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NEXT MEETING:

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 @ 7pm
Barron Center, Brighton Avenue in Portland

REFRESHMENTS: Claire Marx, Jane Miller, Jeremy Shaw, Janice Albright

Brag:

PAWS FOR APPLAUSE:

Mary Tripp and Jack were at Sunshine Farm in Lebanon CT August 31- Sept 2. Jack finished A course ducks each day. Friday and Saturday he was 1st place and Sunday 2nd place. He finished his intermediate AKC course A ducks on Saturday.

At our trials.....

Rebecca Aube and Acre placed 2nd in Novice B with 190 on Saturday.
Jolene Difazio and Tess placed first in Rally Excellent
Drema and Teddy finished his Rally Advanced.
Rusty and Rindge earned their second RN leg on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL~~

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

Tuesday training classes: New classes will begin Tuesday October 30th. We will be offering Beginners 102, (which is a continuation of this Beginners 101) at 6pm. AKC Star Puppy class will be at 7pm and a new Canine Good Citizen Class will follow at 8pm. All classes run 45 minutes. If you would like to sign up for a class, contact Claire Marx. Remember our classes are limited in size so sign up soon!

On Tuesday, October 23rd we will have an open training night for SOC members. Everyone is invited to come and work your dogs . . . there will be no formal run thrus . . . you can just spend time working on whatever you'd like to. It will run approximately 6-8pm. This is being offered with the understanding that everyone will stay to help pick up around 8!

Again, I would like to thank every member who helped at our very successful trials Sept 22 & 23. It was a wonderful weekend and everything went really well. From set up Friday night to take down Sunday afternoon, we worked as a team. The trophies were great, the rosettes were lovely, the food was delicious, the silent auction was well done and everyone had a great time.

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL WHO HELPED!!

Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting September 26, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mary Jo McCormack. There were 18 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Motion to pay the bills was made by Nanci and 2nd by Chris. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

The Club received a note from Nanci Hayes thanking us for allowing her to judge our Rally trial.

Committee Reports:

Everything went very well at the trial. We always get comments on how good our stewards are, even from the judges.

Unfinished Business:

The winner of the prize at the Scarborough Animal Hospital will be in the next set of classes.

New Business:

The 12th annual Festival of the Trees starts Saturday December 1 through December 8, 2012 at Noon. Set up will be November 27 and the fee is \$100. We need new ideas for the tree. Someone needs to take the lead this year instead of Pat. She will help out. Jerry made a motion we do the Festival of Trees again this year and was seconded by Drema. Motion passed.

We need to do something about our jumps. They warped over the winter in the trailer. Next year we need to put 2 mats at the edge or put the gates on the outside of the mats which was a suggestion made by one of the Obedience judges.

A motion was made by Nanci to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. and seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary



To: All AKC Clubs Licensed to hold Obedience Events

The AKC Companion Events department has some exciting news for clubs licensed to hold obedience/rally events regarding changes to the regulations.

The Department continues to focus on growing participation by varying levels of competitors. To continue generating new competitor interest, the [AKC has developed new Optional Titling classes](#) and titles: the Pre-Novice Class, Pre-Open Class and Pre-Utility Class. The classes have been developed with no Group Exercises and the jumps in Pre-Open and Pre-Utility are set to half the height of the dog at the withers. With the addition of the new Pre-Novice Optional Titling Class, the current Non-Regular Pre-Novice Class has been renamed the Sub-Novice Class. These new classes become effective and may be offered at events beginning July 1, 2013.

With the addition of more new classes, it became apparent that AKC needed to allow exhibitors the ability to move their dog to more than just the traditional level classes when they complete a title. The language in the *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 16a has been [changed from "Move-ups" to "Transfers"](#). Effective July 1, 2012, after a dog earns a title, it may be transferred to another class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, provided the club offers transfers and provided the dog and handler are eligible. Dogs competing in obedience in the Optional Titling classes may be moved to Regular Titling classes and vice versa or even to Non-Regular classes at the request of the exhibitor.

Transfers are only allowed within the same sport, e.g. obedience class to obedience class, or rally class to rally class. The request to transfer must be presented in writing to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers may be approved provided the class and judge are available, and the class has not reached its limit. Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a transfer — refer to Chapter 1, Section 16b of the *Obedience Regulations*.

Another change applies to the [Beginner Novice B Class eligibility requirements](#) (*Obedience Regulations* – Chapter 6, Section 2). Previously once a dog had earned the BN title, they were required to move out of the Beginner Novice Class. Effective August 1, 2012, a dog may remain in the Beginner Novice B Class until the handler believes the dog is ready to enter another level class. Lastly, we know that parents have a lot of choices for their children to participate in multiple activities these days. The AKC has approved that clubs may offer a [reduced entry fee for Junior Handlers](#) in their obedience, rally, tracking and agility events effective for events applied for on or after January 1, 2013. A Junior must have an AKC Junior Handler Number and is defined as anyone under 18 years of age on the first day of the event. Please remember to encourage new exhibitors, especially juniors to participate in our sports; they are the future of the sports we love so much.

Sincerely,
Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

Playing By The Rules TRAINING ALIVE!

by Catherine L. Zinsky
Front and Finish August 2012

Keeping your Training Alive! should be enjoyable as well as gratifying. After all, that's why we work with our dogs: they're our companions and teammates! The time training, however, needs to be alive, not flat and only you, the team leader, can decide how it's going to go.

When training you must have focus, be concentrated on the small steps in your dog's progress, and be alert to any signs of confusion in your dog or deviations from your ultimate purpose. In other words, don't allow yourself to get sidetracked.

