

# Paws for Tails A Waggin'

## Next Meeting Reminder

We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday May 4** at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333). **We will be meeting in the choir room instead of the parish hall, where we met in February. The choir room 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!**



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

April 6, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Nancy Chanover, Vice President Vic Villalobos, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson; OTHERS: Julie Goodrich, Janet Miller, Shannon Murray, Brian Owen, Pam Smith, Gayle Treakle, Erica Voges; VISITORS: Emile Bourdet, Kim Fuqua, Michelle Malden

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Chanover at 7:06. Introductions were made.

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

The treasurer's report was made by Julie Goodrich as sent from the Treasurer Charlene Curry.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: No report, as chairman of the committee wasn't at the meeting.

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** The current policies & procedures were handed out to the club members in attendance. Vic Villalobos is the chair. The current policies & procedures haven't been looked into in the last 5 years. The Constitution & By-laws have to be approved by AKC so we don't want to change them. Julie Goodrich, Nick Voges and Brian Owen will be joining Vic on this committee.

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL COMMITTEE:** The Board has decided to move the Obedience trial to January 13 & 14, 2007. This request will be sent to AKC. The date is not ours until AKC approves the date. Judges will need to be gotten for the date. The judges for the September trial have been notified of the change. The question of raising the fees for the trial was brought up. Julie Goodrich moved & Gayle Treacle seconded that we charge \$20 for the first entry and \$10 for the second entry. The motion passed. Do we want to offer non-regular classes? Julie moved and Marjorie seconded not to do so since we are offering rally.

**AGILITY TRIAL COMMITTEE:** The agility trial dates haven't changed but the AKC invitational is in conflict so people traveling to the AKC invitational will not be stopping to compete at our trial. Brian Owen has been trained as a Fast Judge. There can be 3 judges judging Fast. It was suggested that we have a demo of Fast at our December trial and charge a minimum fee. A motion was made to donate any money made from the Fast demonstration. The motion was withdrawn. We have to purchase equipment to bring the equipment up to AKC's new requirements. 8 jumps can't be modified. We need 12 jumps. The weave poles have to be added to so that they're non-skid. Price lists were passed out. Janet Miller moved & Brian Owen seconded that equipment be purchased to meet AKC requirements. Motion passed. Brian Owen moved and Gayle Treacle seconded to postpone discussion of the requirements for the '07 Agility Trial equipment until closer to the trial date. Motion passed. Brian Owen as potential trial secretary would like either a big circus type tent or a RV rented for the trial secretary's use. If Pam Smith is in town her motor home is available.

**SEMINAR:** The board has voted to hold the planned seminar in June of '07. Janet Miller would like to have someone else be chair of this committee and take care of this seminar. There are 3 parts to the seminar committee. Dealing with Jean Donaldson, dealing with the Hilton & dealing with the people who are coming to the seminar (signing them up & when they come). With the Hilton we will have to pay for 120 participants meals for 2 days even if we don't have that many people coming. The Hilton will provide all the AV stuff. Picking menus will need to be done closer to the seminar. The fee for Jean Donaldson will be \$3000/day. We will need to charge \$150 apiece probably to break even. With active club members paying only for their food. Advertising for our last seminar was done in the Gazette, Front & Finish, at our web site & over 900 brochures were mailed out. Most of the people who attended the last seminar learned about the seminar from the brochures. Janet Miller will work to make the seminar usable for veterinarians & vet techs for continuing education. If we cancel right now, we will lose the nonrefundable deposit that we have given to the Hilton. The groundwork is done. We will need brochures out soon. We will need to find out if Jean Donaldson wants dogs at the seminar and what kinds. If target as well as we did last time can cut our advertising costs. The seminar will be June 30 & July 1, 2007. If in magazines can get free information. Layouts & press releases can be sent to dog magazines as fillers. Erica Voges will chair this committee with Julie Goodrich & Nancy Chanover helping & Shannon Murray will do brochures & layout.

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES:** Training update, the class sizes are very small. There are only 8 in each beginning class with 3 in the puppy class & 5 in the Rally-O class. The books and homework were handed out to the instructors.

**AGILITY CLASSES:** This would have been week 4 for the classes but it was canceled because of bad weather. We have enough names for the next classes so shouldn't need another registration.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SKEETER VAC:** This purchase will be made as Sam's didn't have it when Vic Villalobos was last there.

**TROPHIES:** The trophies have been purchased and will be handed out at meetings as people show up.

**TRAILER LICENSE:** This will need to be purchased.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** There were none.

Barbara Horn has taught the heeling class for our club twice. We should give her a special acknowledgment perhaps a gift certificate for a spa or for dog equipment. Pam Smith moved to get a gift certificate in the amount that is necessary for a massage or something similar. Vic Villalobos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Braggs were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.



***IMPORTANT POISON INFORMATION***, submitted by Charlene Curry

“ COCOA MULCH” Sent to us by Meagan Karnes, of Fur Crazy Pet Care.

Yesterday, one of our clients experienced a tragedy and wanted me to pass a special message along to all of my dog loving friends and family. I was hoping you could forward this to your contact list.

My client was the doting owner of two young lab/golden retriever mixes. Over the weekend, they purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden. They loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. They set the bag in their yard. Their dog Calypso, decided that the mulch smelled good enough to eat so she broke into it and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical of her when she would get into something she shouldn't have gotten in to. She was not acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Mom woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly. Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's website, this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs. Denise (Calypso's mom) wanted me to pass this information along so no one had to experience the same tragedy she went through.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

True information about the mulch can be found here <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa.htm>  
This site gives the following information:

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called "Theobromine". It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks. Just a word of caution check what you are using in your gardens and be aware of what your gardeners are using in your gardens.

Theobromine is the ingredient that is used to make all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate, which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.



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