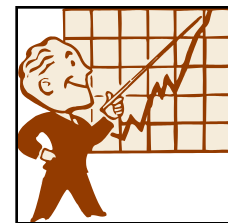


# Paws for Tails A Waggin'

## Next Meeting Reminder

We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday February 1** at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333). **We will be meeting in the choir room,**

**which is in the northeast corner of the building, near Mountain Street, and has the tallest roof. Parking is available right outside the door. Dogs on leash are welcome!**



## Obedience Trial Report

*from Marjorie Henson, Obedience Trial Secretary*



The January shows went very well. I want to thank all the people who helped. Steve, Vic, Pam, Erica, Nick, Julie, Shannon, Gayle and Charlene for loading and unloading the trailer both at Pam's and at the Park. I don't remember who did it when and where since we basically had 2 different loading times and 2

different unloading times. Gayle, Steve, Julie, Nancy, Charlene, and Erica for helping set up. Everyone who helped steward made the trial go well especially Rally. I know we should have had more to do Rally stewarding but we did great with what we had. Mrs. Barras sent her own thank yous in a e-mail to me. She especially thanked her stewards. On Saturday our stewards were Gayle, Steve, Shannon, Nick, Erica, Julie, Bebe, Shari, Vicki Berry, Emile, Charlene, Nancy Chanover and Nancy Cully. On Sunday our stewards were Steve, Shari, Emile, Julie, Barbara Horn, Phyliss McNall, Julie, Nancy Cully, Linda Fisher and Linda's friend. Everyone did a great job

and if I missed naming anyone I'm sorry but you don't know how much I appreciate the help. Stewards are very important and you can't put on a show without them. They are as important as the judges. Stewards make a show run smoothly and ours did a great job.

The AKC Rep Diane Schultz was at our trials, not because it was our first Rally trial but because AKC is trying to get Reps out to small trials that haven't had any Reps visit. She gave me many suggestions as to how to improve the trials and was very nice and helpful with questions that I might have had to ask the judges.

## From the President

It's 2007 and I hope all of you are enjoying the new year.

With this note, I am extending my thanks to everyone who helped with our December agility trials and our January obedience/rally trials. These events could not occur without your assistance. Thank you!

In addition to the trials, we have several people who are teaching classes, both obedience and agility. Thanks to you, dogs in the community are better companions and citizens.

The Club has changed over the years. Originally, the majority of the 30+ members were actively competing and a large cadre of instructors existed. Currently we have less than 20 members and our staff of instructors has decreased tremendously.

Over the next year, I believe we're going to have to make some decisions that will have long-lasting effects. Please make every attempt to attend our meetings as your voice will make a difference.

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## Member Profiles

*We will be featuring a new column in this newsletter, contributed by Charlene Curry, where we provide an in-depth look at a club member or two each month. Read on to learn new insights about our fellow club members!*

### Erica Voges



Born in Connecticut, ERICA VOGES grew up in Albuquerque, NM. She met Nick in 6th grade, they dated through High School,

then went to separate colleges. They reconnected after graduation and were married in 2004. Erica recently completed her doctoral program, earning her PhD in Astronomy, and is currently teaching algebra and calculus classes at NMSU.

Although her family always had dogs, it wasn't until Nick and his well-trained collie-mix Gypsy moved in that Erica became interested in training a dog

herself. One day, while running in an isolated area as she was training for a half-marathon, she heard whimpering sounds and found a small, adorable puppy. Annie, the precious black lab mix, soon joined the family and Erica registered for classes with DOCLC. She and Nick soon joined the club and have been very active members. Erica helps teach classes, worked at both the agility and obedience trials, and is currently serving as our Vice

President. She is also chairing the Seminar Committee and preparing for our Jean Donaldson seminar June 30-July 1.

Her family also includes a very photogenic pit bull-boxer

mix named Scout and a cat named Alley.

Erica's limited free time is spent reading, scrap booking, playing with her dogs and participating in Search & Rescue activities. These days you can

also find Erica and Nick unpacking boxes or at Home Depot buying materials for projects at their new home!

### **Julie Goodrich**

Julie Goodrich was born and raised in Nashville, TN. She grew up living on a 20 acre farm with cows, horses, chickens, goats, cats and, of course, dogs. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and a double minor in Music and Foreign Language at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She worked for the State Dept. of Public Welfare and attended graduate classes while her husband finished his degree. They then moved to Florida where they worked for RCA in the Space Program at Cape Canaveral (now Cape Kennedy). One of the highlights of living there was the opportunity to watch the spectacular night rocket launches. While in Florida daughter Terry, now living in Dallas, and son Raymond, now in Atlanta, were born.

Jobs with RCA brought the family to White Sands Missile Range. Their family included a German Shepherd named Jumper and her first Irish Setter, Wendy. At ten years old, in just three shows Jumper won her CD title. She was the first of 18 dogs who earned their CD with Julie!

In 1970 the Dog Obedience Club was started under the guidance of Dorothy Cline. Julie joined the club in 1971 and began teaching classes in 1973. She is a Lifetime Member and has filled almost every position within the club. She has been the Obedience Training Director for several years and has taught both obedience and agility classes.

