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- Check building/ring availability using the "[Events Calendar](#)" or call David Taylor (615) 261-0692
- Next Club Meeting Oct. 27
- Next Board Mtg. Nov. 10

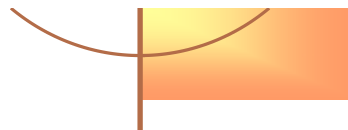


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Nashville Dog Training Club



Doggie Dollars Update

There will be a presentation of our new "Doggie Dollars" rewards program to the membership at the October general club meeting. There will also be input and discussion of this new program by the members at that time. This program will replace our current system of rewards to members who volunteer to teach classes, work at show and go's, volunteer for trial committees and board members and other special positions filled by members on an annual basis. Please come and offer your suggestions as to how best we can implement this program fairly to all members.

Halloween Safety

To make your Halloween less scary for your pet, follow these four tips from the Humane Society of the United States.

Eat your own treats. Candy, especially chocolate, poses a serious threat to pets. Give safe, nutritious pet treats instead.

Avoid costumes for your pet. Pets dislike confining clothes and masks. Rubber bands cut into skin and cause infection and pain.

Keep your pet inside. Halloween pranksters sometimes target pets, even in fenced backyards. Don't take your pet trick-or-treating; it may become over-excited and break loose or bite.

Be sure your pet wears a collar with ID in case it slips out of the house while you distribute goodies.

Play keep away. Prevent access to seasonal decorations such as candles and jack-o-lanterns with open flames or streamers that could entangle or choke your dog.

2004 Obedience Trial

The 2004 Obedience Trial will be here soon!! This year the trial will be four days instead of the usual two. This means more ribbons and more prizes!!! The trophy fund needs donations from NDTC's members for its success. We would like to offer at the 2004 Obedience trial cash prizes each day for "Highest Scoring Dog," "2nd Highest Scoring Dog," and "Highest Combined Scores." PLEASE consider sponsoring one of these prizes or donating to the general trophy fund!!! ANY donation is greatly appreciated!!!

Donations may be sent to the Club's P.O. Box. That address is P.O. Box 292977, Nashville, 37229. If you wish to contact me, my e-mail is B.057B@Juno.com and my phone is 885-1472.

Thanks!
Donna Zeedar

Health Notes

Each month we will give a symptom and some possible causes and treatments. This is by no means a substitute for veterinary care or a diagnostic guide, just some common causes.

Symptom	Causes	Treatment
Excessive repeated Swallowing. Diagnosis made by: physical exam, blood test. X-ray.	Swollen lymph glands. Indicate Infection somewhere in body or	Antibiotics for infection. Chemotherapy for cancer.
	Object in throat.	May require surgery.
	Cancer in throat.	Surgery. Chemotherapy.
	Tracheal trauma. Can be caused by jerking on leash.	Rest. Surgery. Use body harness instead of collar.

Blue Powder Ear Treatment

“This formula has been handed down from a wonderful veterinarian, now deceased. Many have found it also effective for cuts, fungus between toes, and small tumor-like cysts, but must be done faithfully as instructed. I would remind you that the ears are very sensitive and your dog may appreciate having it warmed up a bit. I’ve found that the best way to warm up a solution is to place it in a cup or glass of very warm water for about a half hour or so (By Helen McKinnon)

“BLUE POWER EAR TREATMENT”

INGREDIENTS:

16 oz. Isopropyl Alcohol
4 tablespoons Boric Acid Powder
16 drops Gentian Violet Solution 1%

Mix together in alcohol bottle and shake well. You will also need to shake solution every time you use it to disperse the Boric Acid Powder. To use, purchase the “Clairol” type plastic bottle to dispense solution to affected ears.

TREATMENT:

Evaluate condition of ears before treating and if very inflamed and sore do not attempt to pull hair or clean out ear at all. Wait until inflammation has subsided which will be about two days. Shake bottle each time before using. Flood the ear with solution (gently squirt bottle), massage gently to the count of 60, wipe with a tissue. Flood again on first treatment, wipe with a tissue, and leave alone without massage. The dog will shake out the excess which can be wiped with a tissue, the Genetian Violet does stain fabrics.

SCHEDULE OF TREATMENT:

Treat 2x per day for the first week to two weeks depending upon severity of ears. Treat 1x per day for the next 1-2 weeks, treat 1x per month (or even less, depending on dog).

