

Paws for Tails A Waggin'

Next Meeting Reminder

We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday November 2** 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! **This is a really important**

meeting for everyone to attend, as it is our last meeting before the DOCLC Agility Trials on December 2-3. We have *a lot* of jobs that need to be filled, and we need you to help out! "It takes a village to put on an agility trial." Or at least a club with lots of helpful members. If you cannot attend the November meeting but you'd like to help out at the agility trials, please contact Pam Smith.



Winter Classes Update

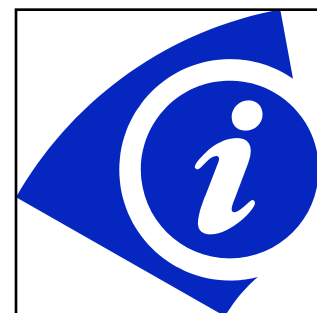
We are currently planning to offer one Beginning section in our Winter session, and possibly a puppy class if enough people sign up. Classes will begin on January 8.

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!

There have also been some discussions regarding an intermediate class and/or a puppy play school or socialization class. If you are interested in either of these - as a student or as an instructor - please notify Julie Goodrich or Nick Voges.



Congrats & Thanks to New Officers



Elections were held at the October meeting, and the new officers and Board members for 2007 are as follows:

- President: Pam Smith
- Vice-President: Erica Voges
- Secretary: Marjorie Henson
- Treasurer: Nancy Chanover
- At-Large Board Members:
Vic Villalobos, Sandy Bourdet,
and Nick Voges.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for putting the above slate of candidates together, and thank you to all of you who expressed a willingness to serve the club. We couldn't exist without you!

Pet Expo Volunteers Needed

As discussed in the past couple of meetings, we have agreed to participate in the Pet Expo this Saturday, October 28. It will be held at Young Park from 9 am to 3 pm. The DOCLC is sharing a table with volunteers from the Mesilla Valley Search & Rescue Dog Team and Therapaws, since we have overlapping membership with both organizations. We are

seeking volunteers from the DOCLC who would be willing to cover the table for either the morning shift (9 am - noon) or the afternoon shift (noon - 3 pm). We will provide flyers to the public and collect names of people who would like to take classes from us in the future. **If you *will* be able to attend and help out at the Pet Expo, please let Vic Villalobos know.**



Jobs Still Open for Obedience Trial

Our club's obedience trials will be held on January 13-14, 2007. We still need a chief ring steward, a grounds/equipment person, and a show hospitality person. Please let Marjorie Henson know as soon as possible if you are willing to do one of these jobs, as she needs to get the Premium list out very soon. Margie can be contacted at arlenek55@hotmail.com or 524-3215.

Club Award Information Due Soon



Club Award information is due to Pam Smith by November 15. What information do you need to send her? Any AKC titles earned in the last year, as well as dates/places where they were earned and any other pertinent information (e.g. scores).

The current Policies and Procedures manual lists all of the awards that you might be eligible for - please contact Nancy if you need a copy of the Policies and Procedures.

From the President

It has been a long time since I have been to a meeting, and I am looking forward to getting back into the swing of the DOCLC this month. Fall is always an exciting time around here in terms of dog activities, with the number of local obedience, agility, and conformation shows increasing, fun activities like the Pet Expo and local fun matches, thinking about what Halloween costumes we can put our dogs in, and upcoming pictures with Santa. Now all we need is some snow to make the picture complete!

Earlier this month I had a chance to participate in a truly amazing event, the Philadelphia 3-Day walk for breast cancer. My sister-in-law and I comprised TeamWoof, and we met a lot of fellow dog-lovers along our route through downtown and suburban Philadelphia. Participating in this walk showed me how much *goodness* people are capable of, and I thought back to you all in the DOCLC and how much good you do for our community. We have struggled in the past with what the focus of the club should be (more on competition or more on community outreach?), and in the end I don't know if we ever reached a clear consensus. I do know that each of you has put a great deal of effort into this club - and you do it out of the goodness of your heart. For that I am extremely grateful, and I am proud to know each and every one of you! Thank you for all you do.

