

Paws for Tails A Waggin'

No December Meeting, Holiday Party Instead!

We will continue our tradition of foregoing a general business meeting for the month of December, and instead we will enjoy each other's company at our annual holiday party! In addition to our general holiday cheer, we will also distribute the club awards and the traveling trophies.

We will get together on **Thursday December 7** at 7:00 pm (our regularly scheduled meeting date and time) at the Lorenzo's on Lohman (3961 E. Lohman Ave., 522-7755). **If you have not already RSVP'ed to Nancy that you will be**

attending, please let her know so that she can give the restaurant an accurate head-count.

We will have a White Elephant gift exchange with a \$10 price limit for doggie-related gifts. Participation is optional, but we hope you'll want to join in the fun and see the gift-snagging in action!

We will also be collecting donations for local dog-related charities. Bring your checkbook, write your favorite organization a check, and we will mail it along with a note from the DOCLC.

Some local dog organizations include the Dona Ana County Humane Society, SNAP, Safe Haven, Collie Rescue, and Boxer Rescue, but you may have your own favorite charity.



Winter Classes Update

We are currently planning to offer one Beginning section in our Winter session, and possibly a puppy class if enough people sign up. There may also be an Intermediate class on Tuesday evenings if there is enough interest. Classes will begin on January 8.

Registration will be on Tuesday December 12 at

Branigan Library; 6:15 for returning students and 7 pm for new students.

We need your help! We will need people to help out at registration as usual, and we need to get the word out about these classes. Our instructors have been gracious enough to agree to teach yet another session instead of taking their normal winter

hiatus, so let's make it worth their while!

We should have fliers available at the holiday party, so please take several and post them around town and in particular at all of the local vet offices. Thanks in advance for your help with our advertising!

Therapaws Holiday Blitz Pending

Our Therapaws holiday visits are usually scheduled for the week before Christmas. We visit our regular facilities in the evenings, dress up the dogs (and ourselves) in our holiday finest, distribute sugar-free candy to the

residents, and take their pictures with the therapy dogs. These visits are still in the process of being scheduled, so stay tuned for the dates - they will be sent to everyone via email. We hope you will be able to help us spread

some holiday joy to the residents we visit throughout the year.



Agility Trials: Help Request and Thank-You's

Our club's agility trials will be held on December 2-3, which is *right around the corner!* We need help from **all available club members** in order to make our trials successful. Specifically, we will need help at the following times:

1. On Friday afternoon (December 1, 2:30 pm or shortly thereafter) at the trial location, High Noon Soccer Fields # 1 and 2, 2004 Bruins Lane. Friday afternoon will be spent unloading the equipment trailer and setting up the rings, tents, and other trial infrastructure.
2. On Saturday and/or Sunday, during any of the following shifts: 7:15-10:30 am, 10:15-1:30 pm, 1:15-4:30 pm. Note that these times are all approximate and may shift slightly depending on how the trial is running, **except for the start time of the first morning shift.**

If you are able to help and have not already let Pam Smith know, please contact her ASAP. She can be reached at pamsmith@zianet.com or 525-1630.

Finally, a **BIG THANKS** to the folks who helped out at the agility work day on Saturday 11/25: Kim Fuqua, Vic Villalobos, Gavin Easterling, Sandra Hendrix, Steve Stochaj, Nancy Chanover, and Pam Smith. The turnout of 4 club members was lower than expected, but the work got done by a cheery bunch of volunteers. Thanks again for all of your hard work!

From the President

If there is ever a season when we need to buckle down, pull together as a club, and get stuff done, this would be it. With our two big annual events (the agility trials and the obedience trials) falling within six weeks of each other, not to mention the holiday season and all of the craziness that entails, this is a busy time for us. *Please* heed our calls for help, and give a little bit of your time for these events. You may be hesitant, thinking that you don't have the necessary "skills" to volunteer at a dog trial, but we have a broad array of jobs that need to be done, many of which require no previous experience! Thank you in advance for helping to keep our trials successful and fun for all participants.

Best wishes, *Nancy Chanover*

MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF LAS CRUCES MEETING

November 2, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Nancy Chanover, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry; OTHER MEMBERS: Kim Fuqua, Julie Goodrich, Brian Owen, Pam Smith, Gayle Treakle, Erica Voges, Sandy Bourdet

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Chanover at 7:00.