All of these ingredients should be available at a pharmacy.

The solution appears to work well on any and all ear problems from mites to wax to canker. After the 2nd or 3rd day you can clean out the ear with a Q-tip or cotton balls. Their success rate for this treatment is 95-99%. Those who do not succeed have usually not done the treatment long enough or have not been regular about it. Dogs on the verge of ear canal surgery have been returned to normal with only the regular follow-up treatment to keep the ear healthy. If an infection seems to be remaining in the treated ear after the above course of treatment, you may also have some Pseudomonas bacteria in the site. This can be eradicated by using a gentle flush of raw apple cider vinegar and water (2 tbsp vinegar to one cup water, 2x per week). They have found the Blue Power Solution to be effective for treating fungus-type infections on the feet and elsewhere on the dog, for cuts on dogs or people, and for hot spots. You may find other uses. Remember, external use only. Do not get into eyes.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

Andrea Kyllarova
(Golden Retriever)

Jo Anne Bacharowski
(Portugese Water Dog)

Carol Croop
(Soft Wheaten Terr/ GSD)

Lisa Micheals
(Amer. Eskimo Dog)

Elizabeth E. Burnett
(Soft Wheaton Terr.)

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

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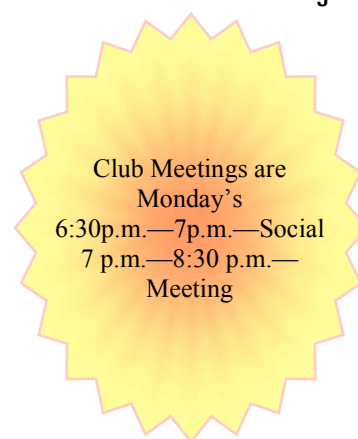
1. Your name
2. Dog’s full name
3. Dog’s call name
4. Your accomplishment
5. Location of event
6. Date that it happened



Pet Friendly Lodging

Now that show season is in full swing, here is a partial list of chains whose properties nearly always allow pets (this is the first part of the list, watch for the second part next month):

Admiral Benbow Inns
 AmeriSuites
 Candlewood Suites
 Chase Suite Hotels
 ClubHouse Inn & Suites
 Drury Inns, Inn & Suites, Lodges, and Plaza Hotels
 E-Z 8 Motels
 Fairmont Hotels and Resorts
 Heartland Inns
 Helmsley Hotels



Club Meetings are
 Monday's
 6:30p.m.—7p.m.—Social
 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—
 Meeting

Oct 27

Nov 24

Thank You

Jackie Brasen, Mr Brasen, Andrea Florian, Joyce Davis, Pat Thorne, and Curt Brock for filling in at the last minute as instructors, assistants, and assisting in finding instructors.

September Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2003

Present: Jenny Cobb, Debbie Cutter, David Taylor, Janiece Harrison, Don Lehr
 The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM.

Don motioned to approve the August board meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Business plan suggestions were discussed. David moved that NDTC hire a bookkeeper to manage the day to day business accounts of NDTC. Janiece seconded, motion passed. Reasons for hiring a bookkeeper will be presented at the September general meeting. Specifics of the job description and possible pay ranges were discussed. Monthly reports needed for operation of NDTC were discussed.

David moved that the current obedience trial committee go ahead and purchase the necessary equipment to hold Rally classes at the 2004 obedience trial. Motion passed.

Debbie Maxwell's conformation match proposal was discussed. Additional information on number of ribbons needed is required. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Profit sharing with local agility clubs was discussed. This will be revisited at the next board meeting.

The Doggie Dollars proposal was discussed.

Don reported that the downstairs refrigerator needs to be discarded as it's a health hazard.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Debbie Cutter, Secretary, NDTC



2004 Slate of Officers

- **President**
David Haddock
- **Vice President**
Holly Waldrop
- **Treasurer**
TBA
- **Membership**
Connie Womack
- **Secretary**
Debbie Cutter
- **Property**
Jackie Brasen
- **Training Director**
Jean Irving

NEW MONTHLY ARTICLE

As space allows, the editor will be featuring a short description of a breed each month. If you would like your breed featured, please email me with an article such as the one in this month's newsletter. Make sure and cite the author or source.

“How Could You?”

