

SIT. STAY. LEARN.

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

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
(formerly the Las Cruces Hilton)
705 S. Telshor Blvd. | Las Cruces, New Mexico

"CANINE BEHAVIOR: NATURE vs. NURTURE"

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

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!



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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.

DISCOUNT TO CLUB MEMBERS, SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!



MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER



F.Y.I. IT'S A FUN MATCH!

May 6, 2007

Nations Tobin Park

Railroad Dr, El Paso

Day of Match check in at 8:00 am; Start Time: 8:30 am

Rally:

Obedience:

Conformation:

All Levels

Utility A/B, Open A/B

All classes

Novice A/B, Pre-Novice A/B

Obedience info: Utility A, Open B, Pre-Novice will start at 8:30. All other classes will follow the close of these classes. Utility B and Open B will be exhibition only.

Rally and Conformation will start at 9:00.

ENTRY FEES

\$6.00 first entry; \$4.00 second entry (same dog)
for all Obedience classes

Day of Match: \$8.00 first entry; \$5.00 second entry

Make entries to TCEP and mail to:

Florence Dick, 304 Purple Hills Way, El Paso, TX 79912

Telephone entries: (915) 581-4968 (home) or
(915) 747-7942 (work)

E-Mail entries to fdick@utep.edu (weekdays) or
fdick@elp.rr.com (weekends)

**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, June 27th**
classes to begin on Monday, July 14th

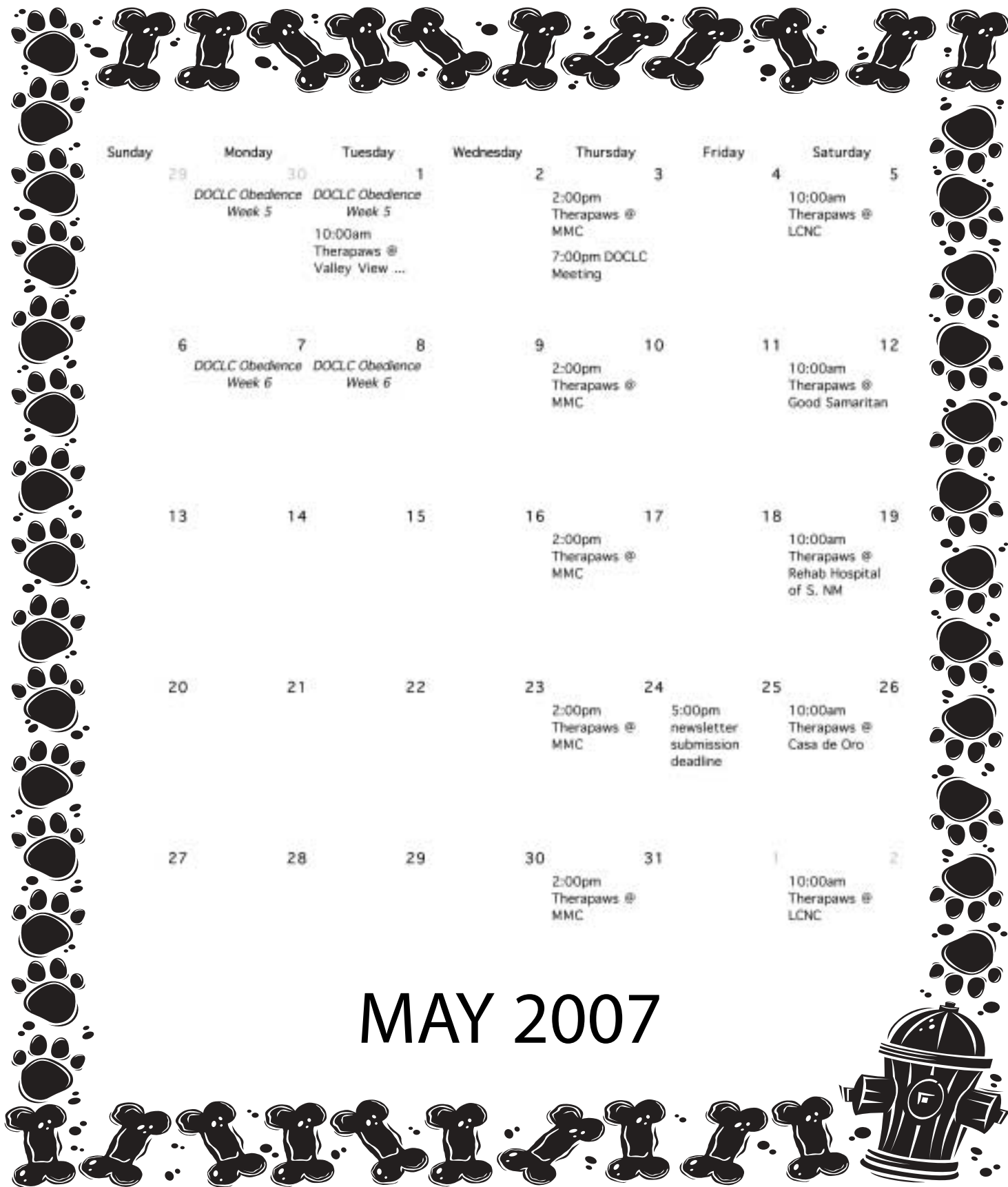
**6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, Sept. 12th**
classes to begin on Monday, Sept. 24th

**CLUB
MEMBERS
PAY ONLY,
\$60**



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SEMINAR DISCOUNT!**

Calendar of Events!



