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Special points of interest:

- Agility Trial Jan 30—Feb 2
- Obedience Trial March 29th & 30th
- Check building availability using the "[Events Calendar](#)"
- Make ring reservations by calling David Taylor 931-486-1244 or email at: rental@nashvilledog.org
- Next Club Meeting Jan 27th
- Next Board Meeting Moved to Feb 17th

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Nashville Dog Training Club Newsletter



NDTC has New Look Online!

Our web-master has implemented some upgrades to the web site. These changes should make browsing easier and more efficient. You will notice that the Schedule page has been replaced with an annual calendar of events that you can search or print as you desire. As you will see we have a fresh look for our club news letter, we hope you enjoy this online version. Go check out the website at www.nashvilledog.org.

2003 Annual Agility Trial on Track

Don't forget, NDTC's agility trial will be held on January 30 - February 2, at the Williamson Agricultural Complex just off Interstate 65 south of Nashville at the Peytonsville exit (locals know it as Goose Creek exit). The trial will run from approximately 8 AM everyday until 5 or so. Nearly 300 dog and handler teams are entered over the 4 day period. The International classes (standard on Thursday, Jumpers of Friday) will probably begin around 4:30 pm. Our trial has attracted world class competition from all over the United States! Please come on out! You will see lots of familiar faces and dogs competing.

Shopping for dog-aholics! We are going to have nearly 25 different dog and agility vendors at our trial! There will be jewelry, crates, toys, leashes, photo frames, treats, dog sculpture, accessories -- you name it! Come and enjoy the fun at the Vendor Village!

Come and help! If you have never seen an agility trial you can help your club by volunteering to be part of the ring crew. Contact [Linda Hargett](#) or [Denise McClure](#). There are some great volunteer prizes and a free lunch!

2003 Obedience Trial Property Chairman Needed

This person would hire a team and oversee the cleaning, loading, and unloading of mats to and from McGavock High School.

Please contact: **Cheryl Brown**, Trial Chairman, for more information at 646-3176 or obedtrial@nashvilledog.org.

It is imperative that someone volunteer for this job. The trial cannot take place without mats, jumps, and rings set up.

Do You Want to Rent a Ring?

It's a new year and trial's are quickly approaching. Many of us could benefit from our own private indoor training facility!

Well you have one, just check out the "Events Calendar" on the NDTC web site for availability. If there is a date and time open that fits your training needs, send an email to rental@nashvilledog.org or call David Taylor at (931)486-1244. This is first come first serve, and open to members or non-members. You can rent 1, 2, 3 rings or the entire building.

Rates are as follows:

- \$10.00 per hour / per ring
- Full Members—50% discount

Volunteer Hour Opportunities

- Obedience Trial Property Chair—contact [Cheryl Brown](#)
- Rover Retail during the Obedience Trial—contact [Bev Watson](#)
- Help set up for the Obedience Trial—contact [David Taylor](#)
- Agility Trial Ring Crew—contact [Linda Hargett](#)
- Obedience Trial equipment needs painting—contact [Jenny Cobb](#)
- Agility Show N Go Stewards for February—contact [Lynn James](#)

Show N Go's for 2003

Have you never stepped into a ring, or maybe you just need some fine tuning?

Whatever the case may be, Show N Go's are a great way to gain experience. It's the only place where you can train in the ring and remain in the ring!

Please visit the "[Events Calendar](#)" for the most updated Show N Go schedules.

Rover Retail

It is that time of year again!

We are looking for items for the Rover Retail booth that will be at the 2003 Obedience trial. Last year Rover Retail grossed over \$800.00 due to such nice donations. Things that go well are: leashes, toys, dishes, Dog First Aid Kits, Wine, etc.

Also needed are baskets to arrange the items and volunteers to decorate these baskets.

Remember that membership renewal is in July, do you have your hours?

Please contact Bev Watson at training@nashvilledog.org or call her at 615-297-1229.



NDTC Welcomes New Members

- Lorie Jolly
Lorie has Goldens
- Tim Bennett
I am sorry I don't know Tim's breed(s)



Please Volunteer to Teach
Classes! Contact Bev Watson
at training@nashvilledog.org

Obedience Show N Go's

February 8th and 9th
March 16th

Agility Show N Go's

February 15th
Split Registration
8a.m. to 9a.m
10:30a.m to 11:30a.m.

