NDTC Tracking Test on October 27, which was all they needed for that coveted and elusive VCD2! Big congratulations to Judy and Magee!

Lee Kasten and Giant Schnauzer, Rodeo, achieved their first CD at the Louisville obedience trial on October 27. They got their second CD leg at the Huntsville Obedience Trial. Congratulations, Lee and Rodeo!

Big congratulations to new member Jackie Brasen and Akita, Cisco, who recently obtained their Canine Good Certificate.

Denise McClure and her 6 month old Bernese Mountain Dog puppy, Brighteye Shooting Star (Hayley) earned their TD tracking title on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Gateway Tracking Club's tracking test at Robertsville State Park in Robertsville, Mo. Hayley "ran" her track in 8 minutes and was the only pass of the day. Hayley is the youngest Berner ever to earn a TD title!

Lynn James and English Cocker, Madrilene Its Good To Be King (George), earned their OA and OAJ titles this year.

Janiece Harrison and Beagle, Whisky Creek's Annie Oakley (Annie) are thrilled to report that they can now add a TD to Annie's accomplishments for 2002. That TD was all Annie and Janiece needed to complete their VCD1. Congratulations, girls!

Faye Head and West Highland White Terrier, CH Wynecroft Winning Ticket, NAJ (Daphne) earned their first OAJ leg on Saturday and took 2nd place in the 12" inch division. On Sunday, Daphne earned her first Novice Standard leg and took 2nd place.

Not to be outdone, Faye and Whippet, Hunterhill's Winsome Duchess (Wallis) completed their CD at the recent Huntsville Obedience Trials. Faye, you and the girls have been busy!

Paula Harris and Labrador Retriever, Seawind's Memphis Blues CDX (Norman) earned their 2nd UD leg at the Paducah KC obedience trial on Sunday.

Bev Watson and English Springer Spaniel, Fair Wind's Firkin, successfully completed their TD certification track following the NDTC Tracking test on October 27.

Cindy Franks' Australian Shepherd, Callie Ann Franks UD AX OAJ ASCA/CDX, earned her UD title on Nov. 9th at Huntsville Obedience Club's trial in Huntsville, AL. She earned this third leg with a second place finish. Callie went on the following weekend to earn her AX title. The third and titling leg was earned at the Clarksville agility trial on Nov. 16 with a score of 100 and a second place.

Cindy Franks' Shetland Sheepdog, Rocky A. Franks CDX AX OAJ ASCA/STDD, earned his second AXJ leg with a first place win and a score of 85 at the Clarksville Agility Trial on Nov. 16.

Cindy Franks' Australian Shepherd, Lookaway Captivated CDX OA OAJ ASCA/CDX, earned his OAJ title at Clarksville's Agility Trial on Nov. 17, with a score of 100 and a second place finish.

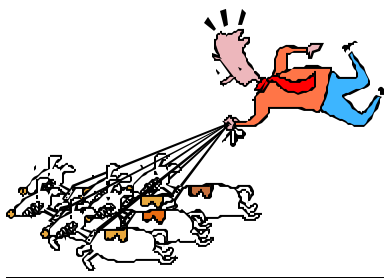
I believe Nola Simmons and Miniature Schnauzer, Jake have a second CDX leg to report, but haven't heard the particulars yet. Nola?

**To submit brags, please help Denise by providing the following information: Your name; dog's registered name, if any; dog's call name; dog's breed or approximate composition; legs/placements/titles earned; date and show at which earned. Submit brags to Denise McClure at [emcclure@bellsouth.net](mailto:emcclure@bellsouth.net), 1733 Charity Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027, or put them in her box in the office at the Club.**

## CRATING AT NDTC BUILDING

A reminder . . . If you are not currently instructing or serving the club in some capacity, please remove your crate(s) from the building. Also, if you know of a former member or occasional visitor who has left a crate at the building, will you please contact that person and ask them to retrieve their crate? Quite a few crates appear to be abandoned and some are downright nasty. On December 14h, any crates that are not identified with the currently supportive club

member's name and any crates belonging to members who are not currently providing a service to the club will be donated to the Nashville Humane Association. Additionally, crates belonging to instructors or members currently serving the club that house dogs who are territorial and aggressive in that regard will be moved to the back of the building in order to avoid intimidating the Level I dogs working in the first ring.



## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

### Puppy Kindergarten

Tuesday, January 14, 8 pm  
Thursday, January 16, 7 pm

### Level 1

Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm  
Thursday, January 16, 7 pm

### Level 2 (CGC)

Tuesday, January 22, 8 pm

### Level 3

Tuesday, January 14, 8 pm

### Level 4

Thursday, January 16, 8 pm

### Heeling

Wednesday nights, ongoing

### 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

### Tracking

Sundays, 8 am, ongoing

### Novice Agility

Monday, January 13,

### Introductory Agility

Mondays, 6:45pm, ongoing

## **How to prepare for a puppy**

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded in a blender.
3. Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"
4. Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
5. Play "catch" with a soggy wet tennis ball.
6. Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.
7. Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.
8. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
9. Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.
10. Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't clean it up until you return from work that evening.
11. Gouge the leg of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver - it's going to get chewed on anyway.

12. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.

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## CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS!

Do you have good organizational skills? Are you handy with a computer? Would you like to play a pivotal role in a premier NDTA and AKC event? Then we have the job for you! We need a volunteer to serve as obedience trial secretary for our 2004 combined obedience/agility event. This person will need to receive entries for the event, log them religiously into a computer program (thanks to Dr. Deanna Levenhagen for designing this handy software) and maintain the records for and during the event. This person will be excluded from entering the event by AKC requirements, but will enjoy being the first person to know who placed first in each class, and will also be able to streamline the award of trophies and ribbons. Please contact 2004 Obedience Trial Chair Claudia Dickerson at 615-790-9179 or [Claudia.dickerson@nashville.com](mailto:Claudia.dickerson@nashville.com) to offer your services for this key position.

# Connie Cleveland

## Obedience Problem Solving Seminar

### Working Slots Still Available

### 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.

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**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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