



Training Times

Training Dogs to be Good Citizens

July, 2013

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County



Monday, July 15th: General Meeting 7:30 PM at Perkins (US 41 south of Crystal Dr.) 7:00 if you plan to eat dinner.

Monday, August 19th the board meets at Perkins in Cape Coral

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It's the Dog Days of Summer

...and we've been busy with our dogs.

It seemed like a good idea to start off with brags this issue. There have been some hard working pups and handlers who have braved heat, thunderstorms, and the inevitable mosquitoes to train and show during the months of May and June. So here are our brags in no particular order of events and in their own words:

Cathy Thompson: Our most recent accomplishments were at the Lakeland show June 22 & 23rd when two of my four legged kids finished 2 Titles. Ch Cayuga's Sierra Gold WC, UD,VCD1 Ver SrSD added an RAE to her name. She QQ both days placing in each trial. Her little Buddy "Peachy", Frog Hollow's Hooligan BN also finished her RN. We are still grinning over "Tippy's" (GrCH Cayuga's Painted Indian RE, WC, CDX, VCD1) Group 4 in Zolfo Springs April 21st :)

Mona Kurth: Eli was entered in rally advance and rally ex Sat. and Sun. in Savannah. He received his 2nd and 3rd RAE legs. And on Sat. he got a placement. Tallie was in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class and on Wednesday, July 3rd, she passed her test and received her completion certificate and her reg. form to send in to AKC. Daddy and daughter both had a good month.

Ginger Willis: Took Ziva and Skye to Savannah to show in rally Novice and Beginner Novice. Ziva placed first in Rally Novice with a perfect score, and third on Sunday with a 96, gaining her title! In Beginner Novice she scored a 195 1/2, placing fourth. *Continued on page 2*

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*"... One of the measures of a dog's worth is the amount of time that the owner has invested in him... The effort that an owner puts into the training creates a debt and bond between him and the dog that makes it hard to separate the two casually... If you would like to see an interesting human reaction and are prepared to face some incredulous laughter, offer to buy someone's Utility dog."
Patricia Gail Burnham*

Dog days continued...



Welcome, new member:

Connie Burkert

Voting on new member applications: None this month



Condolences to

Jennie Curtis on the loss of Skylar Blue (Sheltie) on May 23, 2013 and Ryder on July 11, 2013

On Sunday she scored a 193 1/2 (losing a big 5 points for a HARD hit with her front paws sending me flying!), and placed fourth again. Skye qualified in both the Rally Novice and the Beginner Novice classes on Saturday, and was only one half point from the ribbons. On Sunday she also qualified in Rally Novice, this time a little further out of the Ribbons. It was a very stormy day and the thunder had them all a little off. The Judge even stopped judging for a half hour after we showed as he saw that it was bothering a lot of the dogs. But in Beginner Novice she placed second with a score of 195 1/2!!! Skye also titled in both of these classes! Very proud of my babies that had just turned one year old the week before the show. We are off to West Palm to try our "Paws" in the Regular Novice Classes!!!

Susan Netzman: Nora completed her RN with a second and third place. She also earned her first BN leg with first place at the Ft. Myers show. She earned her second BN leg with third place at the Border Terrier Club of America, Inc. National Specialty in Warwick, RI. She is now Rosewood Anora Sonshine FM CGC RN. Dickens was fourth place in Veterans Sweeps 10 but under 13, Fourth in Veterans 10 but under 13, and his Team was Second place in team obedience, all at the BTCA National Specialty. Dickens also was in the Parade of Honor in recognition of his Versatility title. He is AM/CAN CH Bandersnatch Monarch AM/CAN CD RE JE CGC TDI V.

Coleen Haan: Blaze earned his BN with a score of 197 at the Fort Myers show.

Terri Bell: Good news from me at FTM trial . . . Jenni had a 187.5 for 1st place and 1st leg in Grad. Open and Josi had a 195 in Nov. B for 1st place. Also, at trial in Ft. Pierce on 6/8 Josi earned her 1st leg in Grad. Nov. with a 3rd place and also a 2nd leg in Rally Adv. Jenni also took a 1st place in Open JWW (agility) at Arcadia on 7/12.

Aimee Clark and Lillian: We got our first title Saturday ;-) 2nd place with a 79 in Rally Novice A... Sunday insurance 4th leg 1st place with 88 in Rally Novice A.

Jeanette Rogers: Sunny Mango earned two legs of Rally Novice B in Ft. Myers and got her title in Lakeland. Pete earned his first leg in Novice A in Lakeland

Novice training tip: Judges are supposed to view the recall from in line and slightly to the rear of the dog in order to better view both dog and handler. Practice the recall with someone standing in the judge's place.

