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## NDTC ANNUAL TRIALS IN JANUARY NOW SEEKING STEWARDS

On January 24-27, 2008, Nashville Dog Training Club will host its annual Obedience and Rally Trial. The trial is very large by obedience and rally standards – last year we had about 1,200 entries – and has been touted in an article in “Front and Finish” magazine as one of the best-organized trials they had attended.

With a trial of this magnitude, the club needs lots of help in order to have the rings run efficiently and to treat our exhibitors and guests to the best possible showing experience.

Serving as a steward is one of the very best ways to learn the ropes for those who are new to obedience and rally. Being inside the ring and at ringside gives you a great sense for what is expected of a competitive obedience team. It is great fun, and very educational, to watch different handlers with their dogs. It’s a wonderful opportunity to learn and get comfortable in a show environment, without the pressure of showing your dog.

Stewards are provided training a week or so before the trial. The class usually meets at the club for an evening; proper ring etiquette and responsibilities are reviewed, then there is an opportunity to practice in the ring.

There are many ways to volunteer. Obedience and rally stewards work with judges and exhibitors. The specific tasks vary according to the class being judged. For example, both Novice and Open stewards are human “posts” for the figure eight. In Open and Utility, as well as in the Advanced Rally classes, the stewards set jumps at the proper height for each dog. Table stewards check in exhibitors and help the judges with paperwork.

Stewards are typically assigned to work one class per day. NDTC will happily accommodate a steward’s schedule if they plan to show. Our trial will have four rings (three obedience and one rally).

For every class, the club needs one table steward and at least two ring stewards. Three stewards to each ring is ideal.

If you are able to volunteer on Thursday or Friday, please consider helping on those days when the club is especially in need of volunteers. Work schedules sometimes make it difficult to fill weekday spots.

The hours you spend stewarding count towards the ten volunteer hours necessary for club membership. NDTC can easily help you acquire those ten hours over the course of this four-day trial!

In addition to fulfilling the hours for membership requirements, stewards are treated to a very yummy lunch and raffle tickets each day that they work.

Please consider volunteering your time to help the club with our biggest and most successful event of the year. If you can help, please contact Beth Clark at 250-5450 (days) or 776-7274 (evenings), or at [elizibeth.clark@irs.gov](mailto:elizibeth.clark@irs.gov).

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:  
TBD**

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### Bow Wow Burritos

- 1 tbsp. oil
- 12 oz. cooked beef, cut into 1 inch strips
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp. chunky peanut butter
- 1 can sweet potatoes (23 oz.), drained
- 1 can black beans (15 oz.), rinsed
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. beef bouillon powder
- 6 flour tortillas
- 2 tbsp. cilantro
- 6 tbsp. shredded cheese
- 6 tbsp. vegetables (Broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, etc.)

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until hot. Add garlic; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in peanut butter, sweet potatoes and beans; mash slightly. Add cumin, cinnamon and chili powder, beef bouillon; mix well. Reduce heat to low; add beef, cover and simmer 2 to 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, heat tortillas according to package directions.

To serve, spoon and spread 1/2 cup mixture across center third of each tortilla with one piece of meat in center.

Top each with 1 tbsp. sour cream, 1 teaspoon cilantro and 1 tbsp. cheese spread to cover mixture.

Fold sides of each tortilla over filling, overlapping approximately 1 inch. Fold bottom 1/3 of tortilla over filling; roll again to enclose.

## MEMBER BRAGS



The **Boehme Boys** have had a good fall. **Houston (CH Swiss Stars Urban Cowboy VCD1, NA, OAP, OJP, RN, DD)** got his NA title in 3 days at the NDTC trial in September. He had 3 first place finishes and 3 perfect scores of 100. A month later he passed his Open Draft test for a new title at the Bernese Mountain Dog test in Alpharetta. **Carter (Prairiefire Never A Dull Moment NDD)** passed his Novice Draft test at the same draft test. He was the only Novice dog to pass all weekend and was only a week over the minimum age for participation (2 years old). Then little brother **Clooney (CH Prairiefire Strkhd Celebrity)** finished his Breed Championship at the Priceville AL show in November at just 12 months of age. We have lots to be thankful for this holiday season!