MAY 2007

Minutes of the Dog Obedience Club Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pam Smith, Vice-president Erica Voges, Secretary Marjorie A Henson, Treasurer Nancy Chanover
OTHER MEMBERS: Julie Goodrich, Shannon Murray, Vic Villalobos, Nick Voges
VISITORS: Flo Dick, Marita Patterson, Dina Whitehouse, Dana Wray

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Pam Smith. The visitors from Rio Grande Dog Obedience club were introduced.

Vic Villalobos moved & Erica Voges seconded to accept the March minutes as presented in the newsletter. The motion passed.

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

OBEDIENCE TRIAL: no report

AGILITY TRIAL: One of the agility trial judges will need to be replaced.

TRAINING:

AGILITY CLASSES: Agility Classes started 2 weeks ago and are very full. There are 12 dogs in the advanced classes and 9 or 10 in the beginning classes.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: Julie Goodrich reported that there is a person in the beginning class (Steve's class) who is disenchanted with the class. She wants a refund. She doesn't like the training method, other people feeding her dogs treats or the training field. She has attended one class and has the book which she hasn't volunteered to return. Julie would like to give back the class price minus the book price and the price for one class as the person doesn't want to invest in this method. Julie is trying to be diplomatic to the student. Nancy Chanover moved and Vic Villalobos seconded to refund \$40 out of the \$60 that was paid. Motion passed. We also have a person in the beginning class that is using a head halter. Julie received an article about someone who had cartilage in his neck that was messed up because someone didn't use the head halter as recommended. Does the club want to allow head halters or not? If people know how to use the equipment let them continue using it. Does the instructor know if the student knows how to use the equipment. We are training the trainer, so we need to tell the students the risk of the different equipment and that is why we recommend the use of the chain training collar. We can change the policy for the next classes and let people know the risk of the head halter. Kat Lacy of Better life will be putting dogs in classes at no charge. Steve Stochaj is also training at no charge. Summer classes will start on July 21.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: The Pre-emergent was applied.

SEMINAR: Erica Voges reported that she has received 2 registrations. 350 brochures will be mailed April 6. 320 of the mailings are from the research lists that were searched. The others are from our mailing list from last time. We need to have 100 people participating in the seminar to break even. \$750 has been spent. The itinerary for Jeane Donaldson has been set up. She is flying Southwest. The ticket will be purchased. Her room has been reserved at the room block rate. The information has been put on web sites. We need brochures around town. (vet offices, etc). People volunteered to put some out. Jeanne wants one demo dog who is socialized (comfortable being with someone but untrained). The menu will need to be decided on and a fee for members. Erica Voges moved & Nancy Chanover seconded to charge active members \$60..

Motion passed. Would like to have a homepage for the seminar. Nancy will discuss with Erica.

AGILITY TRIAL: The application for the agility trial has to be in soon. Do we want 1 or 2 rings, 1 or 2 judges. The dates for the trial are December 1 & 2. Do we want to have a fast class? It would be a second entry fee for the dogs, also a longer day for us. Vis says no fast class.

UNFINISHED TRIAL: Trailer registration still hasn't been gotten.

RIO GRANDE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB: Dina Whitehouse, Dana Wray, Flo Dick and Marita Patterson who are members of the Rio Grande Dog Obedience Club were at the meeting to present the possibility of clustering our obedience trial with them in El Paso in January 2008. The RGDOC has a facility that they use, mats that they can rent and with our mats have enough for 2 matted rings. When they used dirt it ran \$2200. This would be a 4 day trial. With the boy scouts, girl scouts and the new people that they had there were plenty of workers at their last trial. The club members were used as stewards for the obedience rings while the other people were used for the rally rings. We would use their ring gates and our jumps. The set up would be El Paso's responsibility as would getting stewards. A 4 day indoor trial should bring in more competitors. The profits would be split down the middle. The facility is well lit but the heating system doesn't work well. We would want to make the decision quickly if we are to have the corresponding weekend to our show last January. (January 10-13). When the RGDOC presented this information to their club there were 10 voting for and 1 against with 2 abstaining. Julie Goodrich is concerned about a loss of our identity and good name for our shows. But it is a risk for both clubs. The RGDOC members left so we could discuss this further. After some further discussion. Vic Villalobos moved and Nancy Chanover seconded that we give it a try for 2008. We will let it be known that the people from Las Cruces wouldn't be helping. Pam says that this is a huge step for the club. The motion passed. Someone with the DOCLC's best interest needs to be the liaison. Pam is the logical choice as she's a member of both clubs. She will ask about committees. The money that we have lost on the obedience trials was \$2200 in 2005 but only \$1500 in 2007. This is because of the addition of the Rally classes. These classes should grow in the future. We also will be able to put advertisements out to other places.

DONATIONS TO VARIOUS PLACES: Nancy Chanover brought up that the club makes donations to several groups. In 2006 we paid \$600 to SNAP, \$307 to the Sun News for the Adoption Option. The Adoption Option isn't a very good use of the club's money. Instead of giving money through out the year Nancy wants the club to give a lump sum to SNAP, the Humane Society and/or Save Haven. Vic suggested that we give \$100/organization 3 times/year. It was suggested that we give Save Haven and Snap money donations and buy food and litter for the Humane Society. Erica Voges says she will help buy. Perhaps Better Life can give us a good deal. Vic Villalobos will talk to Horse & Hound and Better Life about donation of food. Nancy Chanover will give Safe Haven & Snap their money donations.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

Braggs were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48.