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NEXT MEMBER MEETING:

October 26

Thanks To All Who Made NDTC's Agility Trial a Success!

From Trial Chair June Johnston

Thanks so much to all of you who made the October NDTC/CKC trial such a nice event. I know that Jeff and Sandra appreciated your response to their calls for workers. Great vendors, great exhibitors, and great volunteers.

The NDTC committee who made this weekend happen: **Maurice and Dorothy Amateau** were property managers, kept the timers going and "accepted all donations from the pups." **Connie Womack** and **Judy Hackett** drove the judges everywhere and made sure they were housed and fed. **Diane Overstreet** and **Leah Oakley** made sure workers were well-fed. **Wendy Boehme** took care of ordering and delivering ribbons and toys and getting our placements and Q ribbons out for us. **Angela Still** took care of vendors and parking and marking areas off with the help of **Lynn James**. **Denise McClure** pitched in everywhere. **Sandra Edson** and **Jeff Whitsitt** were Chief Ring Stewards and kept the trial moving. **Sandra Corse** came at key times to write checks. Last, but not least, we sure wouldn't want to do a trial without **Jane Mohr**, **Karen Booker** and **Jean and Joel LaValley**, who are involved from the planning stages through teardown and AKC submittals (Yes, it takes an army to successfully put on an agility trial).

I probably forgot someone because there are so many you may not see that pitch in, like **Mr. Connie** fixing the audio equipment for the Fast judges or my husband and his son bringing extra Fast equipment.

Someone was asking me who the judges are for next October and I couldn't remember off the top of my head: They are Carla Boudrot, Jill Roberts, Diane Fyfe, and Dan Faulkner.

Again, thanks to everyone for all your help.

June Johnston, Ed.D.

NDTC October Chair

P.S. Joel never reminds anyone that it is time for him to course build, he just starts and sometimes it's a while before we realize to call for help; so, a special thanks to the people who see what's going on and jump in to help without waiting for the call. **Cynthia Shaffer** seemed to be the first to arrive behind Joel most of this weekend.

Mary Mullen Thanks NDTC For a Great Judging Experience

Will you please pass along to everyone from your clubs my *extreme* gratitude at being invited to judge at your trials this past weekend! I had such a good time – it was just the most perfect experience for one of my supervised assignments. The trial committee, course builders, ring crew and scoretable were the best! It also didn't hurt to see so many friendly faces out in the crowd :-)

Thank you also for inviting Rick to join us at dinner. I did not intend to impose him on the club and that was not his wish either, but your club graciously invited him along and he enjoyed his dinner as much as I did. He was such a good sport driving me back and forth between the trials in St. Louis and Franklin and it was a very kind gesture for your club to include him.

My best news to come out of the weekend (besides Connie's NA and OAJ) was that Barb is recommending that I be released to Excellent Provisional! That means as soon as Andy gives the OK (a few weeks, probably) I can judge excellent classes!

Well, thanks again, and I'll see everyone in January if not sooner!

Mary Mullen

THE SCOOP ON DOGS

Coyote Awareness Web Site Offers Tips for Nashvillians

As we go into fall and winter, when food sources become more scarce, we may begin seeing more coyotes. Coyotes pose a danger to small pets, especially cats but also small dogs.

One Nashvillian has created a Web site to report sightings and share information about coyotes. Following are a few tips on discouraging the presence of coyotes:

- Eliminate food and water sources (this includes cleaning up brush and vegetation that might harbor small prey)
- Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.
- Feed pets and store food indoors.
- Don't leave pets outside unattended.
- Install fencing that is at least six feet tall with the bottom extending six inches below ground level.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.nashvillecoyotes.com.

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MEMBER Q! BRAGS

Marina Caro's Rhodesian Ridgeback, **Panzer**, finished his AKC Field Championship in Maryland on Sunday, September 20, 2009. This was one week after taking Best In Field in Chattanooga! He is now officially, **BIF FC Jager's Warrior Sun of Intrigue SC, RN, NJP, CGC**. He is halfway to his ASFA Field Championship so we hope to finish that title this fall. We'll then be back in the agility ring in January!

Marina Caro's Italian Greyhound, **ACE**, finished his Novice Agility title with a first place at the NDTC trial on Friday, October 2, 2009! He is now officially **CH Windshift Red Baron NA, OAJ**.

Marina Caro's Pembroke Welsh Corgi, **Flash**, earned his RN title at the Corgi Nationals in Ft. Mitchell, KY on Monday, September 28, 2009. This is his first (of many) AKC title! He is now officially known as **Keen West Grande Finale RN, CGC**.

