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NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
November 23

2010 Board Members Elected

NDTC would like to welcome aboard our newest board members, elected at the October meeting. Rande White was elected our new Training Director, effective January 1, 2010. Sandra Corse has moved to the position of Registrar, effective immediately, and Connie Womack will fill the position of Treasurer. We thank these members for their service and contributions to our club, and look forward to working with them in the coming year.

K-9 FRIENDS FOR BECKY AND ELIZABETH: UPDATE ON WALK

By Cynthia Shaffer



We had an amazing turnout for the walk. I think we had about 35 of our 65 team members present. The weather cooperated for us and was nice and cool. There were thousands of people there, but we were able to gather all our team and eventually had everyone together.

We were very honored to have Becky's sister Mona Lee walk with us, along with Linda Robertson, Becky's sister-in-law. I know that Mona and Linda shared some special moments together. It was an honor to have each of them as part of our team.

At the end of the race, we were able to meet up with Elizabeth's husband, David, and two of their daughters, Ellse and Rachel. David expressed that he was so appreciative of our efforts.

As a team, the website lists our total at \$14,776. A few donations came in late, and one team member is going to make up the difference to take us to a total of \$15,000.00 earned for The Race for the Cure. What an outstanding first year for our team! I am so proud of us and thank each of you along with all of those who contributed monetarily or in some other form. Some team members are already planning for next year and thinking of ways they will pledge/raise funds; this might be something each of us could consider throughout the year.

Our prize winners were:

NDTC 4-day, 1-dog entry to top fundraiser **Stacy Moss** (\$1,811.00!)

K9 Sports \$45 certificate to **Greg Brasen**

K9 Sports \$45 certificate to **Jeff Whitsitt**

MOTC 1-day/dog entry to **Lisa Doxey**

MOTC 1-day/dog entry to **Anne Mathis**

DKC/CKC 1-day/dog entry to **Kathy Temple**



Cynthia Shaffer and top fundraiser Stacy Moss, who earned \$1,811!



Cynthia Shaffer and members of K-9 Friends pose with two of Elizabeth's daughters, Rachel and Elise Bright.

TRAINING BYTES

Every month, I hope to be able to write a couple of lines to let everyone know what I'm working on. I don't officially take office until January but I'd like to start now with one project.

I would like to ask for volunteers to assist in reviewing the current class curriculums and revising as needed. I would like to look at standardizing the content for classes in a way that can help guide the newer instructors and help all the instructors feel supported. I envision a "Curriculum Committee" that consists of not just experienced instructors, but also of junior instructors because I believe that way we can address issues at every level.

Please feel free to call me at 828-7782 or e-mail me at randeewhite@yahoo.com if you are interested. I hope this will be fun.

And as always, I'm looking for instructors for all levels. If you are interested in instructing or assisting at any time during the year, give me a buzz. If I can get your preferences for classes, days and times listed, I won't have to pester you. I know who you are! Drool on...Randeewhite

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MEMBER Q! BRAGS

Debbie Cutter's Scottish Deerhound, **Harper (Skyhigh Kentucky Thunder CDX TD NAJ)** finished his CDX at the Evansville Obedience Club trial on Nov. 7. He earned all three legs with first places with scores of 197, 195, and 193 ½.

June Johnston's Pointer, **Saddle**, earned her Tracking Dog Excellent title at the Gateway Tracking Test on October 25, 2009.

Suzanne Jones' newest Chihuahua, **Rueben**, earned his Rally Novice title at the Obedience Club of Chattanooga trial on October 17th and 18th. **Honey** and **Ginger** earned their 2nd legs toward their RE at the GLTC trial, with Honey placing fourth on Saturday, October 24th.

Sarah Karafa's Belgian Tervuren, **Lakenight's Citation Flyin' High EZ Rider (Wyatt)**, took Winner's Dog/Best of Winners for one point on Sunday, September 27 at the Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club show. Wyatt took Winner's Dog and then went Best of Breed at the Tri-Star Kennel Club Dog Show in Nashville, TN on October 18th - a four point major. On October 22, Wyatt took Winner's Dog/Best of Winners at the Griffin Georgia Kennel Club Dog Show in Marietta, GA for two points.

