



Policies and Procedures Update

The Policies and Procedures have made a recommendation to change the DOCLC Policies and Procedures and the membership application. The change to the Policies and Procedures document is in Article III (Meetings and Voting), Section A. The suggested wording change is as follows:

OLD WORDING: "If the applicants are present for the general meeting where voting is to take place, they shall be asked to leave the meeting prior to the vote."

NEW WORDING: "If the applicants are present for the general meeting where voting is to take place, they can be asked to leave the meeting prior to the vote."

The change to the membership application is in the second paragraph, and reads as follows:

OLD WORDING: "Prior to voting on your membership application, we require that you get involved with the Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces by attending at least 3 monthly meetings (1st Thursday of the month), within a 12 month period following the date of your first meeting, and participate in any one (1) of the following..."

NEW WORDING: "Prior to voting on your membership application, we require that you get involved with the Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces by attending at least 2 monthly meetings (1st Thursday of the month), and agree to participate in any one (1) of the following..."

These changes will be voted upon at the next general membership meeting, so please attend to cast your vote.



Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces

4685 Riverwood Rd. • Las Cruces, NM 88007

The Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces is licensed by the American Kennel Club and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of all breeds of dogs and the strengthening of the canine-human bond in our community.



MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

NO BONES about it!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! AT CLASS REGISTRATION:

Pick a date and show up to one or all the dates, we'd love to see you.

**6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, March 21st;**

classes to begin on Monday, April 2nd

**6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, June 27th;**

classes to begin on Monday, July 14th

**6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, September 12th;**

classes to begin on Monday, September 24th

INTERESTED IN TEACHING OR ASSISTING IN ONE OF OUR FINE CLASSES?

Contact Julie Goodrich at 523-7907 or jgoodrich@zianet.com

**WELCOME!
Shari Rose
is the first
new member
of 2007!**



Let's dish dogs!

Thurs. March 1 •7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333

We will have our general membership meeting in the choir room, which is in the northeast corner of the building, near Mountain Street, and has the tallest roof. Parking available outside the door.

Dogs on leash are welcome!

Happy Spring to Everyone!

I know it doesn't quite feel like Spring as I'm writing this note, but I'm seeing a little bit of green in the lawn and some of our trees are beginning to bud. Another sign of the arrival of Spring is the prodigious amount of loose hair I'm seeing in the house. Doggies are beginning to shed their winter coats.

Spring is my favorite season as in my mind it is the start of a brand new year. I find myself excited about accomplishing new projects. Spring is also the time of year when I set goals for myself and my four-legged buddies. Do you do the same thing?

Perhaps we need to set some goals for the Club this year. Is there something you'd like to see us accomplish? If so, please bring it up at a meeting. Or, you could send me your thoughts via e-mail.

My e-mail address is: pamsmith@zianet.com.

Before I close this month, I'd like to thank everybody who taught obedience and agility classes during the late winter session. Once again, we're making a difference in our community.

Pam

SIT.

Saturday, June 30, 2007
and Sunday, July 1, 2007
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

STAY.

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
(formerly the Las Cruces Hilton)

705 S. Telshor Blvd. | Las Cruces, New Mexico

LEARN.

“CANINE BEHAVIOR: NATURE vs. NURTURE”

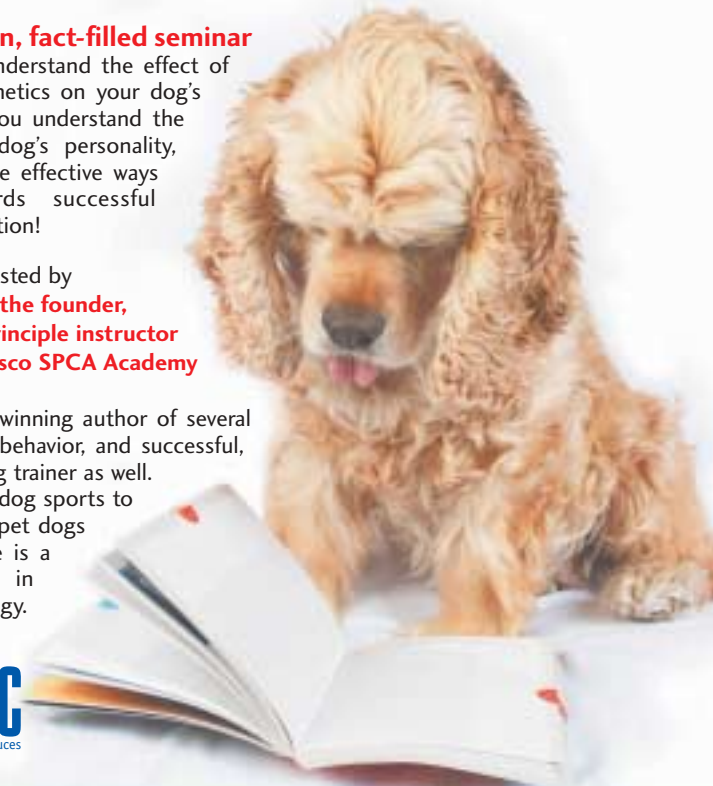
Join us for a fun, fact-filled seminar

that helps you understand the effect of evolution and genetics on your dog's behavior. When you understand the nature of your dog's personality, you can find more effective ways to work towards successful behavior modification!

