



# Training Times

Training Dogs to be Good Citizens

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County

January, 2016

Save the dates:

- General Meeting Monday, January 18th, 7:30 PM at Perkins (US 41 south of Crystal Dr.) 7:00 if you plan to eat dinner.
- Monday, February 15th, the board meets at Bob Evans on Del Prado Blvd. in Cape Coral.

## Our 2016 Trial is HERE!!...

January 30 and 31, are the dates to remember. The following committee persons will need

help. If you are interested in helping, please contact the following people.

### HELP WANTED

- Set up for the trial will be Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM until 9:00 PM. We will need everyone who can possible make it so mark your calendars.
- Clean up for the trial will be Sunday afternoon, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone will be needed to push brooms and roll mats!

Trial Chair – Coleen Haan

Ribbons & Trophies – Terri Bell

Stewards – Terri Bell

Raffle – Connie Burkert & Susan Dunn

C Match – Cathy Niles

Lunch – Debbie Coveyeau

Judges Dinner – Carol Tollini

Judges Hospitality – Carol Tollini and Barb Wood

Class Sponsors – Shelley Lehmann

The judges will be Helen Smith, Rick Cox, and Darwin Boles.

***Don't forget the C-match following the last class on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and the Judges Dinner at Carol Tollini's on Saturday.***



*Condolences to Jeanette Rogers on the loss of Pete*



Welcome new members:

Donna Herbst, Barb & Ed Wills, and Colleen Dold

Voting on new memberships:

Norm & Cheryl Brook, Val Scola, Midge Ruscak, Carol Jo Barger, Mary Schairer and Rick Cox.



## Classes...

**Cape Coral:** Hi y'all! Sunny Mango here, reporting on the classes in Cape Coral. Classes started last week and believe me the weather is much better this term. We have a lot of talented puppies and dogs eager to learn.

**ABC4K9s:** Hi, this is Lydia Jake here to remind you about what's happening at ABC4K9s (where I am having a lot of fun, by the way). **What's happening now:** Train on your own will continue on **Wednesday** evenings from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM with no charge for members and \$5.00 for guests. We are busy practicing for the trial and run throughs are available. New classes will be announced in February. **Friday nights**, there is open training offered by **ABC4K9 LLC**. The cost is \$8.00 for the first dog and \$2.00 for each additional dog. Lately there has been a lot of Rally practice from Novice to Excellent and if you come between 6:30 and 7:30 you are likely to find a multi-level course. There is also plenty of room for obedience work as well. Please contact Bobbi at ABC4K9s to let her know in advance if you are planning to show up later than 6:30.

## News from the Show and Go...

The threatening weather from early morning kept a few people away, but everyone who attended worked hard and entered multiple classes. A big thank you to all who volunteered to set up, to Terri for doing registrations, and to our "judges" Skip, Carol, Mona, and Ginny.



## Braggs...

2015 DOCLC High Score – Peep Stevens and Tom – 195 Novice B

2015 High Score at DOCOF – Coleen Hann and Blaze – 195 Novice

Shelley Lehmann and Sago:

CGC Completed [March 11, 2015](#) at N Ft. Myers

Rally Novice completed [August 15, 2015](#) at St. Petersburg, FL

CGCA Completed [December 15, 2015](#) at N. Ft. Myers, FL

Joy Annunziato and Gator:

AKC Champion completed [May 16, 2015](#) at Long Island, NY

Rally Novice completed [June 6, 2015](#) at Syracuse, NY

Beginner Novice completed [September 25, 2015](#) at Romulus, NY

Joy Annunziato and Spirit:

Rally Excellent completed [June 7, 2015](#) at Syracuse, NY

Working Certificate completed [August 16, 2015](#) at Mexico, NY

Doris Lewis and Libby:

Companion Dog completed [February 28, 2015](#) at Melbourne, FL

Doris Lewis and Benji:

Beginner Novice completed [November 29, 2015](#) at Davie, FL

Peep Stevens and Tom:

Companion Dog completed [January 25, 2015](#) at Punta Gorda, FL

Terri Bell and Jenni:

Utility Dog completed [June 7, 2015](#) at Fort Pierce, FL

Cathy Thompson and Joy:

Rally Novice completed on [May 3, 2015](#) in St. Petersburg, FL

Cathy Thompson and Cookie:

Companion Dog completed on [August 23, 2015](#) in St. Petersburg, FL

Kathie Moulton and Rhonda:

Companion Dog and Rally Advanced

Carol Tollini and Levi

Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)

Carol Tollini and Joshua

Beginner Novice



## Looking ahead...

**Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, Obedience and Rally Trials**, January 30 and 31, 2016.

South Country Regional Recreation Center, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL premium list:

<http://www.doclc.com/documents/Premium%20Lists/DOCLC%20TD%20Match%20Premium%202015-10-18.pdf>

**New Sport Opportunities...**The dates of April 24, and 25, 2016 have been set for the TD/TDX test.

**Save the date...**Our summer trial is planned for June 4 and 5, 2016 at ABC4K9's. This will be an Obedience trial only for Novice and Open and everything in between.



### *Experiencing the AKC Obedience Classic*

*This year was my first trip to the AKC Obedience Classic and it was very special to do it as an exhibitor. Josi and I competed in Open. But what an experience it was! I've never even been in a building that big. By combining the Eukanuba National Championship with the AKC Obedience Classic, NADD/AKC Diving Dog Championship and the Agility Invitational all in one building it was amazing. It was Sunday before I found the 2 indoor diving pools and 3 agility competition rings. It was very interesting to visit some of the 150 Meet the Breeds booths. Many of them had exceptional props to convey the purpose or history of that breed as well as dogs on hand to meet in person. And then there was the shopping. With nearly 100 vendor booths it was easy to do some Christmas shopping. There were several Food Courts with a variety of food. A bottle of water was mere \$3 or \$3.50 for a soft drink.*

*Approximately 4,500 dogs were expected to be at this event. No doubt most of them were there for Eukanuba. So you can imagine the noise from hundreds of barking dogs and hair dryers all day. The obedience rings were separated from the grooming area . . . .by a curtain . . and wrapped around 2 sides of the rings. Not exactly the quiet place I prefer to show. But it was exciting. There were many really great trainers and exhibitors there to watch. Some awesome dogs too. I was amazed how many people came from all across the county. The people crated next to me were even from Puerto Rico.*

*We showed once on Saturday and twice on Sunday and ended up 17<sup>th</sup> out of 47 dogs. Not as good as I had hoped as Josi missed the drop on recall on Saturday. But all things considered I'm still very happy I went and got to be part of this awesome event. I don't know who was more nervous, Josi or me. I hope it's the scariest place I ever show. Others will seem easy after this!!*