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NEXT MEMBER MEETING:

May 24

MIDDLE TENNESSEE FLOODS - HOW YOU CAN HELP AFFECTED ANIMALS

There isn't much left to say about the flooding in Nashville and surrounding areas that hasn't already been said. It wreaked havoc on a scale that I thought I'd never see in my hometown, and the fallout continues in ways I couldn't have imagined.

If you're like me you've been haunted these past two weeks by stories of devastating loss and narrow escapes. The little girl who was sucked through a storm drain and barely survived. The man who was trapped in his car on I24 as it became a raging river on Saturday. The elderly couple who were trying to go to church on Sunday and never returned. The young man trying desperately to reach his children, only to be swept away by the flood waters. Every day another story breaks my heart.

But perhaps none of the stories hurt so much as the stories about the animals. I look at Angus and Simon and think how lucky they were, how lucky we all were. We were all holed up in a cozy house for two days without internet or cable, thinking this sure was a lot of rain, with no idea of the fight for survival that was happening all around us.

I read a story of a farmer hearing his horses take one long, last breath before they disappeared beneath the water. The veterinarian at a West Nashville animal hospital said she will never forget hearing the screams of her charges inside their kennels as the water filled the building. I can't imagine the terror that these animals felt in their last moments, or the emotional pain that their caregivers will suffer for many months or years to come.

Many other pets found themselves displaced, lost or trapped during the crisis, as some families had little time to save themselves. Thankfully, several local organizations stepped forward to provide temporary housing for these victims.

Nashville Humane Association (NHA) and Metro Animal Care and Control (MACC) are the two most widely-recognized local facilities, and therefore have probably felt the greatest impact. MACC has provided housing for upwards of 40 companion animals while their families get back on their feet. NHA has provided temporary housing as well, and is providing food and basic pet supplies for pet owners who lost those items to the flood.

It is important to realize that the influx of animals and needy families has placed an additional burden on these already overburdened facilities. There is still a need for donations, monetary or supplies, and I encourage you to keep them top of mind over the next few weeks. As their needs change from day to day, it may be a good idea to call first for an idea of what they can use.

But I think the greatest thing we can do for them right now is encourage friends to adopt a homeless animal. Yesterday I met a woman with a four-month-old puppy she had adopted from Metro Animal Control. I fell instantly in love with this puppy's calm, gentle, friendly manner, and had trouble moving on even after several minutes with her in my lap. She seemed very content to rest her head on my arm as she looked up at me with soft brown eyes rimmed with hopelessly long lashes. Before I reluctantly returned her to her owner, I thanked the woman for having adopted, especially now. She said she was so glad she had done so - she then told me this puppy had been scheduled for euthanization the next day.

You can reach Metro Animal Care and Control at 862-7928.

You can reach Nashville Humane Association at 352-1010.

THE SCOOP ON DOGS

Shortage of Immiticide

This year it will be more important than ever to make sure your dog is current on heartworm preventive medication. The nation is experiencing a shortage of Immiticide, which is the only medication available to treat dogs who have contracted heartworm disease.

Immiticide is distributed by Merial, who was notified by its supplier in December 2009 that they were stopping production of the active ingredient used in the drug. As of now Merial is actively seeking another source, but until the situation is resolved Immiticide will be rationed to veterinarians for treating only the most serious cases of heartworm.

As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Be sure your dog is protected by keeping them away from mosquito-infested areas whenever possible, and continuing to treat with a heartworm medication once a month.

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MEMBER Q! BRAGS

Wendy Boehme's Berners have been very busy: **Houston** became the 12th Bernese Mountain Dog to achieve the Master Draft Dog title at our recent National Specialty in Oconomowoc, WI. We went to Wisconsin with 3 out of the necessary 5 Open Draft legs, and were excited to be able to participate in two tests there. He passed both attempts, finished his Masters title, and also got an award for being the oldest Qualifying dog in the draft test on Weds.

Clooney successfully completed the requirements for the Triathlete Award at the National Specialty by getting passing/qualifying scores in 3 performance events during the week (draft, obedience, and rally). (He was also only 1 knocked bar away from a Q in agility in the blowing rain). After competing all week, and having a bath, he also took a second in the Versatility Class (conformation) on Saturday.

On April 18 at the Dayton Dog Training Club's TDX test, **Debbie Cutter** and her Scottish Deerhound, **Ariel**, passed their TDX track. And they did it in front of their new hometown team! Ariel is now the first Scottish Deerhound VCD3 (among other titles)!

