



Training Times

Training Dogs to be Good Citizens

May, 2013

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County



Monday, May 20th General Meeting 7:30 PM at Perkins (US 41 south of Crystal Dr.) 7:00 if you plan to eat dinner.

Monday, June 17th the board meets at Perkins in Cape Coral

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It's Time to Start Thinking about DOCOF

From Terri Bell.....

I know it's still quite a while before September. But the summer will go fast and we sure would like to see as many people as possible go this year. The Board of Directors decided at the last meeting that we could send more than one team if club members want to go. So it's time NOW to get your dog ready for the competition.

Plans are to put together Team 1 to be as competitive as possible. But even if you don't make that team we would like to see anyone who is interested go on Team 2 to enjoy the fun and spirit of team obedience. This can be a difficult venue to compete in so it's often good to go the first year or two just for the experience. Team 2 will go even if it's not a full team.

Looks like it will be early this year – the weekend of August 31st and September 1st – as Labor Day is on September 2nd. Details of the weekend are not available yet but I will share with everyone as soon as I know what all they have planned for us. For those that are new and not familiar with DOCOF please contact me and I'll be happy to explain it all. I'm sure that those that have been will all tell you that we have a great time!! Next month I will send out an e-mail to all asking if you would like to go, with what dog and at what level.

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Welcome, new members:

Holly Rhodes

Angela Young

Voting on new applications:

Connie Burkert

Braggs ...

Coleen Haan reported that **Blaze** was awarded #7 for Novice Obedience at Top Dog Night at the Nationals!

Terri Bell and Josi had a 194.5 in Novice B for 3rd place, a 99 in Rally Advanced for 2nd place, and a 191.5 in Wild Card Open (1st time in Open) for a 1st place.

Joy Annunziato reported that **Spirit** earned her AKC Championship in Vero Beach, FL April 27 with a 5 point major, her 3rd! She also completed her Rally Novice Title with one leg in West Palm Beach March 8 with a 2nd place. Spirit went on in Zolfo Springs to finish her RN with 2 Q's and 2nd and 4th place April 20 - 21. Spirit is now AKC/UKC/NSDTRC-USA CH Saranac's Spirit of Summer RN CGC BRT at 1 year old!

Jeanette Rogers and Pete finished the last two legs of Pete's Rally Advanced title, where else, but in St. Pete.

Up-coming Events

Run-thrus on Wednesday, May 22 at K-9's Come First: Plans are to have 2 rings for run-thrus starting at 7 pm with Utility (also Grad. Open) in one and Nov & Beg. Nov in the other. Then we can do Open and Grad. Nov in the first ring that is free. There should still be some space at the end for warm-ups and other training. Even if you're not entered it's always good to do a run-thru every so often. Skip and Judy will be our "judges" for the evening and we THANK YOU very much!! Cost for members will be \$3 per run or 2 for \$5. Non-members will be \$5 or 2 for \$8. All are welcome!

Adel Yunck Seminar presented by DogSense Obedience on June 15 and 16. Working spots are \$ 225 and spectator spots are \$ 125. Contact Debbie Snyder at DogSenseObedience@aol.com for more information.

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club all breed obedience and rally match on Saturday, June 1 will be at Das Hund Haus, 3910 Reynolds Rd., Lakeland, FL. This is indoors and the cost at the door will be \$ 10 for the first entry of a dog and \$ 5 for each additional entry of the same dog. www.mfgrc.org

Events continued...

Ward Falkner Competitive Obedience Seminar will be presented by The Central Florida Obedience Dog Club October 26 – 27, 2013 at the Imperial Polk Obedience Training Center, 3611 Century Blvd., Lakeland, FL. Working and audit prices available. Contact Robin at fourdogs@embarqmail.com for more information. Also Terri and Jeanette R. can forward the email with the form.

Victory Hulett Seminars presented by Imperial Polk Obedience Club will be Saturday and Sunday, August 3 and 4 at 3611 Century Blvd in Lakeland, FL. Contact Becky Babicz of IPOC at Sheepy143@aol.com for further information.

Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club all breed Obedience and Rally, Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28 entries close July 10th. This event is indoors and air conditioned at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg building in St. Petersburg, FL.

Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club all breed Obedience Trial Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11 entries close July 24th. This event is indoors and air conditioned at Das Hund Haus, Lakeland, FL.

It will be January before you know it. OK, that's a little far-fetched. The winter tourists have left, school's almost out, and the afternoon high temperatures are nearing 90. Our Trial committee members are looking ahead to January, 2014 and our own Obedience and Rally Trial. The dates will be Saturday and Sunday January 25 & 26. Committees are forming: Chair – Sandy; Secretary – Sue D.; Hospitality – Deb C, Judges Dinner – Carol T; Corporate Sponsorship – Jeanette L; Stewards and Prizes – Terri; Catalog - Sue and Coleen; Building and Grounds – Sandy & Tom; Raffle – Mona?. You will be hearing more from them soon.

News from the AKC

Amendments to AKC Obedience regulations effective July 1, 2013 are available for downloading. The new amendments include all rules for the new Optional Titling Classes of Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, and Pre-Utility. Also some amended language in Chapter 2, Section 23 on Handling Between Exercises is a good "heads up" especially to handlers transitioning between Novice and Novice Graduate classes. The five full page insert is available at http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/obedience/Notice_New_Classes.pdf

AKC has unanimously voted to remove the Current Restrictions on AKC Rally to allow any AKC club to become licensed to hold Rally, and to permit all clubs licensed for Rally to hold up to twelve trials in a calendar year. This is effective June 1, 2013. An amendment to the Rally regulations is available for downloading from the AKC website.

Health and Safety for the Summer Season

The good news is it's nearly summer. The traffic on our roads has lightened and our parks and beaches are less crowded. The bad news is that it's nearly summer and the outside temperatures and hot weather insects and plants can be hostile to us and our pets. Here are some of the hot (pun vigorously intended) topics.

Fleas and Ticks: The Internet has been buzzing lately about over the counter flea and tick control products. Some of them appear to contain dangerous chemicals that can cause severe burns. Even veterinary prescribed "spot on" products are identified by the EPA as carcinogens especially to children and pets. The Humane Society of the United States recommends the following steps to help prevent problems with any topical preventative:

1. Never use dog treatments on cats or vice versa.
2. Always be certain of your pet's weight before purchase to ensure proper dosage
3. Don't split one large dog dose in half for a smaller dog
4. Read and follow all directions when using these products
5. Do not use topical products on elderly or pregnant pets

For more information: www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/petproductseval.html

While we are on the topic of ticks, the University of Florida is including volunteer pet owners in research funded by AKC Canine Health Foundation. They have put the call out to volunteer pet owners of Beagles, Cocker Spaniels, Springer Spaniels, and Labrador Retrievers to donate tissue samples. The researchers at UF are trying to identify chemicals for these dogs' odors that attract ticks. The researchers visit the dog owners home to collect the tissue samples. While the article did not specify the distance researchers are willing to travel, one could check with the UF contact Corie Singer at corie409@ufl.edu if they and their dog are interested in participating in this study.

Plants: While dogs can have reactions to poison ivy particularly from eating the plant, your dog's contact to the plant is more of a problem to you. The urushiol (the toxic oil) from the leaves and stem can be transmitted from your dog's fur to you. If your best friend has come in contact with poison ivy, sumac, or oak, a bath is urgently needed. Make sure you are protected either by gloves or a cream barrier containing bentoquatam (ask your pharmacist) while handling your pet. Use lots and lots of cool water and a degreasing soap such as Dawn dishwashing detergent to remove those oils.

Summer Safety continued...

Another plant that is truly dangerous to dogs and cats is the Sago palm. Sago palms are part of the Cycad family which includes Coontie plant, Japanese Cycad, and the Cardboard palm. While some of these are native and very desirable as landscape plants, they are dangerous to dogs and cats. The seeds and nuts are the most poisonous part of the plant, but the entire plant has some level of toxicity. Ingestion can cause severe liver failure within 2-3 days. If you suspect your pet has eaten any part of a Sago palm, contact your veterinarian or a pet poison control hotline immediately. For further information www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poison/sago-palm/

Dog Food Recalls: These seem to be never-ending. So just a reminder to periodically check on the food you are feeding your dogs. I know there are several web sites to do this and one of them is www.dogfoodadvisor.com You can also check there to see how different food compare and rate.

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