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PRIVATE LESSONS A GREAT WAY TO FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUALS

Curt Brock is a college professor and artist, overseeing the glass program at Tennessee Tech's Appalachian Center for Crafts in Smithville, TN. He is passionate about his art, and equally passionate about training dogs.

Curt always loved dogs, and when he bought a house he felt he was ready to bring a canine companion into his life. He rescued a smooth collie, and his girlfriend, Sadie, named her "Shau Bau," for "little treasure" in Taiwanese.

Shau Bau was very energetic, a little nervous, but also extremely smart. Curt began training her on his own, as he wanted Shau Bau to be able to accompany him on outings. Curt saw his first obedience trial and was instantly hooked. He remembers, "I knew I had to try this, so I enrolled in a class at the Nashville Dog Training Club and we began a long and difficult road."

Shau Bau ran out of the ring during her first Novice A run. She did the same four more times before Curt realized they both needed a lot more work. "We did not show again for 2 years," Curt said. "During this time I worked with as many good handlers as I could, and would drive as far as I needed to. I ended up wearing out a set of tires, then a whole car, traveling and learning."

Shau Bau and Curt went on to earn their OTCH in the grandest style of all: Their final run qualifying run was with a perfect score of 200.

With Shau Bau and later with his Golden Retriever, Key, Curt has earned perfect scores in all three classes: Novice, Open and Utility.

Curt believes that group classes helped him and Shau Bau build a wonderful

foundation of socialization and working with distractions.

He adds that private lessons helped him the most with addressing his specific problems, "most of which were handling errors on my part."

Curt emphasizes choosing the right private instructor for you and your dog. For him, the criteria was twofold: "First, they must have achieved measurable accomplishments, in terms of class placements. Secondly, I need to admire them as people and enjoy watching them work with their dog."

After earning his OTCH, Curt began offering private lessons in the interest of helping others the way his mentors had helped him. "I have been teaching college for more than 18 years. I enjoy teaching people, so offering private lessons seemed like the logical thing to do," said Curt.

To that end, Curt and Sadie purchased a building together to serve as a training facility and a venue for Show 'n Go's. It is important to Curt to give back to the community of dog trainers who he feels did so much for him.

"Working one on one is exciting," said Curt. "I can focus my eye on just one dog and one person, and really get into the details and understand the dog and person so much better. It does not matter to me at what level you are performing. Learning and understanding your dog is what it is all about. Enjoying your dogs and challenging yourself to grow as a trainer and person is what my dogs help me do every day."

Curt's building is located in Silver Point, TN. For more information, you can e-mail Curt at cbrock@tntech.edu.

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
October 22**

The Nashville Dog Training Club • P.O. Box 110078 • Nashville, TN 37222 • (615) 331-1101

CANINE Cuisine



Oatmeal Dog Cookies

- 6 chicken thighs
- 4 cups frozen vegetables
- 3 tsp. minced garlic
- 3 cups oatmeal
- 3 cups flour
- 3 eggs

Boil chicken pieces. Debone and puree w/food processor, set aside (use broth from chicken as needed). Puree vegetables add with chicken (use broth from chicken as needed).

Preheat oven to 350°.

Add garlic, eggs, and hand mix well. Add oatmeal and flour, continuing to mix well. Coat baking pan with non-stick oil. Drop by large heaping tablespoons on cookie sheet, flattening the dough out a little with spoon.

Bake for 15 min. for chewy, 20 min. for crunchy.

Chicken Fix for dogs with upset tummies

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup cooked plain rice
- 1 cup cooked plain carrots
- 1 cup non- or low-fat cottage cheese

Boil chicken breasts in a small amount of water until done; chop. Cook carrots in a small amount of water until tender but not mushy. Mix both with the rice and cottage cheese. You may want to add some broth from the meat or carrots if it seems too dry. A nice plain meal to get your baby "firmed up."

Optional flavorings: 1/4 cup mashed banana; 1/4 cup mashed or chopped plain potatoes; 1/4 cup low-fat cheddar cheese.

A few meals of this usually brings their tummies back to normal!

MEMBER BRAGS



Wendy Boehme's puppy – Prairiefire Strkhnd Celebrity (Clooney) – has started his conformation career with a bang. He was reserve to a 5 point major in Greenville, SC in July and then picked up a 4 point major and another 2 points at the big Atlanta show in August – all points from the 9 – 12 month puppy class.

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound, **Kit**, earned her first UD leg in Jonesboro, GA on Sept. 21, 2007 at the North Georgia Hound Association's All-Hound Obedience Trial. Kit also finished her AXJ at the NDTC Agility Trial in Franklin, TN on Sept. 29, 2007.

Anna Doherty's Irish Wolfhound, **My Boy Willie CD, RAE, JC**, got his first championship point in Murfreesboro on September 30, 2007. He got a First Place, Winner's Dog, and Best of Opposite Sex. Roni's girl got Best of Breed. This is all new to us but it is fun!