Judy Hackett's father and son Border Collies **Blu** and **Brae** had a very good first quarter of the year. **Ch. Outburst Tartan Myst CD RE OAJ OA** now has his AX HTD1s and HRD1s. **Ch. BonClyde Laird of Skara Brae HTAD1s** now has his CD RN HTD1s and HRD1s. Judy is enjoying working with her dogs again after a double knee replacement last fall.

In March, **June Johnston's Fancy (CH. MACH Eclipse Final Fling Nthfld, VCD2, TDX, MH, OF, RN)** earned her MACH at the GSPCA trial in Murfreesboro. Her son **Kona (Eclipse JJJ First Light, TD, AX, AXJ, OF)** moved up to Excellent with his Mom at the Louisville trial and her son, **Buddy, (CH Eclipse JJJ First Copy, TDX)** was shown three days in Breed (the first time since winning his championship as a puppy). He went Best of Breed one day in Louisville and was presented an Award of Merit from the Judge another day. Because of the strong competition at the Louisville show, that one win put him in the top 25 for Pointers.

Debbi Martin's Basset Hound, **Ch. Craigwood Beclove Hells Bells (Sadie)**, earned her first Rally leg at the Clarksville Kennel Club trial on May 1.

IN MEMORIAM:

On the morning of Thursday, April 22, 2010, Joyce Ralston discovered that her beloved Miniature Pinscher, Cher, had passed away quietly in her sleep. Joyce shared the following thoughts:

"It was so sudden and she had such a good day Wednesday. I remember watching her prance in the backyard and thought how good she still looked for a 12-year-old Min Pin. Her only problem was a heart condition that she had to take daily medicine for and it had really slowed her down. I guess she was just ready to go and I'm grateful that I didn't have to make that choice.

"I've had many dogs and I've loved them all, but I must say Cher was really something special. Never has a dog been such a part of my life, making me laugh and cry, being my true four-legged friend. My sister Donna said it best, 'Cher is just you, Joyce. If you were a dog, you'd be Cher.'"

Many NDTA members knew Cher and loved her - please keep Joyce in your thoughts and prayers.





FEED YOUR PET RIGHT

A New Book On Proper Nutrition For Dogs and Cats

Review by Claudia Dickerson

Can dogs survive on a vegetarian diet? Is the BARF diet safe? Can dogs digest corn and soybeans, and do either create adverse effects? Should you avoid kibble containing meat by-products or meals? Should you choose or avoid foods containing fish? Do you need to supplement your dog's diet with vitamins and minerals? Are designer dog foods worth the extra price? Can you, should you, cook for your dog?

These questions and more are answered in "Feed Your Pet Right" by Marion Nestle, Ph.D., M.P.H. (the human nutritionist who is the author of three award-winning books, including the eye-opening "What to Eat") and Malden Nesheim, Ph.D., an esteemed animal nutritionist. These two are highly-qualified experts in their fields, and they bring to these emotionally-charged and judgment-laden issues hard facts and objective scientific analysis.

You will find this book informative, challenging, and even reassuring. And it will come as no surprise that the single most damaging feeding mistake made by the most caring owners is to over-feed their pet.

CONGRATULATIONS DEBBIE AND ARIEL ON VCD3!

Below is a first-hand account of Debbie Cutter's and Ariel's TDX/VCD3 run as it appeared on one of the tracking lists. As one of our members noted, "This is the kind of story that brings tears to the eyes of anyone who tracks." It was written by Karyl Parks and we reprint it here, with permission, as a salute and a fond farewell to our fellow club member, mentor, and friend, Debbie Cutter.

April 18, 2010: Track 4, Scottish deerhound. This was a beautiful working team, well prepared, and clicking together. Dog left the start, made an accurate turn. She has a cute little trot as she worked her way down the track. Her tail signals happily when she's on. She was easy to read by all watching.

She clicked off turn 2, turn 3, where she entered a scenic little spot, where it was a scent obstacle and moment of courage for the handler. We knew the scent in the obstacle would be favorable for the dog, but an act of courage for the handler to follow. The track went into heavy cover trimmed to allow passage, but not obvious to the handler that access would be possible.

