PAWSCRIPTS

DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG www.dtcsp.org (727) 527-5568 December 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's the last month of the year. Things are winding down at the club, but we will start all over again in January. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. Remember, volunteers are needed for the DTCSP Agility Trials at the end of the month. Please sign-up at the club, or email Julia Lipsio, the Volunteer Coordinator, at bogiebay@msn.com if you can help Dec. 30, 31, and or Jan. 1. Help us keep the trial running smoothly.

Diane Miles

DTCSP BULLETIN BOARD

WHISKEY: 2011 MVP!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR DTCSP'S DECEMBER AGILITY TRIAL

Many volunteers are still needed for our 5-day Agility Extravaganza. Please help keep the trial running smoothly. Last chance to earn activity credits for the period!

See page 2 for details!

Staging of agility equipment for the trial will take place on Thursday, December 22. ***Please remove all crates located in front of the rollup door prior to the 22nd!***

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2012

Membership renewal dues are due Jan. 1, and are delinquent as of Feb. 1.

See page 4 for the 2012 Membership Renewal Form.

CRAZY 4 CANINES 4-H SHOW JANUARY 7TH

Our 4-H Club, Crazy for Canines, is hosting a 4-H Show, Jan.7, 2012 at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, 4400 34th St. N., in St. Petersburg. Volunteers are needed to help with the show.

For more information, see page 5.

Volunteers, please contact Liz Piquet at agilitybassett@yahoo.com.

QUICK NOTES

DTCSP'S NEW YEAR AGILITY EXTRAVAGANZA DEC 28-31, 2011 & JAN 1, 2012

This 5-day extravaganza will be held at the Manatee Fairgrounds in Palmetto. Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club is the host for the Dec. 28th & 29th trials. DTCSP is hosting the trials for Dec. 30th-31st, & Jan.1st. Several volunteer workers are still needed for this trial. This is our biggest fund-raising event of the year, with out-of-state exhibitors combining Florida vacations and family visits with a 5-day event! Please reserve these days to help make it all work smoothly. Julia Lipsio is the Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteer Worker Sign-up forms are at the club, and can be placed in Julia's box at the club or in the yellow boxes showing Agility Workers, located at the front desk, and on the Agility side. If you can help for half a day, a whole day, or just a few hours, please email Julia, bogiebay@msn.com. Let her know as soon as possible which day(s) you can help. No experience needed, students welcome and can learn more about agility & handling by helping! Free food for workers, and you can earn activity credits.

HSP LIGHT THE WAY HOME, DEC 1-31. 2011

The Humane Society of Pinellas is currently holding its annual Light the Way Home program at the Clearwater shelter. Your donation of $15 will include a card of thanks & acknowledgement for you or someone special along with a paper ornament including the name of your chosen person, pet or business to be posted at HSP through the Holiday Season. There are additional levels of support. They are also offering "Stuff Our Stockings" to provide new toys for HSP's homeless animals, Lights, ornaments, and signage are displayed at the shelter through Jan. 1st. www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org.

SAL BRIGHTEN THEIR FUTURE, DEC 1-31. 2011

Suncoast Animal League is hosting the Brighten Their Future program during the month of December. Illuminate the Plight of Homeless Pets One Bulb at a Time. Purchase an Illumination Bulb for $10 per bulb to be hung at the shelter. Lights can be purchased in honor or memory of a special person or pet. A card will be sent, letting them know a donation was made on their behalf and their Shelter Illumination Bulb burns bright. More info online at: www.suncoastanimalleague.org.

DTCT AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JAN 14-15, 2012

The Dog Training Club of Tampa will be hosting an AKC All Breed Agility Trial at the Sonlight K9 Events & Training Center in Brooksville. This event is accepting entries for dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program. **JUDGE:** Blair Kelly. **CLOSES:** Dec. 31st. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** June Ebert, 813-983-1997, Astibug@msn.com, www.junesagility.com. Premium available at: www.dtct.org.

USDTC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JAN. 21-22, 2012

Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club is hosting an AKC Agility Trial, outdoors at Ketch, 7709 Gardner Rd, in Tampa. This event is accepting entries for dogs listed in the Canine Partners Program. **JUDGE**: Jill Roberts. **CLOSES**: Jan. 7th. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** June Ebert, 813-983-1997, Astibug@msn.com. Premium available at: www.junesagility.com.