This seminar is hosted by **Jean Donaldson, the founder, director and a principle instructor at the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers.**

She is the award-winning author of several books on canine behavior, and successful, award-winning dog trainer as well. Now retired from dog sports to devote herself to pet dogs and teaching, she is a doctoral student in evolutionary biology.

SPONSORED BY:
DOGCLC
Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces



Seminar equals 11 hours of CEUs
(Continuing Education Credits) through CPDT

JEAN DONALDSON SEMINAR TOPICS:

Saturday, June 30

Execution of the Big Six Techniques in Behavior Modification

- Prompting and Fading
- Capturing and Shaping
- Differential Reinforcement of Incompatible Behavior
- Negative Punishment
- Rules for Development of Conditioned Emotional Response
- Desensitization and Counter-Conditioning

Sunday, July 1

Evolution and Dog Behavior

- Nature vs. Nurture
- How Evolution Works
- How Genes “Make” Behavior
- Evolution of Behavior
- Domestication
- Function of Fear
- Function of Aggression
- Function of Play



Hotel Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hotel Encanto at a special rate of \$83 per night. Cut off for the special nightly rate is 6/15/07.

Hotel Reservations:

TOLL FREE 1-866-383-0443

For more information:

505-496-4920

email: three2cutepups@yahoo.com
www.zianet.com/dogobedience/

Minutes of the Dog Obedience Club Meeting

February 1, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pam Smith, Vice-president Erica Voges, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Nancy Chanover
OTHER MEMBERS: Emille Bourdet, Julie Goodrich, Shari Rose, Gayle Treakle, Vic Villalobos

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Smith at 7:00. The minutes were presented in the newsletter. A modification of the minutes was made to say the budget for Jean Donaldson Seminar to say air and hotel. Vic Villalobos moved & Julie Goodrich seconded to accept the minutes as modified. Motion passed.

Mail was presented. The judges sent nice thank you letters to the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was made. If you would like to see report, ask Margie.

OBEDIENCE TRIA COMMITTEE: Trial went well. We may have made money but all the bills aren't paid yet. The AKC Field Rep made some suggestions that will be looked into.

AGILITY TRIAL: No further report

TRAINING DIRECTOR: All classes have had one night off because of bad weather. The classes seem to be going quite well. The obedience class sessions have been set for the rest of the year. The classes will start on April 2, June 13 and September 24 with registrations on or about March 19, June 25 and September 10. Agility Sessions will be offered also. The club has the park permits. The city will be charging the club for the park use now. Pam was able to negotiate that the club will pay 10% of our fees. We need to stress that this is a public service, the club is making better doggie citizens.

AGILITY CLASS: In week 3 have had to cancel because of bad weather. There's no class next week.

PREMERGENT FOR PARK: no report

SEMINAR: Erica Voges met with Shannon Murray at her job this morning to see about setting up brochures. The cost of the brochures won't be as much as we thought. It was decided to have a price break for registration before May 15. It was decided to charge \$149/2days and \$79/day. If they register early the cost would be \$125/2 days and \$65/day. As part of the brochure can give a Pdf to go on the website to be downloaded for registration. Erica decided on the title of Behavior -

Nature vs Nurture for the seminar brochure. She had an e-mail out to Jean Donaldson if she is going to bring books.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Nick Voges & Vic Villalobos mad a recommendation to the board to change the requirements from attending 3 meetings to 2 meetings and from helping with a project to agree to help with a project in the future. Also if appli- cates are present when voting in may be asked to leave but won't be required to leave. The change has to be presented in the newsletter before it is voted on.

TRAILER REGISTRATION: Still working on getting it.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUN NEWS AD We've been sponsoring a pet up for adoption in the Sun News for some time. It runs about \$30/ month. Nancy Chanover has recommended that we not do this as it isn't an effective use of our money. Nancy would like the club to give the money to organizations that we already give to. Safe Haven and the Humane Society are the 2 that we currently give to. It was suggested that we split the amount and give it quarterly or annually. With a set amount, Nancy will draw up on what has been done & use \$1200/year and decide between which 3. How about a donation to St. Andrews for the use for the church. Vic moved and Emile seconded that we donate \$200 to the church and an additional \$50 to Robert Silva who helps set up some- time. Motion passed. Pam will write thank you notes.

Braggs were made.

Shari Rose was voted in as a new member.
First new member of 07.

A suggestion was made by the Rio Grande Dog Obedience Club of El Paso to cluster with a 4 day show over the Martin :Luthor King weekend-Our corresponding date. The trial would be indoors in at the site that RGDOCEP uses which is the small judging barn behind the coliseum. The pros would be wouldn't have to supply people to work. Would have to loan equipment and mats. Expenses would be 50/50 as would income. We don't have to decide now. Application would have to be in in July. Julie thinks would lose our individuality.

Vic moved to adjourn at 8:18.