

Special points of interest:

- Check building availability and make ring reservations using the "[Events Calendar](#)"
- Next Club Meeting May 24th
- Next Board Meeting July 7th
- Make ring reservations by calling Holly Waldrop at work 615-343-6161 or cell 615-243-3257 or email at: rental@nashvilledog.org

Annual membership dues for the 2004-2005 year are due by June 30. The fees are \$50 with email Dixie Recall or \$70 if you want the Dixie Recall sent by snail mail. Renewal forms will be at the May 24th meeting, so this would be a good one to come to if you haven't attended two yet this year !!

We need instructors and assistants to teach the Level 1 classes on Tues. and Thurs. nights from June 29 - August 19. Contact Jean Ervin or Pat Thorne if you can help out.

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Nashville Dog Training Club Newsletter



To all my good friends at NDTC:

I cannot come up with the words to express how deeply all your cards, emails and conversations have touched me. This has been a hard spring for me; first Molly and then my husband Michael passed away—and both times you were there to offer me support and comfort. I especially appreciated (as would Michael) the donation to East Tennessee Border Collie Rescue that the club made in Michael's name—he really did love his girls and would have “permanently” rescued all needy BCs if he had the money. In his (and the girls’) memory I have planted a small garden at my home: it is a peaceful place and if anyone wants to spend a little time there to calm their spirit I would be happy to have you. Thank you for being such good friends.

Mary Stevenson

Agility News

Agility classes starting in May:

Day	Start Date	Class
Monday:		
6:30-7:30	May 17th	Introduction to Agility
7:30-8:30	May 17th	Novice Agility
6:30-7:00	May 17th	Puppy Agility (4 weeks only -\$45)
Wednesday		
8:00-9:30	May 19th	USDAA Games Class (4 weeks only - \$50 for nonmembers, \$25 for NDTC members, half the proceeds to K9 Sports.

Agility “Show and Go”, June 12th, Runs start at 9:00 AM. This will be a USDAA Agility “Show and Go”. People that take the 4 wk class get run(s) free. Everyone is invited! First run \$5, second run \$3.

We need assistants for the “Intro. to Agility” and the “Puppy Agility” classes. We also need teachers and assistants for the Agility Program. This would be a good way to work off your volunteer hours. All the contact equipment has been repainted and is in great condition, plus the club has purchased some new equipment. Contact Diane Overstreet at: distreet@bellsouth.net

“Latest Alert from Cornell University Veterinary School”

We have identified a new disease, probably caused by a virus among dog-owning people. It apparently has been in existence for a considerable time, but only recently has anyone identified this disease, and begun to study it. We call it the Acquired Canine Obsessive Syndrome (ACOS). At first, ACOS was originally considered to be psychological in nature, but after two young researchers here suddenly decided to become show breeders, we realized that we were dealing with an infectious agent. Epidemiologists here have identified three stages of this disease and typical symptoms, and they are:

- A.. You have the early symptoms (Stage I) if:
- you think that any show within 300 miles is nearby
 - you begin to enjoy getting up at 5 AM in the morning to walk and feed dogs
 - it is fun to spend several hours a day grooming dogs
 - you think you're being frugal if you spend less than \$3,000 a year on shows
 - you can't remember what it was like to have just one dog
- B.. You definitely have the disease (Stage II) if:
- your most important factor when buying a car is how many crates you can fit in it
 - when you look for a house, the first thing you think of is how many dogs you can kennel on the property
 - your dog food bill is higher than your family's
 - you spend as much on veterinarians as on doctors
 - you have no money because of showing dogs
 - you have to buy more than one vehicle a year, because you keep burning out the 7-year or 70,000 mile warranty going to shows
 - you have more pictures of the dogs than of your family
 - your idea of a fun vacation is to hit a show circuit
 - most of your conversations revolve around the dogs
- C.. You are a terminal case (Stage III) if:
- you wake up in the morning and find out that you put the kids in the crates and the dogs in the beds last night
 - you know each dog's name and pedigree, but can't figure out who that stranger in the house is; it turns out to be your husband/wife
 - your neighbors keep insisting that those kids running around your house bothering the dogs are yours
 - you keep telling the kids to “heel” and can't understand why they won't, and why they keep objecting to the choke chain
 - you cash in the kid's college trust fund to campaign the dogs
 - you've been on the road showing dogs so long that you can't remember where you live
 - your family tells you “It's either the dogs or us” and you choose the dogs

