



Training Times

Training Dogs to be Good Citizens

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County

July 2015

Save the dates:

- General Meeting Monday, July 20th, 7:30 PM at Perkins (US 41 south of Crystal Dr.) 7:00 if you plan to eat dinner.
- Monday, August 17th, the board meets at Perkins in Cape Coral.



New members: **Jeri Trabant** and **Kim Herlin**

Voting at the general meeting on new membership for:

The Snyders and **Kathie Moulton**

Show and Go ...

A small group of enthusiastic participants entered the Show and Go on July 12th. Everyone had plenty of time to practice Obedience and Rally skills at all levels in a mock trial.



Jeri and Kaspar demonstrate a Retrieve over High Jump

DOCOF is right around the Corner...

We will be sending two teams (to be assigned later) to DOCOF this year!

NOVICE: Coleen & Blaze

Jeanette & Pete

Becky & Keva

Susan & Ava

Carol T. & Josh

Barb & Gamgee

OPEN: Carol T. & Levi

Terri & Josi

Barb & Gretchen

Cathy N. & Sparky

Cathy T. & Tippy

Doris & Libby

UTILITY: Cathy N. & Colt

Terri & Jenni

Cathy T. & Dharma

Sue Netzman will be joining us as an all-day steward.

The new location will be Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. DOCOF's annual publication can be found online at:

<http://docof.wildapricot.org/Resources/Documents/Preliminary%202015%20DOINGS%20Limited%20Release.pdf>

New Sport Opportunities...

There will be an AKC Sanctioned A Tracking Match October 18th. We will need tracklayers that weekend if anyone is interested and available. The plan is to have an actual tracking test in April, 2016. For more information, contact Lisa Beaver.

2016 Trial ...

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.

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

Set-Up – John Lehmann, Tom Haan, and Cathy Niles

A note from the editor's dogs... Mom's been a little under the weather so we thought we'd help out. We are helping with reporting and stealthing the Internet to find brags. If you would like to help us out, please let our mom know if you have any brags to share. We're not as good at surfing the Internet as we are at surfing counters. BOL!

Classes...

Cape Coral: Hi y'all! Sunny Mango here, reporting on the classes in Cape Coral. We graduated 8 puppies and 10 beginner dogs in the last class that ended in May. We are on Summer Break right now – it's way too hot – but our fall session begins September 10th. Sign up information on classes in Cape Coral is available on the Cape Coral Parks and Recreation to register in advance. Tell your friends!

ABC4K9s: Pete here. Just for the record, my sister is such a show-off. My mom asked me to fill you in on what's happening at ABC4K9s on Wednesday nights...**What's happening now:** We just completed a four week session of Ring Ready training. Train on your own will continue through the rest of July with no charge for members and \$5.00 for guests. Friday nights are open training nights offered by ABC4K9s. The cost is \$8.00 for the first dog and \$2.00 for each

additional dog. Please contact Bobbi at ABC4K9s to let her know in advance if you would like to reserve some time on Friday evenings.

Braggs...

Carol Tollini and Levi earned two blue ribbons, one on Saturday and one on Sunday, in Open A at the IPOC trial. That makes 3 first places in a row and Levi now adds CDX to the list of titles behind his name. Congratulations!



Terri Bell and Jenni: First place and (drum roll, please) Utility Dog!



Shelley Lehmann: First time out in Rally Novice A and First Place!

Looking ahead...

Sarasota Obedience Training Club August 15 and 16, 2015, at Dog Training Club of St Petersburg, 4400 34th St. N (US 19) Unit B, St Petersburg, FL. Closing date July 29, 2015.

Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, Inc. August 22 and 23, 2015 at Dog Training Club of St Petersburg, 4400 34th St. N (US 19) Unit B, St Petersburg, FL. Closing date August 5, 2015.

Ringside Tricks Workshop September 18, 2015, 9:00am. to 5:00pm, Imperial Polk Obedience Club www.ipoclakeland.org 3611 Century Blvd., Lakeland, Fl.