Cheryl Geer's Papillion, **Jackson**, finished his MX title on Sunday, October 4 at the NDTC Agility Trial. Felix earned his 4th and 5th MJP4 legs.

Ann Hammond's 12-month-old Scottish Deerhound, **Chino**, earned his Junior Courser title with two nice runs at the Bluegrass Coursing Club trials Sept. 12 and 13.

Debbi Martin's Basset Hound, "**Clou**," earned his third leg and RA title at the Atlanta Kennel Club on Saturday, September 19, 2009. He is now: **Craigwood Adams Insp. Clouseau CD RA**.

2010 NDTC Board Position Nominations

The Nominating Committee (Claudia Dickerson, Debbie Gordon, and Sarah Karafa, chair) has extended the deadline for board position nominations from voting club members to October 15, 2009. If you are interested in being nominated for a Board position, please contact Sarah at property@nashvilledog.org.

Respectfully,
Deborah Cutter, Secretary, NDTC

AKC Announces AKC Canine Partners Program

AKC is excited to announce the launch of its new mixed breed program, AKC Canine Partners. Beginning October 1, 2009, mixed breed owners can begin enrolling their dogs and receiving special benefits from AKC.

Starting April 1, 2010, dogs obtaining an AKC Canine Partners listing number will be eligible to participate in stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials offering mixed breed classes. To search for mixed breed events coming to your area, go to AKC Events Search and click mixed breed classes.

For more information, including program details, go to www.akccaninepartners.org. If you have any questions, please email akccaninepartners@akc.org.

An Orangutan and His Dog

It was a chance meeting while riding an elephant through the neighborhood – and it was love at first sight for Surya and Roscoe.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mteaujyye00>

Agility Distance Handling Workshop by Kristy Netzer

Teaching distance handling not only helps handlers earn the FAST and Gamble titles in agility, but distance work is also helpful to any handler who cannot keep up with his/her dog. If your dog looks back at you, spins, barks at you, will not drive ahead of you or has trouble with directional commands, Kristy's methods for teaching distance might be the perfect answer! Distance skills also allow athletic handlers an opportunity to get into key handling positions to guide their dog more efficiently through a course.

Kristy will be offering two workshops in October at Borderland Farms in Franklin, TN:

October 17, 2009 (Saturday)

Foundation Handling Skills

This workshop will introduce foundation skills for teaching distance work. Topics will include: The Use of Pressure, Lure vs. Reward, Directionals (Go, Out, Here), Redirects (Right and Left). Participants may be at any level of training and/or competition. However, dogs must be confident on all pieces of equipment. Independent obstacle performance will not be included in this workshop. **Cost: \$50.**

October 18, 2009 (Sunday)

Specific Distance Skills and Course Analysis

This workshop will cover topics such as Obstacle Discrimination, Pinwheels and Lead Outs. We will review courses and determine how to 'find' places to use distance skills, minimizing both the handler and the dog path and resulting in faster course times. Priority for this workshop will be given to handlers who also sign up for the Foundation Handling Skills workshop. It is open to handlers who do not attend the first workshop, as long as his/her dog has a firm understanding of Go, Out, Right, and Left (or has a Turn/Switch Command).

Cost for Individual Workshops: **\$50**

Cost for Both Workshops: **\$80**

Auditors: **\$25 per day**

Workshop hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a 1.5 hour break for lunch at 12:30 p.m. You may bring your lunch, or visit one of many nearby restaurants (sit-down or fast food). Equipment will be available during break periods for participants and auditors.

To register, send a check payable to Ann Walling to Borderland Farms, 1103 Tuloss Road, Franklin, TN 37067. Please indicate which workshop(s) you would like to attend, your name, dog name and breed, level of competition, email address and phone number.

For more information contact Kristy at happydogkn@aol.com or phone (615) 792-1289. www.happydogranchtn.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board of Director's Proposed Change to Membership Year:

This email is to notify the membership of a proposed amendment to the club bylaws to be voted on at the Oct. 26 club meeting. The amendment will pass if 2/3 of the members present at the meeting vote for it. Voting will be by secret ballot.

Current:

Dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of July each year. No member whose dues are not paid for the current membership year may vote or enjoy any other benefit of a voting member. During the month of May, the Membership Chair shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Proposed Amendment:

Dues shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January each year with a grace period continuing until March 1. After March 1 members not paying dues will become lapsed. No member whose dues are not paid for the current membership year may vote or enjoy any other benefit of a voting member. During the month of November, the Membership Chair shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

If the proposal passes, we will just extend all current members for June 2009-July 2010 to December 2010. Next renewal and dues payment would be January 2011.