TBAC AKC AGILITY TRIALS, FEB. 4-5, & 18-19,

Tampa Bay Agility Club is hosting outdoor AKC Agility trials at KETCH, 7709 Gardner Rd, in Tampa. This event is accepting entries for Dogs Listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program and online entries. No FAST will be offered. **FEB. 4-5: JUDGE:** Kim Crenshaw. **CLOSES:** Jan. 21st. **FEB. 18-19: JUDGE:** Keith Harold. **CLOSES**: Feb. 4th. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Mary Rulli, 813 886-2247, MACHT@frmr.com. Premiums online at: www.tampabayagilityclub.org.

FASA ALL-BREED ASCA AGILITY TRIAL, FEB 10-12

The Florida Australian Shepherd Association will be hosting an ASCA agility trial outdoors on grass at 3137 Diana Dr. in Zephryhills. Trial is open to all breeds and mixed breeds, but dogs must have either an ASCA registration number or an ASCA tracking number. Concessions will be available for lunch. **JUDGE:** Judy Boone. **PRE-ENTIRES CLOSE:** Jan 30th. Day of show entries accepted. **TRIAL SECRETARY**: Kelli Hayes, 813-788-9098, Kelli@pascopaws.com. Premium available at: www.asca.org/Portals/0/premiums/FLAGFASA0212.pdf. Tracking number application is online at: www.asca.org/Portals/0/trackapp.pdf.

TDAA AGILITY TRIAL, FEB 18-19

Cool Critters will be hosting a TDAA Agility Trial at their facility at 3136 Oak Tree Place, in Valrico. Dogs must be registered with TDAA to enter the trial. Register your dog at www.k9tdaa.com. Premium pending. **JUDGE**: June Cole. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Ileana Nadal, 813-653-1494, ileana@tampabay.rr.com. More info online at: www.coolcritters.com.

PASCO PAWS CPE AGILITY TRIAL, FEB. 25-26,

Pasco Paws is hosting a CPE Agility trial at 3137 Diana Dr., in Zephyrhills. For CPE rules and registration, go to: www.k9cpe.com. **JUDGE:** Ray Wheeler. **CLOSES:** Feb. 13th. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Kelli Hayes, 813- 788-9098. www.pascopaws.com.

In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog. -- Edward Hoagland

LIZ McGUIRE STRENGTH SEMINAR. FEB 25

The Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is hosting a Liz McGuire Strength Training Seminar from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the club's facility in St. Petersburg. Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to Canine Strength & Conditioning: Philosophy, assessment, & program development
- Break out Lab: Assessment, canine anatomy review, palpation lab, & therapeutic exercise demos
- Additional practical exercises with dogs: Active warm-up & stretching for dogs,
- Stations incorporating concepts in "Building agility specific skills without agility equipment
- Human active warm-up & sports specific movements
- Wrap up & Q&A session

All working spots have been filled, but unlimited auditing spots are available for a cost of $25. Contact Rachel Martinez at the club, or at raemartinez@gmail.com for more information.

PAWSITIVELY FUN DOG TRAINING AGILITY CAMP FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1

Pawsitively Fun Dog Training is hosting a 3½ day agility camp with TEAM USA's Coach for the 2011 and 2012 World Agility Open, Tracy Sklenar. The camp will be divided amongst the following topics:

- International Course Challenges/How to Handle Aggressively
- Footwork/Running Mechanics - teaching handlers better ways to move, then applying it on course with the dog
- Driving Lines and Turning Cues

Pawsitively Fun Dog Training will be hosting a USDAA sanctioned agility trial the weekend preceding the seminar and the weekend following the seminar.

Location: Pawsitively Fun Dog Training, 261 SW Atlas Drive, Fort White, FL (NW of Gainesville). Handlers are encouraged to audit regardless of the dog's skill level. For a working spot, your dog must know all the equipment and be experienced in Advanced/Excellent/ Masters level sequences.

Cost: $550 working spots (limited to 12); Unlimited auditing spaces: $125, $45 per day, $22.50 per half day. Bring your own lunch, snacks and beverages. Seminar will be held outdoors on grass. **CONTACT:** Rachel Flatley at (561)386-1769, BorderCoolies@aol.com. More info: www.umdta.com.

