

SACCARAPPA YAPPER

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AKC DELEGATE:	Stephanie Ilka



NEXT MEETING:

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 @ 7pm
Barron Center, Brighton Avenue in Portland

REFRESHMENTS: Cindy Strumph, Nanci Hayes, Deb Lawler

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING will be held Sunday, December 9, 2012 at Nanci Hayes home in Casco (where it was last year). Snow date is December 16th. It will begin at 12 noon with a pot luck lunch, our meeting will be around 2 followed by a Yankee Swap.

Last week Rebeccah sent out an email with the link to sign up what food you will bring, if you lost it, contact her. The Yankee Swap is a gift of \$10if you're a woman bring a womans gift, if you're a man then bring one for a man. If you need directions, contact Nanci at yankee@fairpoint.net. If the weather is questionable check the club phone or website. Hope everyone can come, promises to be a fun day!!



Don't forget to fill out an award sheet if you finished a title this year. The book is out back at the Armory.

Remember members have to attend 4 meetings to be eligible for awards and member training fees. The following members have not attended their 4 meetings.....

Janis Albright - 0
Rebeccah Aube - 3
Carol Crosby - 2
Alyssa Dassa - 0
Carol Furman - 1
Genice Gorman - 3
Connie Lagasse - 0
Genny Langilled - 1
Jane Miller - 2
Gene Nardi - 0
Joey Shaw - 3

Saccarappa Obedience Club November 14, 2012

Board Meeting

Saccarappa Obedience Club Board Meeting was held Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at Chris Berg's home. It was called to order by President Mary Jo McCormack at 7:12 P.M.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee is all set and everyone is staying.

Unfinished Business:

Connie Cleveland has gotten back to Claire and we will discuss it at the regular meeting this month.

As far as the old mats are concerned does anyone want them. Someone mentioned that Rebecca might want them.

New Business:

Show 'N Go dates have to be checked to see if they interfere with the Tracking Club or not.

The Christmas party is at Nanci Hayes' camp on December 9th with the 16th as the rain date.

We need to set a date for the Awards Banquet.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda and seconded by Chris. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting October 24, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President, Mary Jo McCormack. There were 13 members present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read. With the following changes: was a seminar closer changed to was an AKC seminar closer and Tony was changed to Anthony Cherubini.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Rebecca took pictures last night to put on the tree we will put up at the Festival of Trees.

Unfinished Business:

Claire spoke to Bill Thane, an AKC representative, who said there were 6 AKC seminars across the country this year. He sees no need for one in New England. A participant seminar might be a better fit for the Club.

Claire has not heard back from Connie Cleveland yet.

Finish Forward has some nice jumps and Deb Lawler will ask where she got them from and how much did they cost.

New Business:

Tuesday night classes are almost full.

Barbara needs 2 people for the Nominating Committee. Jerry and Jim Shaw volunteered to be the people Barbara needs on the Nominating Committee and Jolene DiFazio and Deb Lawler volunteered to be the 2 alternates.

Nanci would be happy to host the Christmas party if no one else offers to hold it. December 9 or 16, 2012 would be good dates for the Christmas party.

What are we going to do with the ragged mat? They are usually given to members

A motion was made by Bob Cuzner to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. and seconded by Jeremy Shaw. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary



DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2012. Please print out this form and return to Brenda if you have ANY changes from last year for the membership list. DUES ARE \$15 PER PERSON.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

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PHONE: _____

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BREED(S) OF DOG _____

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS & BOARD FOR 2013.

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BRENDA PROULX
BOB CUZNER, DREMA SHAW, BARBARA SCHWARTZ
CHRIS BERG

Respectfully submitted;
Barbara Schwartz, Jim Shaw, Jeremy Shaw

Disaster Preparedness Be Proactive: Prepare

If there is an up side to Katrina, it is that the majority of people and particularly the government have finally recognized the necessity of planning and accountability for pets in times of disaster. Both of these groups now know that our bond with animals influences human behavior in times of crises.

Never has the phrase “Be Prepared” been more relevant than it is today, not just for Scouts, but for us all. Hurricane Katrina became the rallying cry for acknowledging, “Yes, something *can* happen in my backyard.” Preparedness is essential for your life and the lives of your pets. Your pets depend entirely on you, so **PREPARE.**