Kay Ford
Membership Chair

For Those Entitled To Free Or Discounted Classes:

Free and discounted classes are available only if a completed registration is received before the early-bird deadline. If you don't know for sure whether you want to take a class, go ahead and register. You can always withdraw your registration if you change your mind.

Jeff Whitsitt
Training Director

NDTC CLASSIFIEDS

EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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SHOWS IN OCTOBER

October 1-4 Agility (Indoors). Nashville Dog Training Club (Thu.-Sat.) and Clarksville Kennel Club (Sun.) at Williamson County Agricultural Park in Franklin, TN. Show closes September 9.

October 10-11 Obedience and Rally (Indoors/Outdoors). Tupelo Kennel Club at Agricenter International in Memphis, TN. Show closes September 23.

October 17-18 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Obedience Club of Chattanooga at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN. Show closes September 30.

October 17-18 Conformation. Tri-Star Kennel Club of Williamson County at Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville, TN.

October 23-25 Agility (Outdoors). Greater Kingsport Kennel Club at Appalaichian Fairgrounds in Gray, TN. Show closes October 9.

October 30-November 1 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). East Tennessee Boxer Club (Friday) and Tennessee Valley Kennel Club (Saturday and Sunday) at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville, TN. Show closes October 14.

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 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 titles on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

Jeff Whitsitt available for private tracking lessons. For one-on-one instruction in tracking, contact Jeff at (615) 482-3046 or by e-mail at jswhitsitt@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Level 2 Instructor needed for Level 2 class on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. beginning October 15. If interested, contact Jeff at (615) 482-3046 or by e-mail at jswhitsitt@gmail.com.

DOG BOARDING

Dog Boarding in my home. House dogs only. Dogs will have house privileges, scheduled walks and play time in fenced yard. Crated or put in x-pen for naps and nights. Concierge services priced accordingly. Interviews preferred and may be required. Robin Raushenberger at (615) 418-5248.

CONFORMATION CLASSES

Conformation classes at the Nashville Dog Training Club are back in full swing. Classes are every Monday night, with the exception of holidays, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Conformation classes are drop-in.

HABITAT FOR HOUNDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Without appropriate shelter, prolonged exposure to freezing temperatures can lead to hypothermia, frost bite, or death in outdoor pets. In preparation for the cold season, Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter will be hosting our first annual Habitat for Hounds program.

Throughout October and November, we will be accepting new and gently used dog houses and bedding that will be distributed to needy pets in our community. Below is a list of items we that we are looking for. They can be new or gently used. Please make sure the dog houses are weather proof.

- Insulated dog houses (S, M, L, XL)
- Wood houses with shingled roofs (S,M,L,XL)
- Straw
- Cedar chips
- New/used blankets, towels, or rugs
- Microwaveable warming discs
- Kennel heating pads

All donations can be dropped off at the Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter located at 115 Industrial Dr. If you have an item you wish to donate but are unable to deliver it to the shelter, please call and we will be happy to pick it up.

SEMINARS

The Charlotte Dog Training Club presents Turid Rugaas February 27 and 28, 2010 at Piedmont Kennel Club, 13607 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Turid lives and works in Norway where she has been studying dog behavior for many years. She started her own dog training school in 1985. Author of the critically acclaimed book *On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals*, Turid travels worldwide, speaking and presenting programs at conferences, seminars and workshops.

Seminar format:

On the first day of the seminar, she will discuss *Calming Signals* and shares with us her insights on the fascinating world of communication between dogs, as well as dogs and their owners.

On the second day, she will discuss *Stress in Dogs* and its consequences. How stress affects your dog and what you can do to help your dog handle stressful situations.

Loose Leash Walking. Tired of your dog pulling you when out for a walk? Turid will show you a technique to use to stop the pulling and have your dog walk nicely by your side.

Seminar hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$225 for both days, \$125 for one day. Register before October 15th to receive a 10% discount.

Registration open until January 27, 2010 or until filled. Space is limited! Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Full refunds will be given if cancellation is received by December 7, 2009. Refunds of 50% of the registration fee will be refunded if the cancellation is made before January 1, 2010. No refunds after January 1, 2010.

Email dianer6631@gmail.com or phone (980) 329-3736 for more information.

Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds! There is no charge for ads, and they may pertain to any subject you think would be of interest to the members, from private lessons to events to birthdays. Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing editor@nashvilledog.org.