Pat Thorne's German Shepherd Dog, **Meg**, earned her UD at the Chattanooga show. It was very exciting for both of us: Meg, because she's worked so hard on this, and me, because this is my seventh Utility dog.



NDTC Member Anna Doherty Wins Top Fundraiser Honors in Mutt Strutt for NHA

Anna Doherty, with canine companions Willie and Myles, brought home top honors in the Nashville Humane Association's Mutt Strutt on October 10, 2009. Thanks to the generous donations of friends and club members, Anna was able to raise \$1,354 for Nashville Humane Association.

Anna dedicated her walk to Patrick Nixon, one of her favorite former students and the first Tennessean to lose his life in the war in Iraq.

"I try to do something at least once a year for the Nashville Humane Association," said

Anna. "Sometimes it's just a load of towels and blankets, dog food or a small personal donation. I was happy to be able to raise this amount for NHA's 20th Anniversary."

Anna would like to thank all those who donated and showed support for her walk.

Teacher Appreciation Brunch at Ellendale's

Don't forget, this year's NDTC Teacher Appreciation Brunch is Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Ellendale's in Donelson. Hope Jeff has received your RSVP and we'll see there!

Mixed Breed "Supermodels" Wanted

The AKC is looking for photogenic mixed breed dogs to represent AKC Canine Partners, their new mixed breed program. Submit photos of your dog now through December 31, 2009.

<http://www.AKCCaninePartners.org>

NDTC AKC LURE COURSING SEMINAR

Learn all of the Rules and Regulations that apply to this exciting sport that the dogs love so much. Presenter is Bob Mason, AKC Senior Executive Field Representative.

Time: Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. Seminar begins at 9 a.m. (Central Time)

Cost: \$30 per person (includes a continental breakfast & catered lunch on Saturday)

Please join us in Nashville, TN for our first AKC lure coursing seminar. We hope to have AKC lure coursing trials in the near future!! Those who wish may take the AKC judge's test at the conclusion of the seminar.

We will have a practice session at our designated field location on Sunday, January 17, 2010. Practice runs will begin at 10 a.m. The field is located at the UT Extension Center in Spring Hill TN (across from the Saturn plant). Bring your own shelter, chairs, food & water to the field. You will receive directions and additional information upon registration.

Questions? Feel free to email Marina Caro at marinacaro@comcast.net.

NEARBY DOG FRIENDLY HOTELS:

La Quinta Inn 4311 Sidco Drive, Nashville, TN 37204-4509, (615) 834-6900

Red Roof Inn 4271 Sidco Drive, Nashville, TN 37204, (615) 832-0093

Best Western Franklin Inn 1308 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064-3042, (615) 790-0570

Days Inn Franklin 4217 S. Carothers Road, Franklin, TN 37067-5043, (615) 790-1140

Quality Inn & Suites 1307 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064, (615) 794-7591

Red Roof Inn Brentwood 8097 Moores Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027-8005, (615) 309-8860

Ramada Limited and Suites 6210 Hospitality Drive, Franklin, TN 37067-5063, (615) 791-4004

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN UPDATE

- Our cleaning crew and I have been working diligently to provide a nice smelling and clean environment in which to train. We have begun using the product ODO-Ban, used in many veterinary offices, in order to cut down on marking and to reduce other 'doggie smells' - for lack of a better term...
- We have removed the old rugs and are working on getting some vinyl runners to replace them. Rugs soak up smells and become hair and dirt catchers, as well a temptation for leg lifters. We have therefore pulled up the carpets that have been under some of the crates. We apologize for the inconvenience. They were very dirty and hairy and we needed to clean around all the crates. We ask that you please take your carpets home or dispose of them. If you MUST (I mean MUST) have your crate carpets, please pull them up every Saturday so that the cleaning can be done around the crates on Sundays.
- We have a new emergency exit door. It was installed on Monday, November 2. Please do not block this door with any equipment. Blocking an emergency exit is a violation of safety codes. Thanks for taking the extra efforts to keep it clear.
- If you use the multi-colored dots for training, please pick them up when you are finished training. They clog up our floor cleaning machine.
- The sprinkler riser room has been cleared so that we can now proceed in installing return duct work.
- Now we can proceed on new locks as both the front door hinges and back door have been replaced. More info to follow...
- I am currently getting estimates for a phone answering system.

