

Paws for Tails A Waggin'

Next Meeting Reminder

We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday June 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!



From the President

Well, we blinked and spring in southern New Mexico has come and gone, leaving us with the Dog Days of summer. What have your dogs been up to? Competing in obedience and/or agility? Swimming in the pool? Searching for missing people? Visiting schools and nursing homes? No matter what your activity of choice is, I hope your dogs have been busy, having fun, and making you proud.

We recently learned that the new dates for our obedience trials, January 13-14, 2007, were approved by the AKC. Our request to offer Rally Obedience classes at our January trials was also approved. Given how much fun the Rally-O class has been this session (thank you Charlene!), I hope that we can continue to offer the class and encourage some of our members/students to enter Rally during our January trials. It seems like a fun way to encourage more people to enter the world of competitive obedience.

At our June meeting we will discuss several items of interest:

- 1) what (if anything) do we want to do for our annual summer party?
- 2) voting on several new membership applications, which were presented to the general membership at the May meeting

Please think about these issues prior to the meeting. Hope you can join us!

Best wishes,

Nancy Chanover

MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF LAS CRUCES MEETING

May 4, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry; OTHER MEMBERS: Pam Smith, Gayle Treakle, Janet Miller, Erica Voges; VISITORS: Emile & Sandy Bourdet

In the absence of the President, Pam Smith called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Pam Smith made some changes in the minutes that were presented in the newsletter. Erica moved & Gayle seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charlene Curry made the treasurer's report. There was income of \$124, with expenses of \$1245. In the first four months of the year the club had a loss of about \$600.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OBEDIENCE TRIAL: The new date for our obedience and rally trial has been applied for with AKC but hasn't been approved. Judges haven't been contacted.

AGILITY TRIAL: The equipment has been ordered and will be arriving in July at Janet Miller's in Alamogordo.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: The classes are in progress and Pam Smith has the park permits and will get them to the instructors after she has them copied.

AGILITY CLASSES: The first set of classes finished last week. Registration for the next agility classes will be May 17 at Pam's with classes to start May 24. The classes are full & there is a waiting list.

SEMINAR: Jean Donaldson has been contacted. Erica is trying to find out what topics can/will be offered so that credit for courses can be set up for veterinarians and the vet techs. A contract for a block of rooms has been signed with the Hilton.

OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP: not report

OLD BUSINESS:

SKEETER VAC: no report

GIFT FOR BARBARA HORN: The gift for Barbara Horn has been picked up and Pam Smith will see that she gets the gift.

MINI TROPHIES: The mini trophies were presented to the members that were at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ideas for the July meeting were discussed. Potluck with our dogs. Veterans Park wasn't a good idea as it is too open with too many people. Perhaps we could have the meeting at the training park and bring tents and tables.

How do we get more people in our classes? Would more publicity help? Perhaps we should advertise in the Bulletin and Sun-News. No consistent program cut down on the # of people coming to classes. Perhaps early morning classes could be held at Trails West for the seniors that live there. Charlene Curry will check to see if there is any interest.

4-H classes: Sandy Bourdet will check on a 4-H contact for dog classes.

The rescue groups need to be contacted to tell them about the training classes that our club offers.

Pet Smart offers something called Rally to rescue which is a fundraiser selling silver collars & bracelets.

Perhaps we could upgrade our yellow pages ad next year. The information has been sent in for the next DexQwest. The business cards should be out at the vets, boarding kennels and groomers in town.

A puppy play school would be a good moneymaker.

THERAPAWS: The husband of one of the ladies in Therapaws has died. One of the other members in Therapaws had her dog die.

DUNBAR CLINIC: The Dunbar clinic that was mentioned last month would be a very good clinic for anyone to go to that could do so. There are still opening in the San Diego Clinic in June as well as the ones in Florida in November. It is in early November & wouldn't conflict with our agility trial. The club should back someone going to the Dunbar Clinic. The club needs to build instructors up and get new members. It would also be a good idea to hold fun matches to raise money.

The Phoenix club has purchased some property. They did it by having 10 people invest \$10,000 each with the club making improvements to the land and the land will sell in 10 years with the money going to the investors.

Charlene Curry is planning to set up a rally course at her house and will welcome anyone who might like to come practice on it.

Rio Grande Obedience Club would like to borrow our mats for their January Show. Charlene Curry moved and Marjorie Henson seconded to allow them to do so. The motion passed.

Chaparral Kennel Club has informally approached us about having our trials on the 2 days in October that Mesilla Valley Kennel Club has their shows. Their show is only 2 weeks after our original date and wouldn't be any cooler. Many of our helpers are stewarding or otherwise working at that show.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: A membership application was presented for Kim Fuqua who couldn't be at this meeting. Also a membership application for was made for Emile & Sandy Bourdet. These applications will be voted on at the next meeting.

Braggs were made. The meeting was adjourned.



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