As it were, it proved to be a motivating obstacle to the dog, as she busted the heavy cover, slid down a bank, across a scenic gurgling brook, and over a fence, negotiating the obstacle portion of the test. The handler never had time to question courage or track honesty. The dog made a sure turn and then after the turn, stopped to investigate ... whatever dogs investigate. Something had obviously happened in the area of her interest, but soon she gave it up and went on to find article 1.

This leg was also a huge test of handler courage, but the dog did not let her handler down. She investigated the next turn, busted through the cross tracks, and carefully investigated the next turn, before accurately taking the correct course. She then came to the cross tracks, investigated each of the two walkers very thoroughly but never indicated to the handler that this was anything more than a place of interest, when she resumed on the normal track, made the turn, and went on to the glove.

This was a very beautiful team to watch, who had obviously put in a lot of sweat equity. Both communicated and worked well together. When she was on, she exuded her confidence, and even non-trackers could easily read this dog. The handler was also very supportive of her dog. NICE JOB. Consistant trackers.

Congratulations to Ch Skyhigh Citabria O'Jubalhil VCD2 (Becoming a history maker in becoming the first Scottish Deerhound VCD3) UDX SC MX MXJ and TDX!) owned handled and bred by Deborah Cutter of Lebanon Tennessee, and kudos to co-breeder Joan Shagan.

This team was well prepared, beautiful handling and a joy to watch. We also were doubly thrilled to find that Deborah was relocating to our area soon, in a job transfer, and is a new candidate as a club member.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The NDTC Board is currently without a Secretary. If you are a member in good standing, I ask you to consider stepping forward to take this position. We also need a Trial Chair for the January Obedience Trial. Debbi Martin has graciously agreed to take on Rally.

We are very fortunate to have a number of members who know how to do both jobs and can provide assistance where necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

— David W Haddock

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EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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SHOWS IN MAY

May 1-2 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Clarksville Kennel Club at Nashville Dog Training Club in Nashville, TN. Rally on Saturday; Obedience on Saturday and Sunday. Show closes April 14.

May 22-23 Obedience (Indoors/Outdoors) and Rally (Outdoors). Greater Kingsport Kennel Club at Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray, TN. Show closes May 5.

May 29-30 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Evansville Obedience Club Training Center in Evansville, IN. Show closes May 12.

SHOWS IN JUNE

June 11-13 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Evansville Obedience Club's "Novice Fest" is especially for beginning exhibitors and/or dogs. Held at Evansville Obedience Club Training Center in Evansville, IN. Show closes May 31.

June 19-20 Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Five Flags Dog Training Club at Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds in Pensacola, FL. "C" Match on Friday, June 18. Show closes June 2.

June 25-27 Agility (Indoors). Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club at MTSU Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes June 2.

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 UDs 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.

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SEMINARS

AKC Obedience/Rally Judges Seminar Huntsville Obedience Training Club is hosting an AKC Obedience/Rally Seminar on June 5 and 6, 2010. The seminars will take place at their building in Huntsville, AL.

Obedience is on Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30, and Rally on Sunday from 8:30 to 2:30.

Registration deadline is April 28, 2010.

Cost is \$60 for non-members of HOTC (price is inclusive of both days).

Payment may be mailed to Beth Fitzgerald, HOTC Seminar Chair, 811 Telephone Tower Road, Laceys Spring, AL 35754. Visit www.hotc.org for more information.

Open and Utility Seminar Celeste Meade is coming to Chattanooga on May 15 and 16 to do her Open and Utility seminar. Celeste's upbeat, motivational methods build confidence for both ends of the leash. Any dog of any breed will learn to love training and proofing. Celeste and her students have won hundreds of high in trials, high combined, multiple 200's, OTCH's, and national rankings. Come on and recharge your motivation tanks: put the fun back into your training routine, polish your performance, and learn how to meet and exceed your training and trialing goals.

Seminar Focus:

- Gaining attitude!
- Want-to vs. have-to
- Creating drive
- Keeping attention
- Making the most of the time between exercises
- Embracing distractions
- Proper heel position
- Fronts & finishes
- Teamwork
- Individual problem-solving

Prerequisites:

(for working spots only; no prerequisite for auditors)

- AKC Novice Obedience title (or similar level of proficiency)
- Dogs should be familiar with Open and Utility exercises
- Dogs should have a strong foundation in heeling and attention work

Cost is \$200 for working spots, \$50 per day for auditing. Please see our web site for more details and registration: | Seminar |

Hope to see you there!

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