Send your brags to:
Connie Womack at
membership@nashvilledog.org

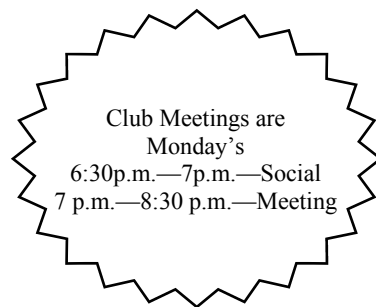
Include the following:

1. Your name
2. Dog's full name
3. Dog's call name
4. Your accomplishment
5. Location of event
6. Date that it happened

Health Notes

Are you poisoning your loved one?

- The “water” in those lovely snow globes contains antifreeze which is deadly to dogs, they love the sticky sweet taste.
- “Cocoa Mulch”, sold in garden supply stores, contains an ingredient called “Theo bromine” which is lethal to dogs and cats. Animals are attracted to it because it smells like chocolate. Please check what you are using in your gardens, or if you are lucky enough to have a gardener check with them.



News Briefs

- NDTC now has regular trash removal and a dumpster out side the building (at the end of the ramp). Please drop off your baggies in the dumpster when you clean up after your dog or when you take trash out from the building.
- The Obedience and Agility Show N Go's the weekend of January 11 & 12 raised \$800.00!!
- The Monday night agility classes (beginner and novice) will be accepting registrations through the start of February. Contact agility@nashvilledog.org for more information.
- All unclaimed items from the cancelled yard sale will be donated to good cause starting January 19, 2003.
- If you are interested in making a trophy donation for the Obedience Trial, contact Claudia Dickerson.
- We are pleased to announce that we are purchasing 1 rings worth of New Mats at a cost of \$2,000.00.
- Please do not put liquids in the trash cans, empty your coke cans first!

Jan 27

Feb 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

June 23

July 28

Aug 25

Sept 22

Oct 27

Nov 24

Dec 13

NDTC Thank You Notes

A big “Thank You” and our appreciation goes out to:

- All those who worked at the Obedience Show N Go, especially: Jean Ervin, Pat Thorne, Bonnie Davis, Claudia Dickerson, Holly Waldrop, Mary Dowden, Angie Bauman, Beth Clark, Perry Webb, Jodie Howard, Robin Raushenberger, Jan Vandebunt, Adrina Drake, Meg Flowers, Janice Getzmer, Frances Deloney, Faye Head, Sandra Edson, Joyce Garman, and Joey Thorne.
- Everyone who worked at the Agility Show N Go on January 11, especially: Karen Booker, Jenny Cobb, Joyce Garman, Jean Hood, Lynn James, Kip Kirby, Don Lehr, and David Taylor
- The Board would like to thank the members who have worked to tidy up the building and rearranging and labeling their crates.
- Thank you to Donna Zeedar, Don Lehr, and David Taylor for repainting the agility contacts before the next classes start!

If you have someone (or something?) you would like to thank please contact the [Editor](#) Denise McClure.



What is an Obedience Title Really

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher Title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. Although the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed! A Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good, dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified. A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And, when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name. A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

This was read at the 2002 Christmas party, and was requested to be shared through the newsletter.

2002 Titles Exceeded Expectations

2002 was an exciting and prosperous year! Our friends/dogs earned at least **90** titles ranging from CGC—MXJ. 2002 Titles Web Page under construction.

CGC	Canine Good Citizen	13	StD	Started Ducks-ASCA	1
CD	Companion Dog	8	NA	Novice Agility	5
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent	5	NAJ	Novice Agility Jumpers	11
UD	Utility Dog	5	OA	Open Agility	10
TD	Tracking Dog	6	OAJ	Open Agility Jumpers	8
TDX	Tracking Dog Excellent	1	AX	Agility Excellent	4
JC	Junior Courser	1	AXJ	Agility Jumpers Excellent	2
JH	Junior Hunter	1	MX	Masters Agility Excellent	2
PT	Pretrial-test, herding	1	MXJ	Masters Agility Excellent Jumpers	1
CH	Conformation Champion	5			

Club Member Brags

- Faye Head's Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Molly, earned her 2nd AXJ leg on Dec. 8 in Montgomery, AL with a 2nd place finish.
- Connie Womack's Irish Setter, Rowdy, earned his CGC in December
- Joyce Garman's Zorra earned her CGC in December
- Bev Watson's Springer Spaniel, Firckin, earned his CGC in December.

Note from the Editor

Please bear with me for the next couple of months while I figure out how to go about this "editor business". I have never done anything like this before. We hope this new way of delivering the "Dixie Recall" meets with everyone's approval! David Taylor—Thanks for all your patient help!

The Dixie Recall

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