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**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
June 23**

PET SITTING

Several of you have expressed an interest in finding a reliable pet sitter to come by and check on your dogs during the day.

You will be happy to learn that we have an excellent pet sitter in our midst: Diane Overstreet, NDTC's agility instructor.

Diane's company, K-9 Essentials, provides pet sitting services to the Nashville area. She is bonded and insured, and has many years of experience. She has looked after the pets of several of our members.

Some of the services Diane provides include dog walking, playing fetch, administering medication, refilling water bowls and just cuddling - whatever your dog might need while you are away.

Diane's contact information is listed at the top of the sidebar to the right.

Diane was also kind enough to share with me a list of other pet sitters she would recommend. I know some of you live outside the Metro Nashville area; Diane is a member of a network of pet sitters, and she would be happy to help you locate someone in your area.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H RALLY SEMINAR A SUCCESS

Caitlin Padgett, member of the Wilson County 4-H Dog Project and NDTC member, sends the following update:

On May 17, 2008, four young 4-H members – Sarah Stewart, Joey Suesping, Micheal Soto, Caitlin Padgett – and Robin Rauschenberger hosted a Rally Obedience seminar in Lawrenceburg, TN for the 4-H Dog Project of Lawrence county. The Lawrence county 4-H members were serious about dog training.

REMINDER: Membership Fees are due on July 1!

Annual Membership Fees for NDTC club members are due on July 1. Membership forms can be downloaded and printed from the NDTC Web site.

To make sure your fees are promptly processed and to help the renewal process go as smoothly as possible, please observe the following guidelines.

- Fill out your renewal form completely, even if there are no changes. The club must have a completed renewal form for every member each year, whether you are a new member or simply renewing.
- If you submit a check only without an application, your membership cannot be processed.
- Be sure to include your e-mail address if you have one.
- Completely fill in your training history at NDTC, your volunteer jobs and the number of hours you volunteered. This is essential for the club's record keeping. New applicants will not be considered without this history.
- Mail your form with payment to Anna Doherty at the address listed on the form, or you may leave it in her mailbox at the club. If leaving the form in her mailbox, be sure that your form and payment are enclosed together in an envelope to ensure that you receive proper credit. It is very easy for checks and applications to become separated if they are not enclosed in an envelope.
- Mailing is the preferred method, as the mailbox at the club is checked only periodically. You can be sure your application will be processed on time by mailing it to the address on the form.
- Mail or drop off your application and payment in July. Members who do not renew by the end of July will pay full price for their classes for the following year.

Thank you for helping to keep the renewal process running smoothly!

MEMBER BRAGS

Bonnie Davis' Keeshond, Disco (Laser Stayn Live Thru Trumpet), finished her UD in Decatur, AL on February 10, 2008.

Cheryl Geer and her two Papillons went to Decatur for three days of agility May 18-20. They returned with 5 qualifying scores in Excellent Jumpers. **Felix (Loteki Total Windfall RA AXP MJP)** got two 1st place wins and his 5th and 6th legs on his MJP2 title. **Jackson (Ch. Loteki Civil Liberties RA AX MXJ)** qualified all three days in Jumpers but only got green ribbons.

Cheryl's Papillons made their Rally Excellent A debut at the HOTC trial on May 31-June 1. Jackson qualified both days earning two legs towards his RE title. He placed first in his class on Saturday and second in his class on Sunday. Felix qualified Saturday and earned second place, earning his first leg towards his RE!

Connie McGhee's Labrador Retriever, **Angus (McGhee's Dandy Lion RA)**, earned his second leg in Rally Excellent on Saturday, May 31 at the Huntsville trial with a fourth place. He now holds the NDTC record for attempted escapes from the ring in one trial, with a total of nine attempts for the weekend. He finally succeeded on his ninth try. Congratulations Angus!

Connie's Flat-Coated Retriever, **Simon (McGhee's Starfish Wizard RE)**, earned his Rally Excellent title on May 31 with third place, showing his big brother who the boss really is.