One of Julie's fondest memories took place in the early 1980's when a team comprised of members from Las Cruces and El Paso was invited to the Regional Obedience Invitational in Dallas. While there they competed in an agility demonstration, beating the heavily favored team from Dallas. Julie's Sheltie, Ripples, received the Fastest Medium Sized dog award.

Julie was a founding member of Therapaws, a local dog therapy group. She has had 10 canine partners: Irish Setters Sunshine, Shimmer and Sparkle; Shelties Shad, Promise, Cozy and Happy; English Setters Solo and Tauri/ and Corgi Dudley. They have volunteered hundreds of hours in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools and have touched the lives of many.

Julie has shared her life with Walter Allen for the past 18 years. They live with two kitties, Christmas and Chaco; two birds, Kringle & Casey and 6 dogs - Shelties Happy and Cozy, English Setter brothers Tauri and Shiner, Field Setter Chance, and Pembroke Welsh Corgi Dudley Do Right. Julie enjoys reading, gardening, grooming and training her dogs as well helping people and their dogs in private lessons.

Variety is the key word when describing Julie's interactions with dogs. She has competed in Conformation, Obedience and Agility with seven different breeds. Julie believes "You learn from every dog you train."



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

January 4, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pam Smith, Vice President Erica Voges, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Nancy Chanover. OTHER MEMBERS: Charlene Curry, Julie Goodrich, Brian Owen, Gayle Treakle, Vic Villalobos, Nick Voges VISITORS: Bonnie Swans, Alex Voges

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Smith at 7:00. Introductions were made.

Vic Villalobos moved and Erica Voges seconded that the minutes be approved as presented in the newsletter. The motion passed.

There was no mail.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was made.

Agility Trial report was made.

**COMMITTEES:**

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL:** The park permit has been submitted. The Porta Potties will on the SW corner of the park behind the ball screen. Security is arranged. The judges are flying in and will be renting a car. The motels are reserved. The judges will be staying at La Quinta for 2 nights and at the El Paso Airport La Quinta on Sunday night. There will be an AKC Rep at the show. Ribbons were ordered and should be in soon. Judge's Dinner: Marjorie A. Henson will take the judges to dinner at La Posta. Advertising-Logo on toys. It would be \$12 or so. That was too expensive. Pick-up, set up & tear down: Nick, Vic, Steve (?) with a trailer will go to park at 4:30 on Friday to set up and load the trailer at 6:30 on Wednesday. Vic will get the lunches. Pizza on Saturday and Sub sandwiches on Sunday. Charlene will get coffee (either from Milagors, or the Bean or make herself), sodas & donuts. There are snacks in the shed. Marjorie will call the vets to remind them about the trial. Trash barrels with plastic liners are also needed. The plastic baby gates that we got from Charles Huber need to be cleaned up. Anyone who can meet at Pam's at 12:30 on January 6 to clean them up. Stewards are needed. Charlene will call Bebe to see if she can help. Marjorie will call Emille and Shari to see if they can help. Shari broke her arm. Erica and Nick can help Saturday morning. Phyllis and Barbara can help on Sunday. Anyone else who can help please volunteer.

**TRAINING CLASSES:** Obedience classes start on January 8 with Julie teaching the intermediate class & Marjorie helping. The puppy class will also be on Monday night with Shannon teaching. The beginning class will be on Tuesday with Nick & Erica teaching. All classes will start at 7:00. The park permit was applied for. Do we want to change the logos on the Certificates of Completion? Yes,

Shannon will do the set up.

Agility Classes have started.

GROUNDWORK: Did we want to put pre-emergent on the park where we train? Charlene will check with Danny to get a quote for pre-emergent.

SEMINAR: Erica has contacted Jean Donaldson. She charges \$3000/day. If figure \$6000 for hotel & air. Will cost \$700 for the room at the Hilton and \$1440 for the food for 120 people. The food will need to be paid on the spot. The application to the NMVA will not allow the seminar as a continuing education credit for Vets and Techs. The Professional Dog Trainers will allow it for a continuing education credit.

Advertising: seminars.com will put the seminar on line for \$25. Most people heard via direct mail. Perhaps advertising in Petroglifts (paper). Charlene will help Erica get the direct mailing list together. Vic moved and Nick seconded to set a possible budget for mailing of \$2500 and check with Erica's work to set up the flyers and mail them out. Perhaps a portion of the profits can go to some of the nonprofits and we'd be able to use PSA's as advertising. Perhaps Petco or Petsmart can help with advertising. Would have to be big advertising. Question was called for. Motion passed. Nick Voges volunteered to as Petsmart about possible sponsorship. It may not be a local decision.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Brian moved and Vic seconded to disband this committee. Motion passed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Have recommendations that need to go to the board.

MEMBERSHIP: It was suggested that a line be added to the questionnaire that is given out to the classes about the club and membership.

TRAILER REGISTRATION: Vic will take care of.

PHONE ADVERTISEMENT: We had talked about increasing the size of the ad in the phone book. The minimum is \$600/month with a signed contract. Perhaps a flier inserted into the American Classified would be the way to go. Vic moved and Brian seconded not to get a display ad. Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

The treasurer stuff will need to go to Nancy Chanover.

Braggs were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.



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