Sandra Edson's standard poodle, **Sancrest Luckenbach CDX,RE,MX,MXJ (Luke)**, earned his 20th Double Q and a 4th place in 24" Excellent Standard at the Derby City agility trial in Corydon, Indiana on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 2007.

Jean Ervin and **Raven** received an invitation to compete in this year's National Obedience Invitational. Congratulations Jean and Raven!

DOG DAY FESTIVAL AT CENTENNIAL PARK

Nashville Dog Training Club will be participating with the Nashville Kennel Club this year in the annual Dog Day Festival in Centennial Park. The event will be on Saturday, October 13th, 2007 from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Our groups will share booth space in the Pedigree Tent. NDTC will have our own table and will be giving away literature on our club, answering questions about our club and dog training, and meeting/greeting the public! We will also be conducting CGC testing throughout the day, charging a nominal \$5.00 testing fee with proceeds going to benefit the Nashville Humane Association.

Dog Day is a very well-attended event, and lots of fun for dogs and their humans. There will be entertainment, vendors selling dog-related items and food, as well as an ongoing contest schedule for honors such as "Best Tail Wag" and "Cutest Puppy."

This will be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community and make them aware of our club and the services we offer. NDTC still needs a few volunteers to help staff our table, as well as volunteers to assist with CGC testing. The times that are most needed are between the hours of noon and 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you are interested and available to help out, please contact Beth Clark at 776-7274, 250-5450 or e-mail at giftedcanine@comcast.net. Please check your calendar and let us know if you are available to help!

The Newcomer's Field Guide to Dog Shows

Do you know a foolproof way to tell an obedience exhibitor from a conformation handler? Is there a quick way to identify the AKC Field Representative at a show? This tongue-in-cheek field guide serves as a hilarious reference for informed people-watching at dog shows.

http://www.dogwoodtrainingacademy.com/lib_fun-people.htm#OFFICIAL%23OFFICIAL

REMINDER: If you haven't already paid your membership dues, please do so immediately. We need to publish the membership list, but cannot do so until all dues are paid. If you are not planning to renew, please let us know. Contact Anna Doherty at aine_17@hotmail.com

Announcements from the NDTC September Meeting

During the September meeting, a few issues were brought to the attention of the membership regarding building use. Please help us run a safe and clean facility by observing the following rules:

- 1. Return equipment to the proper location.** We need to be especially careful of blocking access to emergency exits from the building, as well as blocking access to the fans. Please help us keep all areas neat, clean and safe.
- 2. No crating in office when it is in use.** Training for the CGC test involves practicing supervised separation, which generally takes place in the office downstairs. If there is a Level 2 class in session, please do not crate your dogs in the office.
- 3. If you use sandbags and the sandbags leak sand onto the mats, please get the shop vac from the storage room and vacuum it up.** We don't want sand getting into the cracks between the mats, or have people slipping on sand.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

CDC Declares United States Canine Rabies-Free

The CDC recently made the announcement that canine rabies has been eliminated in the United States. Dog-to-dog transmission has not been seen for many years, but the CDC cautions that variants of rabies in wildlife, particularly bats, remains a public health concern.

The announcement coincided with the Inaugural World Rabies Day Symposium.

http://www.cdc.gov/news/2007/09/canine_rabies.html

Most states have now approved a triennial vaccination schedule for rabies. Nine states have no regulations at the state level. Alabama and Arkansas require annual boosters, while Rhode Island and West Virginia mandate vaccinations every two years. Tennessee has approved the triennial rabies vaccination schedule; however, some counties still require annual vaccinations. Below is a link to a pdf highlighting the requirements of each state.

<http://www.zbirdbrain.com/VAX/RabiesLaws.pdf>

Humane Society of the United States Institutes Animals and Religion Program

The HSUS celebrated St. Francis Day this year with the farm animal blessing at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville, Md., to launch its new Animals & Religion program and to honor farm animals—the

focus of the program's signature Food, Farming and Faith initiative.

The program builds on 15 years of effort to foster religious scholarship and activism focused on caring for creation. Interest in animal welfare is well documented for the world's religions and faiths, and this new program seeks to engage religious institutions and individuals on an array of critical animal protection issues based on the universally held principles of mercy, compassion and justice.

http://www.hsus.org/religion/animals_and_religion.html

ASPCA-led Behaviorists Provide Recommendations to USDA on Dogs Seized in Michael Vick Case

NEW YORK, October 2, 2007 — Following a motion filed yesterday by the U. S. Attorney's Office on the recommended disposition of 49 pit bulls seized in the Michael Vick case, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) today thanked the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Attorney's Office for the opportunity to lead the behavior evaluations that resulted in these recommendations, as well as the behaviorists who contributed their expertise during this process.

As outlined in the motion, the ASPCA-led team's report ensuing from the evaluations, which were conducted between September 4 and 6, 2007, show that the experts evaluated 48 of the 49 dogs as having potential for some form of placement. Recommended placement options include possible re-homing into appropriate foster homes, rehabilitation as law enforcement dogs, or placement in sanctuaries (which will need to meet U.S.D.A. facility standards). Only one of the 49 dogs was deemed unfit for rehabilitation and recommended for euthanasia, which order was entered yesterday by Judge Henry E. Hudson.