PURINA INCREDIBLE DOG TEAM PERFORMS AT NASHVILLE SHORES

The high-flying Purina Incredible Dog Team will perform at Nashville Shores in June. The Incredible Dog Team is a collection of some of the world's most athletic canines performing amazing acrobatic flying disc routines set to music. The team has entertained fans for more than ten years in cities across the country including New York, Los Angeles, Memphis and Dallas, and has performed at various NBA, NFL and MLB halftime shows.

The Purina Incredible Dog Team consists of several top-notch trainers and their dogs that aim to entertain. They hope to educate people about pet care and how proper nutrition and training can bring out the best in any dog.

The team stresses the "incredible" potential in every dog, which is reflected in the number of the canine team members who were adopted at animal shelters and rescue groups around the country.

The athletic feats performed by the team include rolling back catches, two-legged balancing acts on the trainer's feet and jumping nearly ten feet in the air to snare a flying disc.

There will be daily performances on June 20-22 and June 27-29 at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$23.95 per person, which includes admission to Nashville Shores park. Contact Emily Bryan at (615) 889-7050, ext. 215 or by e-mail at ebryan@nashvilleshores.com.

If you would be interested in attending the show as a group with other NDTC members, please contact Randee White at randee.white@vanderbilt.edu. If we can assemble a group of 15 or more people, tickets may be purchased for a group rate of \$16.95.

DO YOU HAVE THE MUDDIEST BUDDY?

The winner of the last Muddiest Buddy Contest, Bob, is retiring and his title of official Lees carpet spokespet is up for grabs. Entries will be accepted until June 15, 2008. Online voting begins on June 18. The winning pet owner will receive \$5,000 worth of new Lees carpet and a year's supply of Purina® brand pet food, and for every entry, one dollar will be donated to Delta Society. Enter your dog at <http://prs.epiinc.com/IPR/557371.htm>.

IMPORTANT MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please make sure if you use the rings that you return things to the way they were before you leave, gates where they belong and equipment in its appropriate place.

HEAT STROKE: PREVENTION, SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

Most people are aware of the dangers of heat stroke on very hot days, but sometimes the first few extremely hot days of the year can catch an owner or dog off guard. It is a good idea to know the signs of heat stroke, and know how to initiate treatment before heading to the vet or emergency clinic.

PREVENTION:

- Let your dog acclimate slowly over a period of several days to walking or playing in the heat when the temperatures become warmer, building tolerance gradually.
- Provide plenty of cool water before and after exposure to heat.
- Do not immediately return your dog to an enclosed crate after exposure to heat, particularly if you suspect he or she may be in danger of heat stroke.
- Consider purchasing sun shades for your car on long trips, and cooling pads or bandanas if they will be competing or working outside.
- Do not assume that because your dog is in the water they are not susceptible to heat stroke. If the water is above 73° and the dog is exerting a lot of energy, heat stroke is still a possibility. Heavy muscular activity of any kind drives body temperatures up at an alarming rate.
- Short-nosed breeds are at greater risk - take extra precautions. Senior dogs are also at increased risk.
- Some drugs, such as antihistamines, can also place your dog at an increased risk for heat stroke.

SYMPTOMS:

- Heavier than normal panting.
- Elevated heart rate.
- Wild-eyed appearance.
- Muddy pink color to the gums. Gums are dry.
- Staggering, with a tendency to walk very slowly without regard to where they are. Advanced heat stroke victims may collapse.
- Body temperature of above 105° (Normal body temperature for dogs is around 101°). If a rectal thermometer is not available and several of the above signs are present, it is wise to assume heat stroke and proceed with treatment.

