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Special points of interest:

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- Check building availability and make ring reservations using the "[Events Calendar](#)"
- Next Club Meeting Dec. 10
- Next Board Meeting Dec. 6
- After January 1, make ring reservations by contacting Bruce Oppenheimer at rental@nashvilledog.org
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NASHVILLE DOG TRAINING CLUB

January Agility/Obedience Combined Trial Update

The NDTC Combined Agility/Obedience Trial at end of January is fast approaching.

If you are interesting in volunteering to work at either the agility trial or obedience trial (or maybe even both) please contact the following:

Agility Workers (helping with serving lunch or helping set bars, carry leashes and score sheets, etc) - Denise McClure (emcclure@bellsouth.net) or Connie Womack

Obedience Workers (stewarding) - Pat Thorne or Claudia Dickerson

Please don't feel that you need experience for either of these venues. Both have many positions that can quickly show you what you need to do. Any and all help would be much appreciated!!

Sept/Oct 2005 Agility Trial Update

If you are a person who uses the AKC Events Online Search through AKC, you will have seen that our Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2, 2005 Agility Trial has been approved by AKC.

Tracking Test Update

Tracking test plans are in place. If you have any interest in seeing what tracking is all about, this is a great chance to watch experienced trackers in action. It is the only tracking test in the Nashville area in 2005, so if you are interested, be sure to come observe. For more information contact Denise McClure (emcclure@bellsouth.net).

Christmas Party Update

This year's Christmas Party was once again a fun get-together!

Between 20 and 30 NDTC club members plus a few guests attended this event. The weather cooperated (no bad roads) the food was great, , and there were great gifts opened in the gift game.

Thank you all for coming and for the great help with everything. I enjoy having the party at my home but I am truly lacking in the "hostess" role.

Bonnie Davis and I will be expecting our commission checks from Dyson any day now for our demo and sales pitch for the "purple animal".

If you earned a title in 2004 and reported it to Connie Womack and you were not at the Xmas Party to pick it up, you can pick your pin(s) up in the membership mailbox at NDTC. Any pins not picked up by April 1, 2005, become the property of the club.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED !!!

It is that time of the year once again!!

Time to give of yourself and volunteer to teach or assist a class or two during 2005. Our class enrollment grew by leaps and bounds in 2004. The club added many overflow classes this year.

It is a great way to meet your 10 hours of volunteering requirement.

Contact Jean Ervin to volunteer, or contact the following coordinators:

Puppy—Beth Clark
 Level One—Andrea Kyllarova
 Level Two—Denise McClure
 Level Three — Pat Thorne
 Agility—Connie Womack

Three new classes being offered !!

Beginning Open: offered on Tuesday nights at 8 PM beginning in January—instructor Mary Stevenson

Beginning Utility: offered on Tuesday nights at 8 PM beginning in March- instructor Joyce Garman

Delta Therapy: offered on Wednesday nights at 8 PM beginning in January—instructor Beth Clark

The club will be needing a new editor for the "Dixie Recall" beginning with the January, 2005 issue. Denise McClure has been the editor for two years and feels she won't be able to give the newsletter the time it needs and also be the 2005 Tracking Test Chair and Secretary, 2005 Oct. Agility Trial Chair and Level 2 Coordinator/Instructor/Evaluator.

Charities that do not participate in animal experimentation.

If you are a person that donates to health charity funds but would prefer to donate to charities that do not experiment on animals, you can look for the Humane Seal. The Humane Charity Seal of Approval guarantees that a health charity funds vital patient services or life-saving medical research, but never animal experiments. The seal is a circle shape with a rabbit in the center and says "Humane Charity" in the seal. For more information contact the Council on Humane Giving at 202-686-2210, ext. 335, or at www.HumaneSeal.org

Information provided by Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine

Send your brags to Cynthia Yancey 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

IT DOES RUN IN THE FAMILY!!!

In last December's Dixie Recall, Frank Ferraiuolo and his BC became the first NDTC member to earn the coveted MACH agility title. Well, here we are, a year later, and I am even more thrilled to report that Crystal Ferraiuolo and her big, red, golden retriever, OTCH MACH Banker's Preferred Stock (Broker) VCD2 UDX became the club member to earn their MACH.

Crystal and Broker had one last double Q standing between them and this coveted title. The big day came at an agility trial in Alpharetta, GA this fall. As Crystal tells the story, they ran their JWW class first. She walked it 10 or 15 times, then found out she and Broke would be the first team to run. This turned out to work to her advantage, as she had planned how to run the course and she stuck to her plan. It worked brilliantly; Crystal and Broker Q'd !!!

They only had their standard run left to go, and now the pressure was on. Crystal didn't get to see many other exhibitors run, which was a good thing, as there were quite a few bars dropped. Once you see others drop bars, you often start to worry that it will happen to you also. According to Crystal, the judge had one tight jump off of the A-frame that had her worried, but Broker and Crystal executed her plan to perfection.

As Crystal recalls: "The crowd roared—WHAT A WONDERFUL FEELING !!! Our bar was handed to me and I gave it to Broker and we ran around the ring for our victory lap. I wish you all could have been there to see how proud Broker was carrying his bar."

Congratulations to this very talented team !!!

(And from the editor—Hmmm, will you now be working towards that TDX ???)

BRAGS


Bonnie Davis' Keeshound, Laser Stayn Live Thru Trumpet CD (Disco), finished her CD on Saturday at Birmingham Obedience Club's trial Saturday, November 13. She got a bumper leg on Sunday.

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound, Ariel, earned her CDX title at the Evansville, IN trial.

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound, Kit, earned her NA title and her CD, as well as her JC title.