Gearing up for DOCOF

By Terri Bell

We are well underway with our plans for this year's DOCOF competition. Team members are working hard, even in the heat to get ready. We have started doing individual training/run-thrus on Wednesday night with team members to help them be the best they can be!

We will be sending two teams this year, though the actual teams have not been finalized. The following people will be on the teams:

NOVICE	OPEN	UTILITY
Coleen Hann & Blaze	Jennie Curtis & Peyton	Cathy Thompson & Sierra
Becky Rash & Greer	Mona Kurth & Ivy	Carol Tollini & Zeke
Lisa Beever & Rita	Terri Bell & Josi	Cathy Thompson & Dharma
Jeanette Rogers & Pete	Carol Tollini & Levi	Terri Bell & Jenni
Aimee Clark & Lillian	Lisa Beever & Penny	
	Barb Wood & Gretchen	

And a huge THANK YOU to Ruth Stubler and Sue Netzman who will be going as our stewards. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Please don't forget to bring raffle items to training or the meeting so Jeanette Rogers can make up our baskets.

Carol Tollini has offered to go up on Friday afternoon to help with ring set up. We are required to send at least one person to help with this but if anyone else can be there by 4 pm on Friday to help it would be great. It's a huge job setting up all of those rings. And the benefit is that set up people can also practice on Friday night AFTER all of the rings are set up.

On Saturday all 7 rings will be available for practice until 9 pm. You will need to purchase tickets (near the raffle table). Cost is \$3 or 5 minutes for Novice & Open and \$5 for 10 minutes for Utility. Group exercises will be \$1 per dog. There are some new rules to help make things run more efficiently this year. I will send these out to the people on the teams.

At 5 pm on Saturday we will have the Party at Ringside and Presentation of Bars. Team members need to get together and discuss food and drink ideas and also a theme if we want to decorate our crate area.

Sure would be nice to have someone volunteer to chair this!!! Anyone????? Let me know!

The competition will start at 8 am on Sunday morning. All rings will stop at 11 am and then the group exercises are done until approximately Noon. Hopefully we can all get together at the gazebo again this year for a group picture during the lunch break. But we have to hurry as the break is short. After lunch the regular judging resumes.

When all of the judging is completed the rings are re-configured for awards presentation. They will not present any awards until this is done! It's great if some of you can stay around and help with this. And it's always nice to know who won. You never know . . . just might be DOCLC!!

Editor's note.....Don't Forget Ruth!

Last year Ruth Stubler was left out of the team picture at DOCOF. As a "newbie" editor, I feel responsible for that oversight. Ruth's duties as Chief Ring Steward keep her glued to the steward's table where she works her magic to get all stewards where they need to be to keep the rings running smoothly. It is hard for her to get

lunch much less leave for a picture. I'd like to volunteer to make sure Ruth has a moment to get away from the table to join us for our group picture. Now, if someone will remind me to remind Ruth. Well, you get the picture. . . *Jeanette Rogers*

Upcoming Events:

Sue Sternberg, Orlando July Seminar, **July 27 and 28**. Contact <http://www.puppyworks.com>

Obedience Choreography Workshop for Handlers, **September 15** at Sarasota Obedience Training Club. Contact Suzette Wood at chumleywood@hotmail.com

August 10 and 11 (closing date July 24): Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Obedience only, Das Hund Haus, Inc. (indoors); 3210 Reynolds Rd Lakeland, FL; aswanick@tampabay.rr.com

August 17 and 18 (closing date July 31): Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Obedience and Rally, Dog Training Club of St Petersburg, 4400 34th St. N (US 19) Unit B, St Petersburg, FL; bmwaus@verizon.net

August 24 and 25 (closing date August 7): Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, Inc., Obedience and Rally, Dog Training Club of St Petersburg, 4400 34th St. N (US 19) Unit B, St Petersburg, FL; walkersirish@aol.com

Raffle Items Needed

I need items to make up two raffle baskets to take to DOCOF. One basket will be for dogs: e.g. toys, treats, training items. The second basket will have a culinary theme. Non-perishable snacks, wine or kitchen gadgets would be great. Please bring anything you'd like to donate to the meeting on Monday or to Wednesday training at K-9s Come First.

Jeanette Rogers

For Sale

I have two sets of Utility articles for sale. They measure 3" end, 3.5 inch bar. Diameter of the bar is 3/4". One set has a royal blue bar; the other has a turquoise bar. The turquoise set is in fair condition; the royal blue set is in very good condition. These articles are for a large dog (Lab, Boxer, German Shepherd, etc.) Please contact me if you are interested. Turquoise set \$70. Royal blue set is \$100.

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