Best wishes, *Nancy Chanover*

MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF LAS CRUCES MEETING

October 5, 2006

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Vice-President Vic Villalobos, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry; OTHER MEMBERS: Pam Smith, Nick Voges, Gayle Treakle, Brian Owen, Shannon

Murray, Julie Goodrich, Kim Fuqua, Emile & Sandy Bourdet; VISITORS: Bibi Momsen, Shari Rose

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

Nick Voges moved and Pam Smith seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

The mail was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was made.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Voges has suggested adding membership information to the surveys that the training classes receive. We are getting low on business cards. The next order should be ordered with the web site address. Is there any more information that we want to add to the business card?

PET EXPO & YAPPY HOUR: Should we have some one at Yappy Hour. For the Pet Expo DOCLC will share a table with Therapaws and Search & Rescue. The Pet Expo is October 28. Fliers will be printed and made available. There will be an area for agility demonstrations & perhaps search & rescue demonstrations.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: The committee has some things to bring to the board before bringing them to the membership.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL: Prizes—do we want to offer 1st-4th for each class. If so we will have to do it with the rally classes also. Shannon Murray moved that the club offer a toy for each dog entered. Perhaps we can have DOCLC printed on each item. Nick Voges seconded. Motion passed. We will have to set up normal rings & then expand them for rally. We will need another set of rally signs for the second ring. Pam Smith moved & Shannon Murray seconded that we purchase another set of signs for Rally. The motion passed. Security will need to be arranged for the Trial. Vic Villalobos will set this up.

AGILITY TRIAL: It was decided to have a judges' dinner at La Posta. There are currently 208 runs/day. We are allowed 660 runs. Janet Miller is Hospitality & will get the items that are needed for that. The first 3 RV's that show up are providing security with Pam Smith's being the 4th. Set up will be early. We will have to haul & unload about 4. The trailer will be gotten from storage at Thanksgiving.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee has nominated Pam Smith for President, Erica Voges for Vice-President, Marjorie Henson for Secretary, Nancy Chanover for Treasurer. The board members that were nominated are Sandy Bourdet, Vic Villalobos, Nick Voges. Nick Voges moved & Shannon Murray seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion passed..

OBEDIENCE TRAINING: The classes were 4 weeks into the 6 week training session. Julie Goodrich

gave the diplomas to the instructors. These are the last of the diplomas, do we want to change the format & logos or keep what we have. A new layout will be set up by Shannon & mailed to Julie & Nick as the Obedience training directors.

Shannon Murray is getting feedback from the puppy class. They would like another beginning class before March. We should need to look a class earlier than March. Julie Goodrich would like to start offering an intermediate class for more control and competition in January. Julie has talked to Barbara Horn & they think this can dovetail with the advanced heeling class (which is mainly footwork) that Barbara offers. Charlene Curry would be happy to have a puppy socialization class at her house. She will check with Janet Miller to check how she runs her program. With our current classes, more people missed registration and took them anyway. In January we could offer a beginning class on a Monday or a Tuesday. Nick Voges said that he could consider teaching a Monday class. Then Julie could teach the intermediate class on Tuesday. Shannon Murray said she could do a Puppy class on Monday. The classes would start on January 8 & 9. Registration would need to be in early December before the 15th. Julie will get with Branigan & see if we can set up a registration date.

AGILITY CLASSES: The classes may start next week. There are instructors.

SEMINAR: Erica Voges & Janet Miller are still waiting on the NMVA decision on the seminar being used for educational credit. Everything is going well. Shannon Murray showed us a sample of a brochure that we could have her set up. Her employer could get us a discount on some of the work that we need done for a brochure. They would set it up & do all the work. We would pay the post office directly. It was decided that the club should think about it.

THERAPAWS/OUTREACH: Charlene Curry has the new shirts that were ordered for Therapaws for anyone who would like to get them. Is there someone contacting the hospitals and nursing homes that were being visited? Pam Smith will arrange the December visits for Therapaws.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Awards: The information for the club awards needs to be gotten to Pam Smith by the end of the month.

If any of the instructors need free certificates they can get them from Nancy Chanover.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: No

Nick Voges would like the club to donate a gift certificate for a Casa de Oro benefit raffle. Also we could offer one at the Pet Expo.

Braggs were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.



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