**Curt Brock's** young Golden Retriever, **Key**, won HIT on all three of his legs towards his CDX. Curt was especially proud of the first High in Trial leg because it was a very large Open B class (40 dogs), including 7 OTCH dogs. Key is becoming very pushy at home now, demanding that Curt call him "MR. Key," and whispering to OTCH Shau Bau to watch out - he is not far behind. OTCH Shau Bau just ignores him and steals his ball whenever she gets a chance.

From **Lynda Condurelis**: At the Paducah Kennel Club trial in Murray, KY, on Oct. 27th, **Nathan (Barryboys Bright Star Nathan CD, RA)** earned his third Open Leg, taking first place. Now he has his CDX title. The next day, Oct. 28th, he again took first place in the Open A class.

At the same show on Oct. 27th, **Nathan**, his mom **Chloe (Figures Dixie Darlin' UD, RA)** and I entered the Brace class for the first time. We took second place and had lots of fun.

Bev Watson-Stewart reports: **Debbie Coughlin** and her German Shepherd, **Aja**, passed their certification track on November 9, 2007 with Judge Jeff Whitsitt presiding. Don't have the details on time, length or type of cover - just that Aja had 4 turns and took 3 of them Sydney-style, one Debbie waited for her to decide the right direction (Good Mom!). Aja had her nose on before the track started and stopped and pawed the glove at the end! GOOD GIRL! I am so happy and proud and excited for both of them - they have worked so hard for this! Now to get into a test!

**Sandra Edson's** Standard Poodle, **Sancrest Georgina CD, RE, AXP, AJP, CGC (Gina)**, earned her Excellent Jumpers Preferred title with two first place ribbons at the Evansville agility trial on November 2 and 4th, 2007.

At the same trial on Nov. 2 and 3rd, **Sancrest Luckenbach CDX, RE, MX, MXJ, CGC, AD (Luke)**, earned his first two legs in Novice FAST with a 3rd and 4th place.

**Cheryl Geer** reports that both of her Papillons (**Felix and Jackson**) finished their Rally Novice titles November 10 at the Evansville Obedience Club trial.

Cheryl's little red and white Papillon, **Jackson (Ch. Loteki Civil Liberties RN, OA, AXJ)**, earned his 3rd and 4th legs on his Master Jumpers agility title (**MXJ**) at the Huntsville agility trials Thanksgiving weekend.

**Debbi Martin's** Basset Hound, **Ch. Craigwood-Adams Ltl Ms Mary**, won her first Rally leg on November 3 at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club.

### HELP NEEDED WITH CGC EVALUATIONS

We will be conducting CGC Testing on Tuesday, December 11th, starting at 8:00 p.m., and on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 8:00 p.m. for teams completing these Level II Classes. We are in need of assistants to help with the CGC Testing on these two nights. If you can help us out with the CGC testing, please contact Beth Clark at 250-5450 (days), 776-7274 (evenings), or by e-mail at elizabeth.clark@irs.gov.

### **Important Announcement from the NDTC Board**

We've been told by the painter that the paint will take a month to fully cure on the floor. During that time, it should be allowed to breathe. Accordingly, do not put mats down under your crates when you set them up. Also do not drag crates on the floor - please lift the crates to move them.

A full set of instructions on setting up your crates will be posted on the door to the building. The important thing is to be as careful as possible so that the paint job last for a few years. We recognize that there will always be wear and tear on the painted floor with people and dogs going in and out, but using some common sense will keep it looking better for longer.

We also ask that you continue to keep the building neat and clean, picking up any equipment and placing it in the proper storage area. We want to look nice for the trial we are hosting in March! Thanks for your cooperation.

