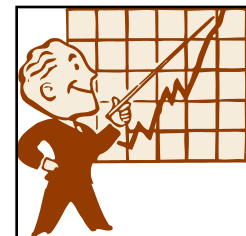


Paws for Tails A Waggin'

Next Meeting Reminder

We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday September 7** 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!



Fall Classes Update

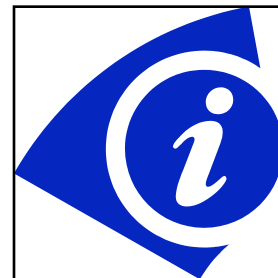
Registration for our Fall session of classes was held on Monday August 21 - many thanks to those of you who were able to attend and help out.

Our Puppy and Beginning obedience classes will start the week of September 11, and we still have room in the Tuesday night section if anyone asks you about it. Have them call Julie for more information.

We have a couple of other interesting offerings this session. Rally Obedience will start a few weeks after our Beginning and

Puppy classes - Charlene will contact all students with the final day and time. Barbara Horn's heeling class will be held on Thursday nights starting September 14, at the parking lot of Young Park at 7 pm. Club members and other interested parties are welcome.

Finally, our agility classes will begin on October 11. Please contact Pam Smith if you have any questions about our agility classes.



Slate From Nominating Committee



The Nominating Committee would like to present the slate of 2007 DOCLC officers and Board members to the general membership:

- President: Pam Smith
- Vice-President: Erica Voges
- Secretary: Marjorie Henson
- Treasurer: Nancy Chanover

• At-Large Board Members: Vic Villalobos, Sandy Bourdet, and Nick Voges.

Nominations can be made from the floor at the September meeting, and the final slate will be voted upon at the October meeting.

Thank you to those who agreed to serve the Club!

Dues Are Due!



In order to be eligible to vote in the elections at the October meeting, all dues must be paid. As a reminder, our dues rates are \$10 per year for an individual and \$12 per year for a family membership. Several of you are life members, and therefore no longer have to pay dues.

Please get your dues to our Treasurer, Charlene Curry, prior to the October meeting. They can be mailed to her at P. O. Box 291, Mesilla Park, NM 88047 or delivered to her in person at the September or October meetings.

Pet Expo Decision Needed

We have been invited to participate in the Pet Expo, which will be held on October 28. In the past we have used this opportunity to set up small agility and obedience demonstrations, allowing the public to “play” on some of the agility equipment. We have also taken names and numbers of people interested in

taking classes from us in the future. Several club members will be away that weekend, so we need to decide if we want to go ahead with this or not. **If you *will* be able to attend and help out at the Pet Expo but will not be at our September meeting, please let Nancy know.**



From the President

Fall is upon us and with that brings cooler weather (at least that's what they TELL me) and a new class session. Thanks to those of you who have agreed to serve the public by teaching our classes once again. Our enrollment in our Beginning and Puppy classes is down, which is a bit disconcerting since we usually have a lot of new students in the fall session. I'm not sure if this is due to an increasing number of competitors for class offerings, or perhaps a result of our long hiatus since the spring, or something else altogether. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this issue. We seem to have an increased number of people interested in Rally, which is great. Some of them are long-time students of ours who have been *waiting* for something new to do with their dogs! I'm thrilled that we are able to offer this class again - thank you Charlene for being willing to teach it!

I think we've identified some new ways to promote the Club (e.g. Yappy Hour), and we should continue to explore those new avenues. Some of our new students are members of the Therapaws group, and I am happy to see that cross-over.

The Nominating Committee worked hard to put together a slate of officers and Board members for 2007, and I would like to thank the members of the committee for all of their work, and thank the people who have expressed their willingness to serve the Club in some capacity. Without you, the DOCLC would cease to exist!

Best wishes, *Nancy Chanover*

MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF LAS CRUCES MEETING

August 3, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry

OTHER MEMBERS: Janet Miller, Brian Owen, Pam Smith, Gayle Treakle, Erica & Nick Voges

VISITORS: Bibi Momsen

The meeting was called to order by Pam Smith in the absence of both the President & Vice-President at 7:00. Introductions were made.

Brian Owen moved & Erica Voges seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented in the newsletter.

Mail was presented. There is an A/OA match in El Paso on August 26 for the Onate Trails Dog Club. A letter was received from Bibi Momsen inquiring about the club. The secretary sent an e-mail with the information.

The Treasurer's Report was made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: no report. Vic Villalobos & Nick Voges are working on this.

Policies & Procedures: no report

Obedience Trial: need judges

Agility Trial: Brian Owen is working on the Premium list that will be going out the 1st of September. A committee was needed for AKC so Brian assigned members that he knew would be at the Trial to the committee. The Trial is December 2 & 3.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee needs a chair & a meeting date. Pam Smith will be the chair and a date of August 13 was decided on to meet.

Obedience Training Classes: Registration will be 8/21. Nick & Erica Voges will teach on Tuesday. Vic Villalobos will be asked if he will teach the Monday beginning class. Someone is needed to teach the puppy Class. Charlene will teach a rally class. Classes will start on September 11 & 12.

Agility Training Classes: The late summer agility classes started on August 2. The next set of classes will start in late October but names will be taken at sign up.

Seminar: Erica Voges reports that details for the seminar have been outlined so Janet Miller can get approval from the Veterinarian Association for continuing education credit. The changes at the Hilton won't affect the staff or our contract with them.

Outreach/Therapaws: Therapaws will have a get together on August 19 at 10:00 am for all Therapaws members which will give the new members a chance to visit. Hopefully with the new people, new facilities can be added to the visiting list.

YAPPY HOUR: Someone needs to get hold of the Shelter & see if we can have someone at Yappy Hour to hand out information about our classes. Charlene Curry will call the Humane Society for permission.

Business Card Holders: Charlene Curry got a bunch of business card holders that can be put out at the different businesses that were discussed last time.

Ellen Flesher lunch on August 23 was told to talk about different dog issues. Fosters are needed for dogs that rescue groups in other areas can take until the dogs can be transported.

Pet Expo: Charlene Curry will ask about the Pet Expo.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mini Trophies: need to be handed out. Nancy Chanover has them & isn't here. Thank you to Charlene Curry for holding the July Party. It was small but it was a nice one. Also, thank you to Kim Fuqua for providing the Oryx meat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club Award Schedule: All scores need to be given to Pam by November 15 for the special Awards for Agility & Obedience. Do we want to have a Rally Trophy? Brian Owen moved & Janet Miller seconded to develop a parallel program for the Rally participants. Motion passed. The Policies & Procedures will determine how to calculate the scores.

Dues: Dues need to be paid before the October meeting.

There was no other business.

There were no new membership applications.

Braggs were made.

The meeting was adjourned.



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