TREATMENT:

If you suspect heat stroke, proceed to the nearest veterinarian. You may initiate treatment before leaving by:

- Submersing the dog in cool water (not cold or ice water). If a cool bath is not available, run the hose on them, paying special attention to the belly and groin area. There are many superficial blood vessels in this area that will allow for more effective cooling.
- Keeping the dog in a shady, well-ventilated area to allow for evaporation, which will help cool the dog. Do not cover the dog with a wet towel, as this will prevent evaporation.
- If you have a rectal thermometer, monitor the dog's temperature. Once the dog has cooled down to 103°, he or she should be transported to a veterinarian for further treatment.
- When in transport, keep the air conditioning on high or all the windows rolled down. Do not transport in an enclosed crate.

I thought I had seen some pretty intimidating Rally courses...

But this one takes the cake. Or the donut.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDLwoEo0ns8&feature=related>

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 JUNE

June 27-29 Agility (Indoors) Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club at MTSU's TN Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes June 4.

SHOW 'n GOs IN JUNE

June 22 Obedience and Rally (Indoors) SuperDog Sports Center in Simpsonville, KY. \$6 for first entry, \$4 for additional entries. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Visit www.superdogssportscenter.com/events.html for more information.

SHOWS IN JULY

July 11-13 Obedience and Rally (Indoors) Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville, TN. Show closes June 25.

July 19-20 Obedience and Rally (Indoors) Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club at MTSU's TN Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes June 25.

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

Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UD's on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

SEMINAR

Dog Emergency Treatment Can you perform CPR, rescue breathing, stop bleeding, treat for shock, prevent pet poisoning, treat for exposure, deal with fractures, stings, seizures and convulsions, restrain and muzzle, handle choking and other life-threatening events?

If you said no to any of the above, this course is for you!

Saturday, June 7, 2008. 8 hour course, limited to 20 participants. \$118 per person. There are five seats remaining!

Pre-registration is required to attend. Email Tanya at Tanya@agaperescue.org.

FREESTYLE

Freestyle Classes are being offered at Red Rover. Don't miss this rare opportunity! Brigitte Sclabas is the instructor. Classes are \$120 for a six-week session. Contact Heidi Dixner at Red Rover by calling 227-7709 or by e-mail at heidi@redrovercomeover.com.

PET PORTRAITS

June 17 and 19 Grannis Photography will be at the Farm at Natchez Trace from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. both days. No appointment necessary. Visit www.grannisphotography.com/specials/specials.htm for more information. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Happy Tales Humane.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate our friends and fellow Tennesseans Joel Lavalley and Melanie Del Villaggio for being named to the AKC's Agility World Team.

David W. Haddock



Sandra Edson's Standard Poodle, Sancrest Georgina CDX, RE, AXP, AJP, Delta Therapy (Gina), will be ten years old on June 13!

DIXIE RECALL WELCOMES ALL SUBMISSIONS!

I would like to take a few lines to encourage our members to send in submissions to The Recall. This newsletter is for you, and I want you to know that, as the editor, I want to make sure it includes what you would like to read!

I was recently asked how much it would cost to place an ad in the Classifieds. I thought I should make sure everyone knows that the Classifieds are free - you only need to send me an e-mail and let me know what you would like to go in. I will make every effort to include your submission in the following issue.

I have been treating the Classifieds as a sort of miscellaneous section - show dates, other classes or events of interest, birthdays, etc. I am very open to anything you'd like to let other members know about.

I am also open to ideas for articles, and I'm even more thrilled to have articles written by you. Your suggestions are always welcome. I have received a few great ideas and articles from members, and I wanted to encourage others to do the same when you think of something you'd like to share.

I know that some of you may hear about events and seminars that may not be on my radar. I encourage you to shoot me a short e-mail so we can let the other members know.

The Recall is here for you. Please feel free to e-mail comments and suggestions at any time. Thanks for reading!

DOG CLONING AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18

For \$100,000, you can bid on the chance to have your dog cloned by a California company. Link to New York Times article below:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/21/us/21dog.html>

To read more about the company behind the cloning, visit

www.bestfriendsagain.com/

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

Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds! Know of an upcoming Show n Go that might be of interest to our members? Looking for a pet sitter? Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing editor@nashville.org