



Training Times

Training Dogs to be Good Citizens

July, 2012

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County



DOCOF

By Terri Bell

We are well into making plans for this year's DOCOF team.

Unfortunately we will only be sending one team this year; there just aren't enough people to put together a second team. Most of the weekend events will be the same as in past years with the one exception, there won't be a seminar this year, but they are hoping to bring that back again next year. There will be a "happy hour" get-together on Saturday from 5 to 6 pm to be held in the main building where the competition is held.

Get out your bell bottom pants and put on your mood rings, the theme for decorations this year is "the '70's" so if anyone is interested in organizing this please see Terri. It's not required, but would be a lot of fun.

****Please, no streaking or platform shoes in the obedience rings!****

Practice time in the rings will be available all day on Saturday. Cost is \$3 for 5 minutes or \$5 for 10 minutes. We **DO** still need volunteers for set-up & tear-down crews. We need one person for each. If you can be there by 4 pm on Friday or stay until the end (approx. 4 pm on Sunday) please let Terri know!! People on the set-up crew will also be able to practice on Friday night.

I know several people are planning to camp again. I will be contacting team members to work out some of these details and also pass out the RV reservations forms. Hopefully we can also plan a cookout at the campground for Saturday night. It looks to me like we

should have a pretty competitive team this year. Plan is to have some special training and ring time for team members as we get closer to September. Contact Terri if you have any questions. Our Team Includes:

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County
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NOVICE Coleen Hann & Blaze Barb Wood & Gretchen Becky Rash & Greer Substitute – Carol Tollini & Levi	UTILITY Mona Kurth & Ivy Carol Tollini & Zeke Terri Bell & Megan Substitute – Doris Lewis & Jazz
OPEN Doris Lewis & Annie Terri Bell & Jenni Jennie Curtis & Payton	Stewards Sunny Lichtenberg Jeanette Rogers Ruth Stubler



Welcome

New Members:

Nancy Hunt

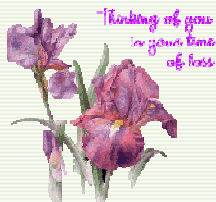
Juan Romagosa

Proposed New Member to be voted at the next meeting:

Lisa Beever



Sue Davis has moved back to Ohio. She will remain a member and will chair the trial in January. So this isn't really "good-bye" but "see you later."



Condolences to

Cathy Thompson on the loss of Queenie

Bob Frische on the loss of Wiz

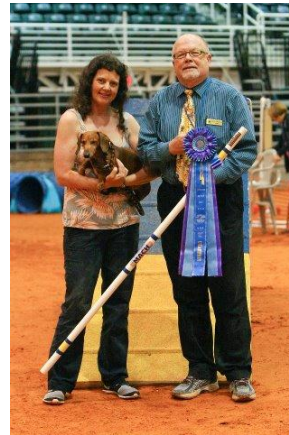
GOOD NEWS FROM THE TRIALS

Our members have reported the following accomplishments:

Terri Bell & Josi had a 196 in Beg. Novice for 2nd place and a 98 in Rally Novice for 2nd place at Josi's first trial on May 26th in Fort Myers. Jenni earned her 3rd Open Agility leg with a 1st place in Palmetto on May 27th.

Becky Rash & Keva finished BN title on May 26th in Fort Myers.

Coleen Hann & Blaze finished CD on May 26th in Fort Myers.



Lisa Beever & Penny finished CDX and earned a MACH both in June – just a few weeks apart.

Cathy Thompson's Frog Hollows Bit of Cash finished his CD by placing second in Novice B at the Fort Myers trial. Her Sierra and PJ made the Dock Dog finals with 4^{ths} in seniors and juniors, respectively.

Jeanette Rogers and Pete earned their first leg for Novice Rally.

Editors' Note: We're sorry if we missed anyone. We rely on all of you to self-report your wins and accomplishments. So please email those "brags!"

UPCOMING TRIALS

July 14 & 15 – Jupiter/Tequesta Dog Club at West Palm Beach Obedience (Opt. titling) & Rally Indoors
Entries have closed

July 28 & 29 – USDTC at St. Pete Obedience (Opt. titling) & Rally Indoors



August 18 & 19 – SOTC at St. Pete Obedience (Opt. titling) & Rally-Indoors
Closes 8-1-12
Limited Entry, Mail Early!

August 25 & 26 – DTC of St. Pete at St. Pete Obedience (Opt. titling) & Rally Indoors
Closes 8-8-12

WATCH OUT FOR BUFO-TOADS

The marine toad (Bufo Marinus) is a brown to grayish-brown toad which is not native to Florida. Adult toads can reach 6-9 inches in length and have a creamy yellow belly and deeply-pitted parotid glands extending down the sides. These glands contain a milky-white substance commonly called "bufotoxin," which the toad uses as a defense against predators. This poison can cause irritation in humans and animals, particularly when the toxin comes in contact with the eyes or mucus membranes. For small pets and wild animals, this toxin can be lethal.

While the Bufo is more common on the east coast of Florida it is sometimes found in Lee and Collier Counties and as far north as the Tampa Bay area.

Help avoid Bufo toads from being attracted to your yard by picking up dog food bowls off the ground. They are attracted to the food and food residue. Bufo's also like to lounge in water bowls and may leave enough toxins on the rim so keep those on the inside as well.



Symptoms of poisoning from a bufo marinus include salivation, vocalizing and pawing at the mouth, dark red gums, stiff walk, and difficulty breathing. This can progress to seizures or death. The severity of the poisoning depends on the size of the dog. The smaller the dog, the more poison per pound they take in. If your dog is poisoned, STAY CALM. Rinse your dog's mouth out with a hose IMMEDIATELY for at least five minutes. Run the water through the side of the mouth and towards the front of their nose while keeping

the head down to avoid drowning your dog. Some veterinarians recommend massaging the gums as well to make sure all the toxin is removed. The smaller the pet or the larger the toad, the greater there is a risk of toxicity. Transport your dog to the veterinarian quickly. Remember most poisoning happens at night so make sure you know where the closest emergency vet clinic is in relation to your home.

If you find live Bufo Marinus in your yard they can be humanely destroyed by freezing. Just make sure you know the difference between this non-native toad and native toads such as the Southern Toad. Southern toads are prevalent and beneficial in the area. An adult Southern Toad is never larger than 4 inches and has ridges or knobs on its head. For more information on identifying toads and frogs in Florida, please check out the University of Florida website at http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/frogstoads

Resources:

http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/frogstoads/bufo_marinus.php

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw046>

Email forwarded from

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Members, do you have items to sell, give away, or need to find?
Place your ad in the next issue.
Contact: Coleen or Jeanette

A Note from the Editors:

We hope you found this newsletter fun and informative. For our next issue, which is due in September, we'd like to hear from you. We value your input and expertise. If you have any suggestions or an article you would like to submit, please let us know.

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