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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 @ 7pm
at the Barron Center
Brighton Avenue in Portland

Refreshments: Carol Furman, Alyssa Dassa, Jim/Drema Shaw

MEMO TO MEMBERS:

Rally run thru begin June 21st at the Armory at 7:30pm. Cost is \$5 for members.

July picnic is at Ed McLeans Sunday July 24th. We usually eat at 12noon and meeting is at 2pm. Club provides hotdogs and hamburgers, members asked to bring a contribution to the meal . . . (salads, snacks, desserts, etc) You can let Mary Jo know what you'd like to bring. More info to follow . . . but save the date!

The past two months I have inserted in the newsletter rules and regs for the new titling obedience classes we will be offering at our trials September 24 & 25. This month will be Graduate open.

Speaking of the trials, start thinking about your catalog ad, which Mary Jo will be happy to help you with. Remember member prices are half off!! And don't forget about our Silent Auction..... time to be thinking about putting a great basket together! Doesn't have to be dog related....

Please send any news and/or brags to me at cm Marx29707@aol.com. Send anything you think the membership would be interested in.

CHAPTER 8 GRADUATE OPEN OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

(Please note: All regulations affecting the competition of dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners become effective April 1, 2010.)

Section 1. Graduate Open Class. The Graduate Open class will be for dogs that have not won the Graduate Open (GO) title. The Graduate Open class is an optional class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge Open or higher classes. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. If eligible as defined in these regulations, dogs entered in Graduate Open may also be entered in any other obedience class.

The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging:

1. Signal Exercise 40 points
2. Scent Discrimination 30 points
3. Directed Retrieve 30 points
4. Moving Stand and Examination 30 points
5. Go Out 30 points
6. Directed Jumping 40 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points

Section 2. Graduate Open Title. The letters GO may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by three different judges to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Open classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Open certificate from the AKC. Suggested judging rate is seven

dogs per hour. (Please see Appendix B of the *Obedience Regulations* for changes to this section effective January 1, 2011.)

Section 3. Graduate Open Exercises and Scoring.

Signal Exercise. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Signal exercise, except that leaving the dog will be from 10 to 20 feet and the handler may give the command and/or signal on the judge's order to stand and the judge's signals to stay, down, sit, come and finish.

Scent Discrimination. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination exercise except that there will only be four articles (two leather and two metal), the handler and dog will remain facing the articles, and only one article will be retrieved. It is the handler's discretion as to which article is retrieved.

Directed Retrieve. The exercise and scoring will be performed as the Utility Directed Retrieve exercise, except that no center glove is used.

Moving Stand and Examination. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Moving Stand and Examination, except that the handler may pause or hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.

Go Out. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring and stop as directed. The orders are: "Send your dog" and "Return to your dog." The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring between the jumps facing the unobstructed end of the ring. The judge will order "Send your dog," and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely. The judge will then order the handler, "Return to your dog," and the handler will return to the heel position.

Directed Jumping. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, jump as directed, and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The judge will order "Leave your dog," and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, then walk to the far end of the ring and turn to face the dog. The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over that designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler, and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The dog will be sent over only one jump, and the same jump will be used for all dogs as designated by the judge at the start of the class.

Saccarappa Obedience Club Regular Monthly Meeting May 25, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at the Barron Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Vice President, Bob Tripp. There were 21 members present.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read. A motion to pay the bills was made by Bob Cuzner and seconded by Ed McLean. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

The Club received correspondence from the Animal Interest Alliance that fights radical animal groups and was looking for donations

Committee Reports:

Training Committee - Fun with Fido will start June 21 and then Rally Run Thrus after that. June 6 we cannot use the Armory for the Novice run thrus so Ed McLean has offered his place instead. The Fun with Fido is \$85.00 for nonmembers and \$30.00 for members.

Parade - It is all set. Line up at 10:00. You should get there a little before then. They will tell you where to meet up before the parade. Lois made decorations for the parade.