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window.
--Steve Bluestone

2012 FLORIDA CANINE FOLLIES! CANINE MUSICAL FREESTYLE COMPETITION APRIL 28-29, 2012, 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT SARASOTA OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

Come and join the fun! Each routine will be different, the music and choreography selected to showcase the individual dog. The performances will include all breeds of dogs, with classes from beginners through advanced. Watch for Workshops and Classes for preparing the dogs for the event. Earn a Freestyle title in one weekend! For information, contact Suzette at chumleywood@hotmail.com.

CHICKEN JERKY ALERT!

A problem with Chicken Jerky treats made in China has resurfaced again. Chicken Jerky, or treats and rawhide bones with chicken jerky in them, which were made in China, are causing life-threatening illnesses in dogs. Dogs are having kidney problems, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, and some dogs have died as a result of eating these treats and rawhide bones. Do Not give your dogs any treats or chew bones or toys with Chicken Jerky in them which are made in China. Chicken Jerky treats made in the USA are available at Pet Food Warehouse on 62nd Ave. N. in St. Petersburg.

DEC 2011- MAR 2012 COMING EVENTS

Dec 1-31	Brighten Their Future – SAL, Palm Harbor
Dec 1-31	Light the Way Home – HSP, Clearwater
Dec 28-29	AKC Agility – SPWCC, Palmetto
Dec 30-Jan 1	**AKC Agility – DTCSP, Palmetto**
Jan 7	**4H Show – DTCSP, St. Petersburg**
Jan 14-15	AKC Agility – DTCT, Brooksville
Jan 21-22	AKC Agility – USDTC, Tampa
Feb 4-5	AKC Agility – TBAC, Tampa
Feb 10-11	ASCA Agility – FASA, Zephyrhills
Feb 18-19	AKC Agility – TBAC, Tampa
Feb 18-19	TDAA Agility – Cool Critters, Valrico
Feb 25-26	CPE Agility – Pasco Paws, Zephryhills
Feb 25	**McGuire Seminar – DTCSP, St. Pete.**
Feb 25-26	USDAA Agility – PFDT, Ft. White
Feb 27-Mar 1	Agility Camp – PFDT, Ft. White
Mar 3-4	USDAA Agility – PFDT, Ft. White

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Annual Membership Dues
Please complete this form, so that we can update our records.
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Payment is Due January 1, 2012

By-laws, Section 6 – Dues become delinquent thirty-one (31) days after the first of January. Any Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on February first.

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WOW! That's all I have to say for December. The month has included our participation in the Pinellas Park Christmas Parade, and attending a Junior Showmanship Seminar. Several of our members are competing in the Junior Obedience and Agility competition being held at the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational, in Orlando, December 16-18th. All of that is great, but we have something even more exciting coming up!

January 7th is our annual 4-H dog show and we need your help! There are several things you can do to help make this a fantastic event:

1) We still need judges for Obedience and Rally! 99% of our competitors are Pre-Novice and below so you don't need to be a Utility level competitor to lend a hand. We will feed you lunch!
2) Do you have beginning level students, or students who have a beginning level dog, who might like to try showing their dog in a low stress, inexpensive environment? We have classes at all levels in Obedience, Rally & Agility. At $5 a class it's the best deal around. Entry forms will be available at the front desk.
3) Raffle items! When you get the weird Christmas gift under the tree don't return it, donate it! Dog and non-dog related items are welcome. We have competitors starting at age 8 and spectators who are grandparents, so gifts that interest all ages are appreciated.

If you can help in any way, please contact Liz Piquet, at agilitybassett@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Thank you for helping support our 4-H Club!

– *Liz Piquet*

Whenever I hear a dog continually barking, my reaction is one of relief—that it's not my dog making all that racket and inciting the neighbors to call the police. --John McCarthy

2011 ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET

The 2011 Annual Holiday Dinner Party and Awards Banquet was held on Dec. 11th at the club. Thanks to all of the people who showed up during the afternoon, to help decorate! We had a good turnout of decorators, and the club looked quite festive when we were all done. A special thanks goes out to Kelly Hansen, who coordinated the decorating, setup, and food. Members brought lots of delicious dishes, including several great appetizers, dinner dishes, and some great desserts. Nira made her excellent punch, which had lots of zip to it!

After dinner, a brief meeting was held. Four new members were voted in. The 2012 Board was installed by Nira Wissler, except for Doreen Wagner, the treasurer, who was ill and could not attend. Diane Miles received a special gift of a photo session with Terry Collett, in appreciation of her leadership and accomplishments as President during 2011. After the meeting, Awards were handed out.