That's all for now. Call me if you have any comments, suggestions, questions or (ack!) criticisms!

Thanks for helping keep NDTC the best place to train!

Sarah Karafa
NDTC Property Chairman

NDTC CLASSIFIEDS

EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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SHOW 'n GOs IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 15 Utility, Open and Novice at Curt Brock's training building.

SHOWS IN DECEMBER

Dec. 12-13 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Chattahoochee English Springer Spaniel Club at Atlanta Obedience Club Training Building in Norcross, GA. Show closes November 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 seven 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.

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. Contact Robin Raushenberger at (615) 418-5248.

HABITAT FOR HOUNDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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 weatherproof.

- 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.

EVENTS

Art for Animals November 19, 2009 from 6-9 p.m. at HA Gallery on Eighth Avenue in Nashville, TN.

Nashville Paw Magazine is excited to announce our 3rd Annual Art for Animals, a unique gallery event that has gained great popularity with Nashville's animal lovers and art community alike!

Last year's sophomore event was a smash hit, raising nearly \$6,000 for local spay and neuter efforts as 220 guests enjoyed an evening filled with local art, wine, food and fun. The event has been featured as the Nashville Scene's "Pick of the Week" and has been featured on NashvilleLifestyles.com.

Join us from 6-9pm at HA Gallery to enjoy a showcase and auction of original work in a variety of media from 20 local artists! Plus, get a head start on your holiday shopping in our fabulous silent auction, filled with great gift ideas such as dinner and entertainment packages, salon and spa certificates, gourmet baskets, boutique pet items and much more!

As a guest, you will enjoy complimentary fine wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, gift bags, door prizes and more.

We are very proud that this year's event will once again benefit Fix For Life Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic in an effort to help solve Middle Tennessee's pet overpopulation crisis. A program operated by New Leash On Life, the spay clinic has been vital in providing high-quality sterilizations to the greater Nashville community. For more information on this amazing organization, please visit www.FixForLife.org.

SEMINARS

Joyce Norris Duck Handling Clinic
December 5-6, 2009

Here is your chance to get ready for herding trials and hone your duck handling skills. AKC and AHBA Judge, Joyce Norris from IL will be holding a Duck Herding/Handling Clinic on December 5 and 6, 2009. Perfect for dogs in Started through Advanced classes, this information packed, two-day clinic will be held in McDonough, GA (home of Susan Harris). Saturday will be a handling clinic with multiple runs on the ducks. Runs will be videotaped. The "A" Course will be set up in a grassy pasture with plenty of room for viewing. Sunday will focus on how the judge sees your run. We will review the rules, discuss how points are lost and test our judging skills while running the course.

Please note that in order for you to get the most out of this clinic your dog should have been exposed to ducks and working them at the Started, Intermediate or Advanced levels.

Be sure to get your registration in early as there are limited working spots available.

Directions, motels, restaurants and seminar hours will be sent nearer the clinic dates.

Saturday, December 5: \$90 for a working spot; \$35.00 for an auditing spot

Sunday, December 6: \$90 for a working spot; \$35.00 for auditing spot

Special pricing: Sign up for a working spot for both days, \$170.00; auditing spots both days \$60.00

Included in the cost is a light breakfast.

Lunch is an additional \$10 per day or you can bring your own and join us.

Contact Susan Harris with questions or for more information by email at samtrack@bellsouth.net or call (678) 773.2862.

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@nashville.org.