"The ASPCA—which was founded to fight cruelty 141 years ago—has been honored to assist federal investigators in this groundbreaking case, from participating in the investigation itself, to leading the behavior evaluations, and we greatly appreciate the trust placed in us," said ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres. "More than anything, I am extremely proud of the dedication and collaboration demonstrated by the behaviorists who evaluated the dogs—that almost all these dogs can expect to live long and happy lives is an incredibly uplifting outcome to this case."

For more information on the ASPCA, or to learn more about staying alert to animal cruelty, please visit www.asPCA.org/cruelty.

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TROPHY DEADLINE

All trophies for our obedience/rally trials in January must be delivered to Claudia Dickerson by October 15 in order to be included. Email Claudia at belgians@bellsouth.net or phone her at 833-4921. You may leave trophies in her x-pen at the club, but please alert her that you have put them there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fall Fitness Day Volunteers needed for Fall Fitness Day at Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Hermitage, October 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be doing agility and obedience demonstrations and giving a short lecture regarding the importance of fitness and nutrition for our pets. If you can help, please contact Chris Warmouth.

Beginning Rally Instructor Volunteer needed to teach beginning Rally on Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Classes begin week of October 17. If interested, please contact Beth Vorhaus at vorhaus@aol.com.

Puppy Classes Volunteers needed for Thursday night puppy classes from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Session begins on October 18 and ends on December 13. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Beth Clark at 250-5450, 776-7274 or e-mail at elizabeth.clark@irs.gov. Assistants do not have to start until the second week of classes.

REQUEST FOR CARDS

Many of you have had the pleasure of showing under Mr. Don Young. Unfortunately, he has taken ill recently and prospects for a healthy recovery are not bright. Would you please join me in sending a card to him and wishing him all the very best. If you have a special memory showing under Don, perhaps you could recall this and I'm sure it would brighten this cheerful ol' Scot! He's a gem. Mail Cards & Letters to: Don Young, c/o Dawn Young, 2532 Tilman Dr, Bossier City, LA 71111.

SHOW 'n GOs IN OCTOBER

October 6 Obedience, Rally and Agility Show 'n Go at the Paducah Kennel Club's building in Paducah, KY. Building opens at

9:00, and obedience will start with Utility.

SHOWS IN OCTOBER

October 12-14 Obedience (Indoors/Outdoors), Rally (Indoors) and Agility (Outdoors). Greater Shelby Kennel Club and Tupelo Kennel Club. Obedience and Rally at Agricenter International in Memphis, TN. Agility at Show Place Arena in Memphis, TN. Agility closes September 19. Obedience and Rally close September 26.

October 20-21 Rally and Obedience (Indoors). Chattanooga Obedience Club at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN. Show closes October 3.

October 26-28 Rally on Oct. 26, and Obedience on October 27 and 28 (Indoors). Paducah Kennel Club a William "Bill" Cherry Agricultural Exposition Center in Murray, KY. Show closes October 10.

October 28 Agility (Outdoors). Greater Kingsport Kennel Club at Appalaichan Fairgrounds in Gray, TN. Show closes October 13.

SHOWS IN NOVEMBER

November 3-4 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville, TN. Show closes October 17.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Curt Brock available for private lessons If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons

in his air-conditioned building. Contact cbrock@tntech.edu for more information.

Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at sancrestfarm@comcast.net

DECEMBER NDTC SEMINAR

NDTC Obedience Seminar with Joanne Per-mowicz. \$150 for working slots, \$75 for audit slots. This includes both days. Teachers pay a reduced rate of \$120 for a working slot and \$60 for an audit slot. For more information, please contact Bonnie Davis at bdskees@comcast.net. Please note that the dates have changed to December 8 and 9. Joanne and her dog, John, were honored with an invitation to the National Obedience Invitational, which is on the same weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art for Animals Nashville Paw is partnering with EZ Gallery to bring you Art for Animals, an evening of art, wine, food & fun to benefit local animal welfare efforts! Tickets are now on sale for \$10 through Oct. 31st, or may be purchased at our sponsor booth at Cause for the Paws Downtown Pet Party and Nashville Humane's Dog Day. Tickets will be \$15 at the door, so be sure to get your tickets in advance to take advantage of our special pre-event admission price! For more information, visit www.NashvillePAW.com



I talk to him when I'm lonesome like
And I'm sure he understands,
When he looks at me so attentively
And gently licks my hands.

Then he rubs his nose on my tailored clothes,
But I never say naught thereat.
For the good Lord knows I can buy more clothes,
But never a friend like that.

— W. Dayton Wedgefath

ATTENTION MEMBERS! Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your November birthdays to be featured in the next issue.

Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds! Need help with a class or function? Have an idea for how to get our club involved with the community? Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing editor@nashvilleddog.org