Do you have this dreaded disease? Well, there is hope. In the course of our research, we have found that most cases seem to stop at Stage II, and remain chronic. We, with great difficulty, managed to acquire several State III ACOS patients. They are currently in our isolation wards, where we are studying them to gain a better understanding of this disease. It is a sad sight, seeing these formerly vibrant people as they shuffle around their rooms in endless triangle or L-patterns, making odd hand motions (as if holding a lead and baiting a dog), and making chirping noises. Merely saying the word “Westminster” can send them into an uncontrollable frenzy. Unfortunately, there isn't much hope for these cases, but with time and research to further understand this disease, we hope to come up with a cure. We are now attempting to isolate the causative agent, and may be able to develop a vaccine in the future. An interesting sidelight of this disease seems to be that exposure at an early age has an immunizing effect. Several people afflicted with ACOS at Stage II and Stage III have close family members (children, husbands, wives) who have absolutely no disease. It is thought by some of our researchers that this may be due to environmental effects, to an age-related immune function, or to the fact that those at these stages of the disease tend not to associate with their closest family members possible due to the memory deficit induced by the disease—that is, in that they don't remember that they have close family members!



Obedience Show-n-Gos

Saturday, June 5

Building opens 7:30AM

Registration 7:30-11 AM

Judging begins 8 AM

\$6 first entry \$4 second entry of same dog.

ALL FIRST RUNS OF DOGS PRESENT WILL

BE COMPLETED

BEFORE ANY SECOND RUNS MAY BEGIN.

1 free run-thru for every two hours worked.

Call Jean Ervin to

volunteer at

615-867-9047

And goodbye to another good friend.....

Kate Ruddy's

Buffalo Bill Cody XXI CD

NAJ CGC

(Cody)

June 23, 1992—May 4, 2004

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

Latest Alert, cont'd.

What can you do to prevent this disease? Until a cure is found, prevention is the measure. Avoid kennels advertising "show stock" since it may be that dogs are carriers of the disease. Leave town on those days that the local newspapers inform you of a show in the area. If you inadvertently come into contact with an ACOS-afflicted person, leave as soon as possible (they do tend to cling) and thoroughly shower, preferably with germicidal soap. If you are living with an ACOS-afflicted person, take comfort that, if you haven't succumbed yet, you are probably safe.

- Author unknown

Editor's Note

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

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Thank You from Property!

Our agility contacts have all received a fresh coat of paint thanks to the wonderful bunch of volunteers that showed up Saturday, April 18th. With a promise of pizza and some time on one of Diane's notoriously wicked jumpers courses we went to work. In what seemed like no time, the task was finished. Not just the big contacts, but even the baby A-frame and tippy board had the special treatment. We ran our dogs and enjoyed some pizza.

So why did we bother with painting all that equipment? It all looks very nice now; if you haven't seen it you should come and check it out! However, the most important reason to paint those contacts had nothing to do with cosmetics. Safety was the big issue. Our a-frame in particular had become so slick that some dogs and handlers didn't even want to use it. With extra sand in the non-skid paint that a-frame and all the other equipment is as good as new!

A big THANKS to: Vickie Tillman, Dayle Betlock, Jim Patterson, Laura Kelley, Tammy Haney, Leah Oakley, Diane Overstreet, and Greg Brasen.

Thanks also go to Marianne Cameron who has been repairing our down tables. The 16" table looks like new. Now the dogs can safely run to the table without worry of them and the table top sliding right off.

Jackie Brasen, Property Chair

Club Member Brags

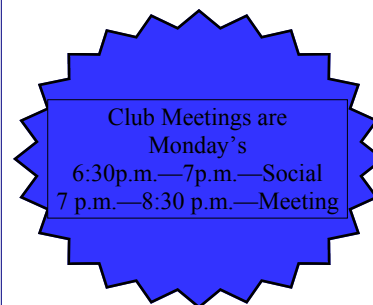
Kevin and Traci Myers' Aussie, Tiger's Dances with Wolves CGC, earned his NA title at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club agility trial on March 28th.

Bill and Sandra Edson's Standard Poodle, Sancrest Dallas CDX MX AXJ CGC (Dallas) Earned a second qualifying score in Utility A with a first place at the Clarksville Kennel Club obedience trial on April 24, 2004.

Bill and Sandra Edson's Standard Poodle, Sancrest Luckenbach CD AX AXJ CGC (Luke) Earned his 4th MX leg with a 1st place and his 5th MXJ leg with a 3rd place at the Clarksville Kennel Club Agility trial April 24 and 25, 2004.

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound Skyhigh Citabria O'Julalhil VCD1 OA AXJ JC FCh GRC (Ariel) finished her AXJ agility title in Priceville, AL at the Huntsville Obedience Club's agility trial the weekend of May 1-2, 2004.