The Award of Excellence is usually presented to one person who has gone above and beyond in their contributions to the club throughout the year. However, this year the award went to three people, and their names were added to the Award of Excellence Plaque. Recipients were: Beth and Steve Crawford, and Norine Noonan. Congratulations to all of you for all of your hard work at the club this year!

Diane Conroy presented the many Flyball awards for 2011. Most notable were the 5 members who had earned the ONYX title. To achieve this title requires the accumulation of 20,000 points. It takes dedication, training, stamina, a good team behind the members and their dogs, and many years of showing to achieve the coveted title of ONYX. This past year the Barkaneers team is proud to announce they have five ONYX dogs:

- Alex, Border Collie, owned by Paula Smith
- Crush, Border Collie, owned by Alan Conroy
- Gidget, Miniature Pinscher, owned by Carla Thomas
- Kosh, Australian Shepherd, owned by Ron Henson
- Whiskey, Australian Shepherd, owned by Karen Henson

The MVP (Most Valuable Pup) award for 2011 was presented to Whiskey, Australian Shepherd, owned by Karen Henson.

Joan Smith presented all of the very many remaining awards in Obedience, Rally, and Agility. Some members received several awards, and were members who usually had multiple dogs. However, it was amazing how busy some members were the past two years, and how hard they had worked with their dogs to achieve those titles. The eligibility period was extended back for the 2011 awards, because bars were not available last year. Congratulations to all of the members who earned titles for the 2011 Award period!

FLYBALL NEWS

by Diane Conroy

KAREN HENSON & WHISKEY

DTCSP held the Reindeer Run Flyball Tournament on Dec 3rd and 4th. Thirty teams from all over Florida attended. Our Judge was Brian Fay (NAFA Judge of the Year), a terrific judge and we hope he comes back to Florida again. We always love Flyball Racing at our Building. So do competitors from other teams all over Florida who are renting our building for their flyball tournaments. This was one of those weekends when our dogs and handlers just "clicked" and everyone worked as a team and got the job done.

Our three teams won either 1st or 2nd in their Divisions both days. The Pirates Team made up of Alex, Tigress, Elmer and Kosh took first place both days. On Sunday they were so far ahead of all the other teams in their division that no one could catch them. Alex was the fastest of all our dogs with a best time of 4.151 and the team's best time was 20.955!

The Sea Dog team made up of Crush, Whiskey, Sniper, Rocket and Lily took first place on Saturday. They were in first place all day Sunday until the final race against the Salty Dog Team of Muppet, Rosie, Blitz, and Will. We were racing each other and at the end of the race Salty Dog team stole first place from the Sea Dog team. Alan and Crush had a perfect start at the tournament. Crush passed the start line at the exact second the light turned green.

It was an exciting weekend for the Barkaneeers. Karen Henson and Whiskey came into the tournament needing 182 points for the highly-coveted ONYX Title. It only took a few races before they earned it, followed by screams of celebration, hugging and many high-fives. Ron brought the biggest and best-tasting carrot cake we ever saw – everyone at the tournament joined in the celebration.

Rachel & Tigress did some celebrating too. Tigress earned her Flyball Masters title (FM) (5,000 points) and set a personal best time of 4.895 seconds. Her team the Pirates took 1st place both days. Leo & Will earned their Flyball Masters title (FM) (5,000 points) and ran a 4.70 second heat. It is always exciting when our dogs run in the 4 second-range. Their team Salty Dogs won 2nd place Saturday and 1st place on Sunday.

Carla's Jack Russell Sniper earned his Fyball Dog Champion Gold (FDCh-G) title (2,500 points) and ran really well for Mark. Their team Sea Dogs won 1st Place on Saturday and 2nd Place Sunday. Height dog Rosie & Sue ran super all weekend and earned the 2,500 points needed for a Flyball Dog Champion Gold (FDCh-G). Their Team, Salty Dogs took 2nd Place on Saturday and 1st Place on Sunday.

Next year, flyball teams named Waverunners, Barkaholics, and Terminal Velocity will rent our building for their Flyball tournaments. It is a lot of work for our team – we have to move all the agility equipment and dog crates, lay several lanes of matting and tape them, and set up two lanes of racing. The rentals fees provide needed money to our Club, so if you can come out and help set up or tear down, the Club would really appreciate your help.