Ja-Anne Bachorowski's Portuguese Water Dog, De Leao's Seaspray CD NA(Tuck) finished his novice jumpers title at the Evansville Agility Trials on Oct. 31 with a first place finish.

Denise McClure's Bernese Mountain Dog, CH Brighteye Shooting Star TDX NAP (Hayley) became a mother to six adorable puppies on November 27th. Hayley has 4 girls and 2 boys.



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

New Members
Club Meeting Dates:

December 10

As you are decorating your home

There is a new session of
classes beginning the weeks of
January

See the website
www.nashvilledog.com
or contact Jean Ervin or Beth
Vorhaus for details.

for the Christmas holiday, please
be aware that some decorations
are hazardous to your beloved
dog's health.

The "water" in those lovely
snow globes contains antifreeze,
which is deadly to dogs.

Also toxic to dogs:
Poinsettia
Mistletoe
Hemlock

Editors Note

The Dixie Recall will be
distributed by the 20th of
each month, therefore any
articles you wish to be con-
sidered must be received by
the editor no later than the
10th .

AKC Offers Tips for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season With Your Dog

Harsh winter weather and the hectic holiday season can be stressful for many people, but what about your furry, four-footed companion? The season's festivities can be both enjoyable and safe for your pet as long as you keep your canine's health and well-being in mind. Following are tips from the AKC for a safe and happy holiday season.

DIET/EXERCISE:

- Though humans enjoy cookies, chocolate, raisins and other sweets, these rich treats are dangerous for your canine. Chocolate contains Theobromine, which can be harmful and sometimes fatal.

-While we may indulge in holiday libations, no dog should ever have access to alcohol.

-Other food items that can be "a recipe for disaster" include onions, which are often a part of holiday cooking and destroy a dog's red blood cells and can lead to anemia. In addition, poultry bones can splinter and cause intestinal blockages.

-Daily routines change as holiday baking, shopping and get-togethers become a priority. During this time, try to keep your dog's normal routine with regular feeding, walking and playtime.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

-If your dog is accustomed to eating outside, pick up his metal bowls, since his tongue can freeze to metal when the temperature drops. Change water and food dishes to ceramic or plastic, fill them with warm water and check them often, breaking out the ice when necessary.

-Dogs exposed to the cold for long periods are at risk of hypothermia. Small and shorthaired breeds should wear sweaters when outside. If your dog appears to be cold, or is shivering or shaking, take him inside immediately.

-Ice-melting chemicals and salt on sidewalks can irritate a dog's footpads. Consider booties in cold weather or deep snow for all dogs, large and small.

-Pets are attracted to the sweet taste of anti-freeze (ethylene glycol), which is lethal, even in small doses. Check driveways and wipe up any leaks immediately.

"BOWS" OF HOLLY

-Make sure your tree is steady and secure in a flat, wide base. To ensure a topple-free tree, anchor it with fishing line tied to drapery rods or the wall.

-A simple wag of your dog's tail can bring down decorations on low tree branches. Place small or glass ornaments on top branches.

-Tree adornments, candles and other decorations can cause choking or severe intestinal problems if swallowed. Avoid decorating your tree with strands of popcorn, or other items that might tempt your dog's appetite. Tinsel and angel hair can lead to upset stomach and possible intestinal blockage if ingested.

-When decorating with holiday lights, keep in mind that your dog may try to chew the wires, causing electrocution. Tape wires to the wall or sides of the house or room.

-Both cats and dogs may find the tree water tempting to drink, so be sure to use pet friendly preservatives in the tree's water.

The Dixie Recall

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-Immediately dispose of wrapping paper, bows, yarn and curling ribbons after presents are opened to prevent ingestion.

-Poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe may make your dog sick if he chews on the leaves, flowers or berries. Place holiday plants out of Fido's reach.

-Not every guest at your holiday party, especially young children, may be familiar with your dog's habits. When entertaining, consider confining your dog securely in one area of the house, with a radio or TV on and soft lighting.

UNDER THE TREE

Think twice when considering a dog as a gift. Though nothing tugs harder at heartstrings than a cute, cuddly puppy, every adorable bundle of fur is a lifetime responsibility. Dogs can live up to 20 years (depending on the breed) and it's crucial that you know the recipient can care for the pet. This means providing plenty of exercise, training, veterinary care and—most importantly—lots of love and attention.

-Instead of giving a puppy as a present, consider gift wrapping dog toys or supplies such as a leash, food or bowl to symbolize the bundle of joy to come. Talk to your loved one about the commitment, then research the different breeds that will best suit your lifestyle, and choose a responsible breeder.

Finally, instead of another new toy, send a small contribution in honor of Fido to a deserving organization, such as your dog's parent club, breed rescue group, or canine health charity. For more information, visit www.akc.org

IN MEMORIAM



Called over the Rainbow Bridge

Simon

Loved and missed by Donna Zeedar

Simon lost his fight to mast cell cancer on October 25, 2004, two months shy of his 8th birthday.

2004 Titles Earned by NDTC Members

OBEDIENCE

CD - 8 CDX - 6 UD - 2

AGILITY

NA-8 NAJ-7 NAP-8 NJP-8 OA-5 OAJ-4 OAP-4 OJP-4 AX-6 AXJ-10
AXP-2 MX-3 MXJ-6 MJP-1

HERDING (Sheep and Ducks) - 8

LURE COURSING - 1

HUNTING - SH-1 MH-2

BREED CHAMPION - 2

MACH (Master Agility Champion) - 2

VCD2 (Versatile Companion Dog 2) - 2

CGC (Canine Good Citizen) - 2