One of my Golden Rules is that it's your everyday training that you take into competition. It's not possible to go into a competition and suddenly have an alert, eager and dynamic canine teammate if that energy and enthusiasm is not also expressed in your training. In order to avoid having your training sessions disintegrate and be non-productive, one of the things you can do is to train with your final goal in mind at all times. Have a mental picture of what you want each particular exercise or skill to look like, and when training, accept nothing less than progress towards that image, that goal. It's very easy to fall into a rut and not be aware that your training has become ho-hum and that you have deviated from your goal. It's necessary that you learn to be objective and LOOK. Watch what your dog is doing at all times, and ask yourself if that behavior is what you want in the end product? If it is, be jubilant. Express your pleasure. Let your dog know that you are thrilled with his performance. If not, it is your job as the trainer to first of all stop the unwanted behavior as it is happening. Do not allow the behavior to proceed. Then take your dog back to the point where the undesired behavior began and SHOW your dog how to succeed. That you show your dog how to succeed is critical. Do NOT expect your dog to guess how you want the skill performed: show him! Once you have shown him how to properly perform that particular skill, let him repeat it and succeed on his own merit without your assistance. Once accomplished, be overjoyed! Express your delight. Don't be shy.

It's easiest to stop an unwanted behavior by recognizing the beginnings of it and taking the proper steps to deter it immediately, as stated above. This also contributes to your having a confident dog, one who understands and so is enjoying the training. So one of the first things you need to begin incorporating into your training is the ability to recognize the beginnings of any problem, and in order to do that you have to have a mental picture of what your final goal is. This is essential. Without that visual endpoint in view, you will have nothing to compare your development against, and it is then that your training can become stagnant. Don't get into a training rut. Keep a mental picture of what you want and work towards that target in every training session.

Honest PRAISE is another essential ingredient to keeping your Training Alive! When your dog does something you truly like, let him know. Tell him! And I don't mean simply shoving a cookie in his face: I mean verbally and physically expressing your pleasure at your dog's accomplishment. You'll be amazed at the reception this approach will get!

Another vital element every training session should include is PLAY. Play releases pressure and allows both parties trainer and dog alike to take a mental break, interact, and maintain enthusiasm. In the best of all possible training sessions your dog should not be able to distinguish between what you are teaching and the play: the two should be so intertwined that they are impossible to tell apart. Learning and play are one. All dogs can learn to play. Some are more eager than others, certainly, but you can still teach the more introverted dog to play enough to interact and be more focused on you. If you have a dog that is not responding to your play efforts, do not give up. Each time you train, train your dog to play as well. Start with verbal encouragement and drawing out your dog's innate prey drive. ALL dogs have prey drive, merely in varying degrees. But it's there. Drag the toy AWAY from your dog. Do not wave it in his face! It is the movement of the toy that will draw out the prey drive in your dog. Eventually your dog will take one small step towards it. Praise him and quit. Do not force the issue. Later repeat the process. Allow your dog to take 2-3 steps, then quit. Soon your dog is going to want that toy more and more. Build his desire gradually. Do not push your dog into the play; allow the dog to build that drive! Before you know it you will be actually be playing with your dog. What a joy! Integrate the play with the training. This is important. Do NOT save the play for the end of the training session. Remember: you want your dog to consider his training and play to be the same. What I recommend is that any skill or exercise be repeated 3-5 times, followed by some play. That same skill or exercise can then be worked on again, as long as play is thrown in every 3-5 repetitions. Using this approach prevents the repetition from ever being boring especially if you are using honest praise as well.

So to keep your Training Alive! always train with a mental picture of how you want it performed, employ honest praise, and interject play throughout the training session. Not only will you and your canine buddy find greater enjoyment training, you will discover that you are progressing more quickly than you ever imagined. It's a win/win approach.





Canine Good Citizen® Becomes a Title

As of January 1, 2013, Canine Good Citizen® will become an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners may list the suffix, “CGC” after the dog’s name.

Since the program began in 1989, CGC has been considered an “award,” meaning that it has not been listed on a dog’s title record. As a result of frequent requests for AKC to include CGC as a title, this exciting change will begin January 1, 2013.

Here’s some answers to frequently asked questions about this new program.

1. How Do I Get the CGC Title for my Dog?

As of January 2013, when your dog passes the CGC test, you will be given an option on the CGC form (that you receive when your dog passes the CGC test) to select either of these two options:

- 1) CGC as an official title listed on your dog’s record. The fee for a title is \$20. You will receive the CGC certificate and you may use the suffix “CGC” after the dog’s name. Your dog must be registered or listed with AKC (an AKC number, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners), OR,
- 2) CGC certificate only. The fee for the certificate is \$8.00. CGC will not appear on the dog’s title record.

2. What if My Dog Already Passed the CGC Test-Can We Get the Title?

Yes. There will be a grandfathering procedure for the new title. Owners of dogs who are on record as having already earned the CGC (e.g., you got a CGC certificate) after January 1, 2001 will be able to apply to have the CGC listed on the dog’s title record.

WE WILL NOT START THIS PROCESS UNTIL JANUARY 2013. Watch the CGC web page for updates. <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm> .

WE WILL NOT BE READY TO CHANGE YOUR CGC TO A TITLE UNTIL JANUARY.

3. I was going to have my dog take the CGC test before January. Should I wait?

If you have an opportunity to take the CGC test between now and January, we suggest that you go ahead and do this, but HOLD YOUR PAPERWORK UNTIL JANUARY. (Put it in a safe place so you don’t lose it). In January 2013, an application form will be available that you can attach to your CGC form and send it in to receive CGC as a title. You can check the CGC web page for updates.

<http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm> .

4. How do I Find CGC Training or a CGC Evaluator in Your Community

To find a CGC instructor or an Approved AKC CGC Evaluator in your community, see:

<http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>

How to Get an AKC Number (AKC number, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners) See:

<http://images.akc.org/cgc/number.pdf>



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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