Millie, the young Springer, is sitting beside me, head in my lap as I type, practicing the "spaniel gaze." At sixteen months she's already got it down. The spaniel heart is warm. The soft spaniel eye brims with love. If ever the world's diplomats and arms negotiators learn the spaniel gaze there will be peace on earth. --Larry Shook

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TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

by Kathy Mordini, Chicago Pets Examiner

It's the holiday season and you're all set to spend some time with family and friends to celebrate the season. The extra activity, decorations and added temptations could cause problems for the family pet. If you take a few precautions in advance, the holidays could be merry for the family pet as it is for everyone else.

Decorate wisely. Anchor the tree and secure light cords to prevent any injuries. Avoid tinsel and ornaments that could be toxic, make sure breakable ornaments are hanging high and pet safe ornaments adorn the lower third of the tree.

Beware of seasonal plants. Mistletoe, berries and poinsettias are toxic to animals and can cause an upset stomach or worse reaction. Because pets are tempted to drink out of any water bowl, you may want to avoid adding chemicals in the tree water.

Watch out for new dangers. Needles, tinsel, hooks, ribbon, foil, and cellophane may look like a toy to your pets, but could cause major damage if eaten.

Skip the season treats for your pet. A change of diet, even for one meal, can cause an upset stomach or diarrhea for a cat or dog. Skip the table scraps, bones and chocolate and keep your garbage secure.

Look for pet-friendly treats. Many local pet stores have a variety of treats that are created specifically for cats and dogs. Keep a selection on hand for your pets and your friends pets as well.

Set up a quiet area for your pet. This will give your pet a safe area during the hustle and bustle of the season and will cut down on escapes when company comes and goes.

Look for pet-friendly activities. Many area dog parks, shelters, rescues, and pet day care facilities offer a variety of pet and child-friendly activities during the holidays. It's a great opportunity to include your more outgoing pet in fun activities outside the home.

Have an emergency plan. Any time of year you should have an emergency plan, just in case something happens with your pet when your veterinarian is either closed for the day or if your pet needs more intensive treatment than your vet may offer. Know where your local emergency veterinary hospital is located and the best route to get there in case you need it.

Cats are the ultimate narcissists. You can tell this because of all the time they spend on personal grooming. Dogs aren't like this. A dog's idea of personal grooming is to roll on a dead fish.
--James Gorman

BRAGS & WAGS

Send your news to pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com.

Beth Crawford writes: Bentley completed his Open standard title at the November Tampa trial!

Genie Stottlar writes: At the Shetland Sheepdog Specialty in Brooksville on 11/11/11, OTCH Himark's Tri N Stop Me (aka/Jazz) won the Utility B class with a 195. He also won the Open B Class with a 197.5 going High and Trial and High Combined. Himakr's Make Mine Black CDX, (aka Java) took 2nd place. On Saturday 11/12/11 Jazzy took 2nd in Utility B and Java took 3rd in Open B. It was a very nice ending to our showing year. I'm looking forward to next year. Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season and Merry Christmas.

Joanne Killeen writes: In April, Whisper had 16 QQs toward the 20 required for his MACH. (For new and non-agility members, that's Master Agility Champion!) We went to the Sheltie Nationals at Purina Farms, and got QQ #17; the following weekend at the Greater Kansas City DTC trials, we earned #s 18 & 19. Then everything came to a screeching halt. Of course, in the summer season, agility trials are few and far between, but the winter agility season has finally kicked in, and Whisper and I are back in sync. So at the DTC Tampa trials in November, we celebrated Veterans Day with QQ # 20 on 11/11/11 (I sure won't forget that date!) We had an "oops" on Saturday (bar down on serpentine), but another QQ on Sunday, the first toward a MACH2 title someday. Now it's time to relax, switch gears, and work on Utility. The UD title is as tough to earn as the MACH, but I want both!

Ron Henson writes: Over the weekend, on December 10th, at SOTC's Agility Trial, Kosh earned his Excellent Standard title. On the same day, Sydney earned her Novice Standard (Preferred) title.

For months he had been her devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

"There are quite a lot of advantages in being a bachelor," he began, "but there comes a time when we long for the companionship of another being—a being who will regard one as a perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute property; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard; who will share one's joys and sorrows."

To his delight he saw a sympathetic gleam in her eyes. Then she nodded in agreement.

"So you're thinking of buying a dog?" she said. "I think it's a fine idea. Do let me help you choose one!"

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