

# Paws for Tails A Waggin'

## Thanks for Registration Help



*Janet Miller's Rion performs the teeter during our Dec. Agility trials.*

Thanks to all who turned out to help at class registration on Tuesday January 24. Nearly all club members were there to help answer questions, collect money, check shot records, sell collars

and leads, and interact with our prospective students. We appreciate you taking some time out of your evening to help make things run smoothly!



### From the President

Happy New Year Everyone! As January soon becomes a distant memory, I wonder when it becomes too late to keep wishing people a happy new year? Seems like that's something we should be able to do until at least June or so!

I'm looking forward to trying out a new meeting location that is more dog-friendly (thank you Gayle!), and I hope to see all of you (with furry friends in tow) at our next club meeting.

I'd like to revive some of our club committees that have been dormant for a while, so be thinking about whether you'd like to become more involved in aspects of training, community outreach, membership, policies and procedures, or anything else. I'll have details at the meeting.



See you soon,

- Nancy Chanover

## Meeting Date/Location & Class Dates



We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday February 2** at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333). **Park in the lot on the north side of the church,**

**go around to the back of the building, and enter the church through a door with an awning over it.**

Obedience classes will begin the week of **Monday February 6**. Nick Voges will teach the Monday Beginning section (assisted by Julie Goodrich and Erica Voges) and Vic Villalobos will teach the Tuesday Beginning section (assisted by Steve Stochaj). Shannon Murray will teach the Puppy class (assisted by Charlene Curry) on Tuesday nights.

Agility classes will begin on **Wednesday March 1**.

### Reminders

**February 2, 7:00 pm**

General Membership meeting, St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

**February 6, 7:00 pm**

Obedience classes begin.

**March 1, 7:00 pm**

Agility classes begin.

## Survey Results Being Distributed

If you are a club member and you receive this newsletter as a hard copy, then you will find our survey results attached to this mailing. If you receive the newsletter electronically, the survey results will be sent to you in a separate email message.

Predictably, the Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces cannot be all things to all people. For nearly every question that was asked, we had as many varied responses as we had people responding to the survey.

Nonetheless, there are several patterns that did emerge from

the survey results, and we need to talk about these issues. I propose that we do this one of several ways.

The survey is too long for us to fully discuss at one membership meeting. One option is that we schedule a separate "retreat" whose focus will be the discussion of the survey and long-term goals and aspirations for the club. Another option is that we select one or two topics from the survey to discuss at each monthly meeting, with perhaps a retreat later in the spring to pull it all together and deal with long-term planning for

the club.

If you have a preference for how to handle this, please let me know (again, recognizing that we probably won't all agree!), otherwise we will see what people feel like doing at the next meeting.

- Nancy



**MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB  
OF LAS CRUCES MEETING**

January 5, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-President Vic Villalobos, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry. **OTHER MEMBERS:** Shannon Murray, Brian Owen, Pam Smith, Gayle Treakle, Erica & Nick Voges

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Vic Villalobos at 7:08.

Shannon Murray moved & Brian Owen seconded that the November minutes be approved as presented in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was made.

**AGILITY TRIAL:** The AKC sent the club a letter that the catalog was not as AKC prefers it. The regulations say that AKC recommends the run order be listed at small to tall. E-mails between AKC and Brian Owen as Trial Secretary were put in the AKC file. Pam Smith as Trial Chairman had only favorable reports. The agility expenses were presented. Using the trailer for the judges worked well.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Membership:** Paul Westbrook has volunteered to be the head of the membership committee.

**Policies & Procedures:** A Policies & Procedures will be headed by Vic Villalobos.

**SURVEYS:** Nancy Chanover has received the surveys & will be making a report in the next month.

**TRAILER:** The trailer is fully functional & the board is making a recommendation that a storage space be rented at \$330/year as a place to keep the loaded trailer. Pam Smith has purchased wheelchocks, a hitch lock, and a lock for the rear door. Gayle Treakle moved & Shannon Murray seconded to accept the board's recommendation and rent the storage space. The question of insurance for the contents of the trailer was brought up. Motion passed. The question of putting covers over the wheels was brought up also and it was decided that we needed to do it. The question of putting jacks under the trailer was also brought up and it was put off.

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES & THE FARMER'S MARKET:** The city of Las Cruces is having a meeting about prohibiting dogs at the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays & Saturdays. The meeting will be on January 17. Members are encouraged to go to the meeting & perhaps promote the CGC & the concept that dogs can be in crowds. Charlene Curry will try to talk to the Mayor.

**NEW AGILITY RULES:** There are new rules that will be taking affect that will impact our equipment and some other things. There need to be 5 members of the Agility committee at the trial. All move-ups will need to be attached to the original entry. The recording fees will be \$3.00/entry for the first entry of a dog and \$1/for 2<sup>nd</sup> entry of the same dog. The 26" jump height will need to be added so we will have to retrofit the jumps. In conjunction the A-Frame is sit higher buy not changed. The A-Frame will be allowed to taper to 3' at the top. The Dog walk up contact will be 45". A 1 " stripe will be added at the 45" distance on each side. The weave pole changes will not affect us as ours comply except that the feet base has to

be coated with a non-stick surface. Ours will be covered. The double & triple bar jumps have to be converted or made for 26" and have to be 5' wide. One-half of the jumps of the course have to have wings. Umbrellas aren't allowed on the course during the walk through.

There will be no dangling stuff on the leash. A 15 send time class may be offered in 2007. Many of the changes in the regulations affect our equipment. We have contact equipment dedicated to the Agility Trial, we also have bars & one jump dedicated to the trials. Pam Smith would like the club to purchase additional jump equipment to be dedicated to the trials. She would like us to replace ½ of them and to do new bases. It was recommended that we price them before we replace some of them. Steve Stochaj & Vic Villalobos are looking at trying to make magnetic wings for the jumps in the 24" width.

**OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLASSES:** The class fliers were given out for members to pass out. Sign up will be January 24 at 5:50 with returning students signing up at 6:00 & new student sign up at 7:00. Instructors are needed. Vic Villalobos & Steve Stochaj are taking about offering an intermediate class. Nick Voges will teach a beginning class. Vic will teach the other one. Shannon Murray & Charlene Curry will teach the puppy class. Assistants are needed. Marjorie A. Henson will assist with one class.

**TRAINING DIRECTORS:** Julie Goodrich has agreed to be the obedience director. The agility directors slot still needs to be filled.

The February meeting will be held at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church and dogs are welcome.

**SKEETER VAC:** Vic Villalobos would like to purchase a Skeeter Vac for the agility field. It runs 24/7 & uses one tank of propane a month. This would cut down on the mosquitoes that are on the training field in the summer. The field is almost unusable because of them. Shannon Murray moved & Brian Owen second that we purchase the Skeeter Vac. The motion passed.

Braggs were made.

Erica Voges moved & Shannon Murray seconded that the meeting be adjourned.



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