The author is Jim Willis, from Pieces of my Heart-Writings Inspired by Animals and Nature

When I was a puppy I entertained you with my antics and made you laugh. You called me your child and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was “bad”, you’d shake your finger at me and ask “How could you?”-but then you’d relent and roll me over for a belly rub.

My houstraining took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling you in bed, listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect. We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because “ice cream is bad for dogs” you said), and I took long naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never chided you about bad decisions, and romped with glee at your homecomings, and when you fell in love.

She, now your wife, is not a “dog person”-still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy. Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate. Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a “prisoner of love”.

As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on wobbly legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch-because your touch was now so infrequent-and I would have defended them with my life if need be.

I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams. Together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway. There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered “yes” and changed the subject. I had gone from being “your dog” to “just a dog” and you resented every expenditure on my behalf.

Now you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You’ve made the right decision for your “family”, but there was a time when I was your only family. I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness.

You filled out the paperwork and said “I know you will find a good home for her.” They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog or cat, even one with “papers”. You had to pry your son’s fingers loose from my collar as he screamed “No, Daddy! Please don’t let them take my dog!” And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life. You gave me a good-bye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and leash with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too.

After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked, “How could you?”

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you-that you had changed your mind-that this was all a bad dream...or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone, who might save me. When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited.

I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room. A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table, rubbed my ears and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days. As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured, “How could you?”



Christmas Party Food, Fun, Gifts and Pins !!!

It is not too early to be thinking about what you want to bring to the annual Christmas Party. Put December 12th down on your calendar now!

For more information, contact Denise McClure, who will be hosting it once again.

Connie Womack will be double-checking titles earned in 2003 in November. If you have not sent a brag for 2003 on your dog, now is the time !!!

She only knows about titles she has been notified about !!!



Please Volunteer to Teach Classes! Contact anyone on the board.

Perhaps because she understood my dog speak, she said, “I’m so sorry”. She hugged me and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn’t be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself—a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place. With my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my “How could you?” was not meant for her. It was you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of. I will think of you and wait for you forever.

May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

Jim is a writer, artist and animal advocate. In 1990, he and his wife, Nicole Valentin, founded and personally funded a multi-species, all-breed rescue and placement, education and advocacy effort, now the Tiergarten Sanctuary Trust. His writings and artwork help to support numerous animal causes.

Club Member Brags

Diane Overstreet has several brags to report. I am sorry to say that some are late due to a loss in “cyberspace”, I guess.

Her Papillion, Rosebud Hunter’s Moon Dancer CGC (Hunter) earned his NJP and placed first in Harriman, TN, March 22, 2003 at the Tennessee Valley Club Agility Trial. Hunter earned his NAP May 18th and placed first in Priceville/Decatur, AL at the Decatur Alabama Kennel Club Agility Trial and earned his OJP and placed fourth July 26th in St. Louis, MO at the Gateway Agility Club of Suburban St. Louis Trial.

Hunter then earned his OAP Sept. 6th at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Trial in Har- riman, TN and placed first. At the USDAA K9 Sports Trial, Sept 13 and 14 in Franklin TN, Hunter placed first in Snooker, second in Gamblers, third in Standard both Saturday and Sun- day, first in Pairs and second in Jumpers (all in Performance Class).

Diane’s other Papillion, Rosebud’s Midnight Dancer CGC (Pierre) earned his NJP and placed first in Harriman, TN March 22 and 23 at the Tennessee Valley Club Agility Trial. Pierre earned his NAP July 26th in St. Louis, MO at the Gateway Agility Club of Suburban St. Louis placing first with a score of 100. Pierre then earned his first Open JWW leg in Perry, GA July 13 and placed third, he earned his second Open JWW leg in St. Louis at the Gateway Agility Club July 26 and placed third. At the USDAA K9 Sports Trial, Sept 13 and 14, in Franklin TN, Pierre placed first in Gamblers, second in Standard the 13th and first in Standard on the 14th, second in Snooker, first in Jumpers and second in Pairs (all in Performance Class).

Conformation Fun Match February 28 & 29, 2004

Yes, we are having the Fun Matches on Leap Year’s Weekend. Mark your calendars now.
Nashville Dog Training Club

Advertising Sponsors for our February 28 and 29, 2004 Fun Matches

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