- **Plan** – all aspects of your own emergency response for both you and your pets. Ideally, design for two scenarios, one if you are confined to your home for several days and another if you and your pet have to evacuate. Elements for both of these plans include, but are not limited to, supplies (including food and medications), finding the safest parts of your home and escape routes if you are ordered to evacuate or your home becomes unsafe.
- **Research** – various destinations as well as escape routes. Investigate routes in several directions, in the event that one or more may be blocked and impassible. Practice a “dry run” for each route so that if you have to improvise, you will be able to do it quickly and without jeopardy.
- **Equip** – your home *and* your vehicle with emergency supplies and provisions. Include an easily readable map with routes highlighted, waterproof containers for food and medications; water; bowls; leashes; and collapsible carriers or crates. Don’t forget permanent identification such as a microchip for pets (1-800-252-7894 or www.akccar.org), medical and/or insurance records for you and your pets (www.akcphp.com), and a photo and description of your pet, as well as proof of ownership. A First Aid kit is also a necessity; most of the contents can be used for both humans and pets.
- **Practice** – emergency situations and include your pets. Try to do a drill for each type of emergency that may hit your area. Over a period of time, practice until you can get the start-to-finish time down to a minimum. Experiment with pretending to be confined to your home. Make it a game for your pets whether “in home “or on the road,” and your pets will be more at ease if the real thing strikes.
- **Add** – subtract and change supplies periodically. Medications that are out-of-date become ineffective at best and toxic at worst. Food can become stale or worse. Even water stored long-term can take on the taste of its container. Consider changing bedding for crates, and check to see that leads and collars still fit and are in good repair.
- **Review** – all plans and preparations regularly. “Safe havens” may change or cease to exist. Roads may be closed or new ones built. Landmarks may be torn down or names changed. If friends have volunteered to help, make sure those offers are still viable. Your plans as well as your vehicle preparation should be appropriate for various temperatures and seasons.

And perhaps the most important of all;

- **Establish** – an ongoing relationship with local authorities, such as offices of emergency management (OEMs) and dog clubs in a given area. FEMA dictates that in times of emergency, jurisdiction will be ceded to local authorities where the disaster occurs. Planning and Communication with dog clubs in your area will create a team effect that can avoid duplication of resources and efforts, as well as produce strength and a more efficient result.

This does not mean that concerned local individuals cannot help in a generalized effort.

What it *does* mean is that everyone will have to establish an ongoing relationship with the local authorities considerably in advance of any specific disaster, as well as fulfill any requirements the local authorities may establish, as many areas are making lists of those people eligible to help. This is often in addition to the requirements set by FEMA. This has been established post-Katrina, because it has been generally agreed by all emergency workers that many of the so-called “spontaneous” people in these situations have not had a positive affect on relief efforts.

In January of 2007, the Animal Issues Working Group was convened under the aegis of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is comprised of Federal, State, Local and non-governmental experts in animal response and emergency management.

Their charge was to revise the **National Response Plan (NRP)** to include companion animal and service animal issues and address the critical need for comprehensive inclusion of all animal issues.

Revision of the NRP must take into account that the previously existing Stafford Act has been amended by passage of the PETS (**Pets Evacuation Transportation Standards**) Act. This requires state and local disaster preparation to specifically address animal issues. The NRP must take into consideration the impact of the PETS Act on local and national incident response.

Their key ideas focus on;

- Animal issues as an extension of human issues -- how animals are managed in a disaster directly impacts human reaction in that circumstance
- Owners taking primary responsibility for animals in planning, response and recovery
- Service animals are legally considered an extension of their owner’s person (ADA) and must be sheltered with the owner
- **LOCAL** government Animal Control authorities have authority over all stray and abandoned animals. The size of the disaster does not change this **PRIMARY LEGAL AUTHORITY**.

The Animal Issues Working Group reminds us that like all disaster response, animal-related response and recovery is most effective when handled at the local level by local resources.

Above all ---

PLAN YOUR RESPONSE

-----and-----**RESPOND TO YOUR PLAN.**

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, December 1, 2012

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

At the Buxton Public Works Garage

Next Door to the Buxton Town Hall

\$8.00 per Vaccination – CASH ONLY

There will be a dog and cat rabies vaccination clinic at the Buxton Public Works Garage, 215 Portland Road, next door to the Buxton Town Hall. **ALL DOGS MUST BE** brought in on a leash and **ALL CATS MUST BE** in carriers. For faster service please bring the previous rabies vaccination certificate. Anyone from any community is welcome to bring their dog(s) & cat(s). For more information call the Buxton Town Hall at 929-6171.

*Sponsored by the Hollis Animal Clinic, the Towns of Buxton
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Don't complain, obedience train!

Saccarappa has a brand new website
www.socdogs.com

Please check out the new site. We would love suggestions, more pictures and brags! You can send them to bex@pawsink.com

The new site also has a
MEMBERS ONLY SECTION
where you will find information about meetings, the monthly newsletter and a link to sign up for the new S.O.C. google group! The Members Section password is 854dogs

S.O.C. Google Group

A Google Group is a form of email that supports group communication without needing to have individual emails for everyone in the group. One email address will send to the entire group. It's quick and effective and a great way to look back if you missed something! This will be the main form of email communication for "CLUB" emails. IE: you will receive emails about events, meetings and classes via this group.

Please sign-up as soon as you can.

bex@pawsink.com if you have any questions



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