Julie Flannery Obedience Seminar September 19 and 20, 2015 IMPERIAL POLK OBEDIENCE CLUB www.ipoclakeland.org 3611 Century Blvd., Lakeland, Fl.

Random Little TidBits form AKC...

Please scroll down to the next page for the latest edition of *Random Little TidBits*. For past issues of Random Little Tidbits by John Cox as well as Dog Talk archived articles, the website is

<http://clubs.akc.org/saints/Archives/newsroom.htm>



Below is the next installment of Random Little Tidbits of Information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

Saving Withdrawals from Your 200 Account



Today's Random Little Tidbit – [You're Next in the Ring, Is Your Game Plan in Order?](#)

Upon arriving at the trial:

- 1) Make sure you have all the needed required equipment for the class(es) entered.
- 2) Check-in early if at all possible. If you have a conflict this should be discussed with the Judge/Steward before the class is scheduled to start. This courtesy will help the Judge in determining Group sizes, if applicable, and absentees. Keep attuned to the "white board, if available" for dogs moved out of catalog order as this information will allow your warm-up timing to be more on target.
- 3) Before your turn, watch the heeling pattern and where each exercise will take place. In being prepared one can keep their dog better focused while moving from one exercise to the next.
- 4) Know the correct height of the dog's withers if there are jumps in the class entered, and double-check to make sure the Stewards have the jumps set correctly before entering the ring.
- 6) If you are entered in Beginner Novice, Novice A or Pre-Novice, plan to be ringside for the 15-minute walkthrough prior to the start of the class. Have accommodations for the dog during the walkthrough.

When it is time to enter the ring keep in mind the following:

- 1) A team is being judged from the time they step into the ring until the time they leave the ring.
 - 2) Make sure the leash is attached going into the ring and leaving the ring. Chapter 2, Section 18
 - 3) Keep the dog under control at all times while in the ring. Chapter 2, Sections 22 & 23
 - 4) No visible means of identification (badges, ribbons, club jackets, etc.). This includes collars, leash, dumbbells, gloves or even the utility article bag. Chapter 1, Section 10
 - 6) Leashes must be made of fabric or leather and long enough to provide adequate slack during the Heel on Leash exercise. A six foot leash needed in BN. Nothing may be "hanging" from the collar. Chapter 2, Sections 18 & 17
 - 8) Handling Between Exercises, Chapter 2, Section 23:
 - a. Beginner Novice, Preferred-Novice or Novice A & B, guided gently by the collar between exercises. NO other physical guidance is permitted and, if used, must receive minor or substantial penalties, depending on the circumstances.
 - b. Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Preferred-Open, Open, Preferred-Utility, Utility or Versatility classes, there will be a substantial penalty for any dog that is physically guided at any time or is not readily controllable. Minor penalties will be imposed for a dog that does not respond promptly to its handler's commands or signals before or between exercises in these classes. Items a. & b. also pertain to the Group exercises, such as physical positioning the dog for the Sit or Down.
 - 7) Before starting each exercise the Judge is required to ask, "Are you ready?" Keep in mind this is JUST a question, NOT the start of the exercise. The judging of an exercise will not begin until the Judge has given the first order. Chapter 2, Section 4
 - 8) Praise and petting are allowed between and after exercises, but points will be deducted from the total score for a dog that is not under reasonable control while being praised. Chapter 2, Section 22
 - 8) After the last class dog and before the awards: If you have been informed you G'd, warm up your dog as you never know if there may be a runoff! Be prepared and ready if called back into the ring!
 - 10) Classes at or after 12:00 noon will be listed "to follow" and must be judged in the order and ring listed. No "to follow" class may start before 12:00 noon. Chapter 1, Section 28
- A minor deduction is ½ point up to 2½ points. A substantial deduction is 3 or more points.

For more information on judging, examining the exercises and saving other withdrawals from your "200" account, check out and download all the... ***Dog Talk & Random Little Tidbits articles***

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