## **BOOK SUGGESTIONS FEATURING NDTC MEMBERS**

### **Hopeful Tails: Stories of Rescued Pets and Their Forever Families**

"Hopeful Tails," featuring photos and stories from owners of rescued pets nationwide, is now available at Borders bookstores. Connie McGhee's Angus and Simon are featured in a photograph on page 42. The photo was taken last spring at Shelby Bottoms Greenway.

"Hopeful Tails" would make a great gift for any dog lover on your list, and a portion of the proceeds benefit the ASPCA in their mission to help homeless animals.

### **Wiggins: A Katrina Love Story**

If you are looking for an inexpensive but wonderful stocking stuffer for any child or adult dog lover, check out Shirlee Lawrence's book about her Katrina dog rescue. It is available at [www.dogrescuekatrina.com](http://www.dogrescuekatrina.com) for the special internet price of \$11.95.

Shirlee sends her thanks to Jean Irvin and Claudia Dickerson for the sixteen weeks of obedience training.

### **HELP NEEDED WITH DELTA PET THERAPY EVALUATIONS**

On Saturday, December 15th, we will be running Delta Society Pet Partner Pet Therapy Evaluations. These evaluations will be for handlers and dogs that are trying to become registered pet therapy teams or who need to re-certify with the Delta Society Pet Partner Program.

The volunteer time slots are as follows: 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (four assistants needed - one male), and 12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. (four assistants needed - one male)

No experience with pet therapy work is required in order to volunteer; we will show you what you need to do. Assistants can be as young as 16 without parental consent, or from 11 to 15 with parental consent.

What do you get out of this? A lot of fun, the great feeling of helping someone accomplish a huge personal goal, and FREE LUNCH served from 11 am to 12 pm! Please consider volunteering! If you can help out, please contact Beth Clark at 250-5450 (days) or 776-7274 (evening), or by e-mail at [elizibeth.clark@irs.gov](mailto:elizibeth.clark@irs.gov).

### **Rabies Challenge Fund Study Begins**

The Rabies Challenge Fund was developed to prove the duration of immunity for the rabies vaccine to be five years or greater. They have reached their fundraising goal and have begun the study.

Scientific data published in 1992 by Michel Aubert and his research team demonstrated that dogs were immune to a rabies challenge 5 years after vaccination, while Dr. Schultz's serological studies documented antibody titer counts at levels known to confer immunity to rabies 7 years post-vaccination.

This data strongly suggests that state laws requiring annual or triennial rabies boosters for dogs are redundant. Because the rabies vaccine is the most potent of the veterinary vaccines and associated with significant adverse reactions, it should not be given more often than is necessary to maintain immunity. Adverse reactions such as autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites are linked to rabies vaccinations.

The Rabies Challenge Fund is a non-profit funded by donations. If you would like to help the study move forward, visit their Web site for information on how to contribute.

**[www.rabieschallengefund.org](http://www.rabieschallengefund.org)**

The *Dixie Recall* is published on the first of each month. Please submit brags, classifieds and other contributions by the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue of the *Dixie Recall*. Submissions received after the 20th may appear in the following issue.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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## SHOWS IN JANUARY

**January 4-6** Agility (Indoors). Oak Ridge Kennel Club at East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center in Harriman, TN. Contact Jane Mohr at [trialesecretary@wildblue.net](mailto:trialesecretary@wildblue.net) for more information. Show closes December 12.

**January 13** Obedience (Indoors, herding breeds only). Central KY Herding Group Club at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY. Contact Nancy Runyan at (859) 265-0881 for more information.

**January 24-27** Obedience, Agility and Rally (Indoors). Nashville Dog Training Club at Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Agility closes January 2; Obedience and Rally close January 9.