Unfinished Business:

Brenda was able to get mats from a place 3 miles from her and they will cut and deliver them. It is \$2,400 for all the mats. A motion was made by Genice to buy the mats and seconded by Bob Cuzner. Motion passed.

Vent on the trailer is temporarily fixed.

Lois wants to nominate Pat Aube for a lifetime membership for all the work she has done for the Club over the years and was seconded by Bob Cuzner. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Rebecca Aube said she talking to Bridgette Carlson from Chicago about doing a seminar here. She has many OTCH dogs. She is going to get a DVD for her type of teaching and will put it on the Google group.

Summer picnic - It will be at Ed's house again this year. It will be July 24th with a rain date of July 31st. The picnic will start at 12:00 and the meeting will be at 2:00. There will be a place on the Google list for people to add what they will be bringing for food.

A motion was made by Claire to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. and seconded by Rebeccah. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tripp, Recording Secretary

Saccarappa Obedience Board meeting was held Wednesday evening June 8, 2011 at the home of Chris Berg with 6 present

There was no Secretary's Report.
Treasurer's report was read and accepted.
There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Drema reported the Gorham Memorial Parade went well, altho it was hot.

Claire reported Trials are going well. Premium should be out soon. We discussed possibly having a Stewarding Class for anyone interested. Claire will talk with Deb Lawler.

Training Committee: Fun with Fido class is full with a waiting list. Begins June 21st. Also will run Rally run thrus afterwards, open to the public as well as members.

Unfinished business:

Lois reported the Pam Dennison tape is back. Anyone wanting to borrow it can find it at the Armory.

New business:

Summer Picnic will be at Ed McLeans next month. Mary Jo will speak to Gene Nardi about possible Therapy Dog testing.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20-pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Marx



*Lakes Region Kennel Club
AKC OB & Rally O Trials
August 27 & 28, 2011*

Trial 1 Saturday Morning Starting at 8:00 AM

Judges:

Obedience - Ms Elizabeth Chase

Rally Obedience - Mr. David Mauer

Trial 2 Saturday Afternoon Starting at 1:00 PM

Judges:

Obedience Classes - Mr. David Mauer

Rally Obedience - Ms. Elizabeth Chase

Trial 3 Sunday Starting at 9:00 AM

Judges:

Obedience - Ms. Elizabeth Chase

Rally Obedience - Mr. David Mauer

Place:

Brookwood Pet Resort

37 Old Boyce Rd.

Canterbury, NH 03224

All judging will be outside.

Mixed Breeds will be Allowed at this Show

*For more info go to www.lrkcnh.org
linsborders@comcast.net or
born2bloom@metrocast.net*

Premium will be out soon.

Owney the Postal Dog + Stamps to the Rescue!

First Day of Issue: July 27, 2011 | Washington, DC 20066

With this stamp, the U.S. Postal Service commemorates Owney, the canine mascot of the Railway Mail Service. Beloved of clerks on mail-sorting trains at the end of the nineteenth century, Owney was hailed as a symbol of good luck. Today he is an icon of American postal lore whose story highlights the historical importance of the Railway Mail Service.



The stamp art features a new illustration of Owney by artist Bill Bond of Arlington, Virginia. The illustration depicts Owney in profile, facing left, with many of his famous tags and medals gleaming in the background.

The **Owney the Postal Dog** stamp is being issued as a Forever® stamp. Forever stamps are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

2010 Stamps Encourage Pet Adoption ... One Letter at a Time



HOLLYWOOD — The U.S. Postal Service continued a 50-year tradition today [2010] with the dedication of its latest social awareness stamp — *Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet*. The 44-cent stamps, on sale nationwide today, feature photographs of five cats and five dogs from animal shelters and rescue groups.

"As a pet owner myself, I find this campaign enormously gratifying. Because of these stamps and the *Stamps to the Rescue* campaign, more people will learn about the plight of shelter animals," said Joseph Corbett, Postal Service Chief Financial Officer. "More people, we believe, will adopt shelter animals, fewer people will aban-

don their pets, more people will spay or neuter their animals, and fewer animals will suffer."