Erica Voges moved & Brian Owen seconded that the minutes be approved as presented in the newsletter. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was made. The club made a profit this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: There was no report from the membership committee.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: There was no report as nothing has been revised yet.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL: A volunteer was needed to be chief ring steward on the list so that the Premium List can be finished & sent out. Charlene Curry volunteered, The judging will start at 9:00 since it will be cooler in January.

AGILITY TRIAL: Brian Owen reported that there are 261 runs on one day & 254 runs on the second day. The entry is down quite a bit. Entries close on November 15. Brian thinks there will be close to 300 entries. The porta potties & ribbons have been ordered. Currently the only access to the soccer field is off Isaacks road off the east side of the drainage ditch. The work on the other road may be done

by the trial. The RV's for security have been arranged. Pam is looking into seeing if we can use the west side of the soccer stadium for additional RV parking.

The people trying to get a dog park had a meeting with the city manager. It was reported that once there is a dog park, DOCLC will not be able to use the other parks for their dog related activities. The covered area at the fairgrounds might be a possibility. Would have to pack the surface & do lots of other stuff to use the area.

OBEDIENCE TRAINING: The winter session will have sign up on December 12 at Branigan with classes starting on January 9. There will be one beginning class which Nick & Erica will teach and a puppy class which Shannon will teach. There will be an advanced class on Tuesday which Julie Goodrich will teach.

AGILITY TRAINING: The classes are half done. There are only 6 or 7 in the beginning class & 9 in the advanced class. There will be a Level 2 advanced class in January.

SEMINAR: There are no updates. Local newspaper exposure is set up. The NMVA continuing education credits will be pending when the brochure is set up. Fliers will need to go out soon. A budget for advertising will need to be presented at the next meeting so we can plan. Jean Donaldson charges more than Trish McConnell did.

OUTREACH/THERAPAWS: There is no report. Some people have expressed an interest in having Therapaws jackets.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAILER REGISTRATION: The trailer registration will be gotten by Thanksgiving.

PET EXPO: Erica Voges thought that there was a lot of interest in the club from the public. There was interest in the January classes. Perhaps a PDF file could be put on the club web site in case people can't get to the sign up so they could fill out the forms & bring to the first class. Those that were interested in agility were told they needed to attend obedience classes first. Nancy Chanover will put the file on the web site.

FREE OBEDIENCE CLASS CERTIFICATES: The free class certificate for the obedience instructors are available as needed.

PERSONALIZED TOYS FOR OBEDIENCE TRIAL: This hasn't been looked into, & perhaps something could be made for the graduates of our classes in silk screen. Vic was supposed to look into the personalized toys.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUN MATCH: There is a fun match the Sunday after Thanksgiving given by the Tracking Club of El Paso.

AGILITY CLUB LOGISTICS: Because of the cost of the equipment that the club has invested in, the club can't afford to rent a big tent.

1. A workday needs to be scheduled. Saturday the 25th at 11:30. Have to get all the jumps out of the field & add extra cups with the wing nuts (28 standards), clean up, painting the dog walk, check the

- paint on the broad jump, paint the pause table. We will have to get another pause table in the future. Will need rollers, tape, brushes. Kim, Charlene, Nancy & Steve and Pam have volunteered to help.
2. Set-up & trailer pick-up: we have to pay \$50 to turn the lights on at the soccer field. Have to mark where the RV people can set-up Will have people at the field at 2:00 on Friday the 1st. Vic or Steve can pull the trailer otherwise Kim will do it.
 3. Jobs at the trial: Volunteers are needed for extra jobs. What do we want to pay for help? Charlene will call the Therapaws people to see if they can come help. Erica will check with the president of the volunteer groups on campus to see if they can provide help. They are to let Pam Smith know.
 4. Judges Dinner will be at La Posta on Saturday at 6:00.

DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY: We could meet here & have a pot luck or we could have the meeting at a restaurant. As for the date the preference is to have it on our regular scheduled meeting date which is December 7. Lorenzos on Foothills has a private room where we can meet. It was decided to have the meeting at Lorenzos at 7:00. Club awards will be presented & goodwill items for the shelter or rescue groups with a gift exchange for people who want to participate with a \$10 dog related gift. Perhaps we can give the gifts to the rescue groups with a note that they are from the people in the DOCLC club. A list of rescue groups will go into the newsletter for people to make checks out to, so the people can write checks to the group & the club will mail with a note.

BUSINESS CARDS: Business cards are needed for the holders at the vets.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: none

Braggs were made

Brian Owen moved to adjourn the meeting.



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