Andrea Kyllarova and Jakki and a great weekend at HOTC's Agility Trial, in Priceville, AL, April 30—May 2. They earned three MXJ legs and one much-needed Exc. Standard leg.



Club Meeting Dates:

May 24
June—no club meeting
July 26
August 23
September 27
October 25
November 22
December 11—Xmas Party

New club members to be
voted on at the May 24th
club meeting:

Donna Finney
Patricia Harbaugh
Suzanna Brabent
Claudia Diaz-Byrd
Wendy Boehme
Laura Kelly

Club Member Brags, cont'd.

Cheryl Brown's Papillon Loteki Total Windfall NJP (Felix), finished his NJP in three shows on May 2, 2004. He earned two scores of 100 and a 2nd place and a 3rd place in Novice JWW Preferred. The first leg was at Clarksville on Spril 25 and the second and third legs were May 1 and 2 in Priceville at the HOTC trial.

Denise McClure's Bernese Mt. Dog, CH Brighteye Shooting Star TDX HIC CGC earned her CH in Montgomery, AL on April 25th with a 4 pt major and BOW, finishing with 17 points.

Diane Overstreet's Papillon, Rosebud Midnight Dancer NA NAP OJP CGC (Pierre) earned his NAJ in Huntsville at the HOTC Agility Trial April 30th, placing 1st and he earned his first and second OA legs Friday and Sunday placing 1st in both.

Diane Overstreet's Papillon, Rosebud Hunter's Moon Dancer OA OAJ OAP AJP CGC (Hunter) earned his AXJ in Clarksville at the CTKC Agility Trial April 25th placing 2nd and he earned his AX in Huntsville at the HOTC Agility Trial May 1st. Hunter also earned his 1st MXJ leg making Saturday a Double Q day. On Sunday Hunter earned his 2nd MXJ leg.\

Connie Womack has several brags: her Irish Setter, Keeper, has completed his NAP at HOTC's Agility Trial with a 1st place and two 3rd places-

- Her Irish Setter Rowdy, earned another MX leg and 9 MACH pts in Priceville.
- Her Irish Setter Katie earned her 1st Novice JWW leg in Clarksville, April 24, 1st place Katie's second JWW leg on May 2 in Huntsville, 1st place and her first and second NA 1 legs in Priceville with two 1st placements.

AKC Herding and Agility Trials in Tennessee

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America is proud to announce their Nat'l Specialty Herding and Agility trials will be Pembroke –only on Friday, 9/17, but open to all breeds on the weekend! We have secured an incredible indoor facility for herding and evening events at TN Technological University's Hyder-Burks Pavilion in Cookeville, TN, with agility trials being held at Sherlock Park, a field nearby on campus.

Friday we'll host an AKC Herding Seminar (contact Judy Hart at judyahart@msn.com), and Saturday night we're delighted to present a seminar on Conditioning The Canine Athlete by Dr. Robert Gillette, director of the Sports Medicine Program at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University (contact Cindy Traylor at ctraylor@vtc.net). We can accommodate vendors at both sites, with vendors at the herding site being indoors (Linda Stoddard at woodwynne@webtv.net).

The host hotel is Baymont Inn and Suites, 931-525-6668 with a special "Corgi" rate of \$60, and there are other motels at the same exit on I-40 A welcome party will be held there on Thursday night for those who arrive early. There is some RV parking available at both trial sites, no hookups and first come, first served. Please request premiums from trial secs if needed! They will not be automatically sent to all PWCCA members.

Herding will be Course A, on ducks, sheep and cattle, test classes on sheep only. Judges will be John Harvey on Friday, Joy Sebastian-Hall and Robert Ewing sharing the weekend assignments. Trial secretary: B.D. White, pwcca2004@hotmail.com, 1-800-699-2466, ext. 3026591666. Trial chair: Vicki Northway, drifan@hotmail.com.

Agility judges are: Friday, Linda Robertson, Sat/Sun: Penny Winegartner and Carla Boudrot. Trial secretary: Jane Mohr, whowhat@netscenes.com. Trial chair: Vicki Sandage DVM, sandfoxdvm@aol.com.

Performance Chairman Judy Hart can be reached at judyahart@msn.com for further general information. We're looking forward to an exciting event for our hard-working canine friends, with educational opportunities, raffles, vendors and a really great time for their human companions! Y'all join us!

Thank you Cindy Franks for sharing this information with us! Wow, an agility trial close to Nashville! Yeah!

The Dixie Recall

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