Ellen DeGeneres, talk show host, animal advocate and co-owner, HALO, Purely for Pets; Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO, Humane Society of the United States; Betsy Saul, co-founder, Petfinder.com, and Jone Bouman, director of communications, American Humane Association's Film & TV Unit, joined Corbett on stage at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences to pay tribute to the stamps, the campaign and the cause.

The animals featured on the *Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet* commemorative stamps are based on photographs of cats and dogs from shelters and rescue groups — seven from an animal shelter in New Milford, CT — taken by veteran stamp photographer Sally Andersen-Bruce. Derry Noyes was the designer and art director. All were adopted into loving families.

The Postal Service has been issuing social awareness stamps for more than 50 years. Stamp subjects have included a variety of important social issues of the day. Past stamps have highlighted children's health, literacy, breast cancer awareness, organ and tissue donation, philanthropy and Alzheimer's awareness.

The stamps were introduced to the public on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* last month. The Postal Service has been working with DeGeneres and HALO, a holistic pet care company she co-owns, to promote the stamps and the *Stamps to the Rescue* campaign. Created by the Postal Service to provide additional information about the stamps and pet adoption, the campaign includes posters featuring DeGeneres in post offices nationwide as well as an Internet presence at www.stampstotherescue.com.

"If there was just a modest uptick in the percentage of people acquiring their animals from shelters, we would eliminate the euthanasia of healthy pets in this nation," said Pacelle, president, Humane Society of the United States. "We hope this new Postal Service awareness campaign will place a stamp of approval on shelter dogs and cats and help us lick the problem of pet overpopulation."

The Postal Service has been working with the American Humane Association, HALO, Purely for Pets, the Humane Society of the US, and Petfinder.com to promote the *Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet* stamps, the *Stamps to the Rescue* campaign and shelter pet adoption as widely as possible.

"These stamps literally will be sending the adoption message into homes and workplaces all over the country," said Saul, Petfinder.com co-founder. "They have the capacity to really make a difference."



HOW TO GREET A DOG (AND WHAT TO AVOID)

Appropriate greetings are common sense. Imagine if someone greeted you the way many people greet dogs!

Human to Human INCORRECT	Human to Dog INCORRECT	Human to Dog CORRECT
 <p>Avoid reaching into their safety zone.</p>	 <p>Avoid reaching in or towards the dog's car.</p>	 <p>Stand a safe distance away so that you are not a threat.</p>
 <p>Avoid rushing up.</p>	 <p>Avoid rushing up.</p>	 <p>Approach slowly (at a relaxed walk).</p>
 <p>Avoid interactions without asking.</p>	 <p>Avoid interacting with unfamiliar dogs, especially if they're tied up.</p>	 <p>Ask if you can interact first.</p>
 <p>Avoid staring at people. This is scary.</p>	 <p>Avoid staring at or approaching head-on.</p>	 <p>Approach sideways and look using your peripheral vision.</p>
 <p>Avoid looming over.</p>	 <p>Avoid leaning over or towards dogs even when you change position to squat or get up.</p>	 <p>Stay outside the dog's bubble and present your side to the dog.</p>
 <p>Avoid reaching into personal space.</p>	 <p>Avoid reaching your hand out for the dog to sniff.</p>	 <p>Let the dog approach at his own rate.</p>
 <p>Avoid close interaction if the person is afraid of you.</p>	 <p>Avoid petting if the dog looks nervous or tense. Just admire him instead.</p>	 <p>It's OK to pet the dog if he looks relaxed, comes up to you, and solicits your attention by rubbing against you.</p>
 <p>Avoid touching inappropriately.</p>	 <p>Avoid hugging, kissing, and patting roughly. This is too familiar and disliked by many dogs.</p>	 <p>Pet gently.</p>



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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