## 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@ntech.edu](mailto:cbrock@ntech.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](mailto:sancrestfarm@comcast.net)

## DECEMBER NDTC SEMINAR

NDTC Obedience Seminar with Joanne Permowicz. \$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 [bdskes@comcast.net](mailto:bdskes@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

**Photos with Santa** Agape Animal Rescue will be at the Frothy Monkey, 2509 12th Avenue South, Nashville, to take your pet's photo with Santa on December 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Microchip Clinic** The Nashville Humane Association will offer microchipping for pets at their facility on December 15th. The cost is \$20.00 and includes registration. Please encourage all pet owners who haven't done so to get their pets chipped. This is a great deal, and a little extra insurance in case you become separated from your pet. Collars come off - microchips do not!

**Cappo's Annual Christmas Party** Benefiting the Nashville Humane Association. Saturday, December 8, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at Douglas Corner. Featured artists include John Foster, Al Babyok, Dave Carew, Tom Wurth, Jenny Pffor, Katy Seale, Adam Berry, Larry McCoy, Perry Danos, Sutton Parks, Tassany, Sandy Garwood, Jennifer Stokes, Angel Pontier, Matt Grant, Chance Chambers, Krista Farmer, Ron Drago, Tarryn Smith, Tracey K. Houston, Travis Henson, Michelle Marie, Audrey Baker, Kelly Ann Monahan, Mark McMasters and Amy & Brian Brown (of Phoenix Rising), Sandy Merrill, Kenny Ray Horton, Al Delory and many other special guests.

Please bring donations of the following: cat or dog food, cat litter, leashes, treats, toys, collars, bath towels, bleach, copy/printer paper, stainless steel bowls and pet store gift cards.

Visit [www.MySpace.com/CapposChristmasParty](http://www.MySpace.com/CapposChristmasParty) for updates, or for more information call Cappo at (615) 883-9471.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Are you looking for an affordable one-of-a-kind gift for your favorite pet lover? Look no further! Doggie Doodles by Dina offers hand-painted custom caricature prints or original canvas! To order, simply email a photo of your pet.

Give a one-of-a-kind gift that will be cherished for a lifetime! Visit Doggie Doodles on the Web at [www.wufsup.com](http://www.wufsup.com).

## Bill Baber Hearing Scheduled for December 13

During my [short] tenure as editor of The Dixie Recall, I have tried to refrain from expressing personal opinions. However, in the case of Bill Baber, the Gallatin vet who was videotaped using cruel methods of euthanasia at Sumner County Animal Control, I would like to write a few words. I feel certain we are all in agreement on this issue anyway.

I will never be able to erase from my mind the images on those videotapes, and it is my understanding that we saw a highly edited version. I shudder to think of what we did not see.

It is my opinion, as I'm sure it is yours, that there is no excuse for Baber's actions over the past three years. This is by far the most horrifying case of animal cruelty I have ever heard of. It saddens us all when we hear stories of children setting animals on fire, or drunken teenagers fatally kicking a small dog. But a licensed veterinarian, performing euthanasia in a way that I feel sure he realized was inhumane, is unthinkable. This is someone who has purportedly dedicated his life to caring for sick and injured animals. If his heart has become hardened to a point that he didn't see anything wrong with what he was doing, that he could not recognize the fear, pain and suffering these animals endured in their final moments, then it is time for him to stop practicing.

Baber's license was suspended in November, then reinstated approximately a week later, pending a formal hearing scheduled for December 13 - which is why I feel compelled to bring this up again.

If you feel as I do, that Bill Baber should never again be allowed to practice veterinary medicine, I urge you to write the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and encourage them to revoke his license permanently.

**Tennessee State Board  
of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
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Or you may call the board at (615) 532-3202 or 1-800-778-4123. Please take a few moments to write or call. We must speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

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

**Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds!** Have a dog-related item you'd like to sell? Looking to buy a used piece of equipment or dog crate? Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing [editor@nashville.org](mailto:editor@nashville.org)