

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Events to Note

May 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July Issue

"Until one has loved an animal, part of the soul remains unawakened." *Anatole France*

New Voucher System for BDOC/FBDOC Trials, effective 3/1/15:

For all events workers receive a free lunch for working at least half a day.

Agility, AKC and CPE:

For each class that a person works they receive a ticket from the volunteer coordinator. There will be ten bags for ten different prizes that the volunteer can put their ticket(s) in to for each day. The prizes will be ten \$10 prizes per day, five vouchers for \$10 each and five gift certificates for \$10 each (Wal-mart, Starbucks, Target, etc.) There will be \$100 worth of prizes for each day of the trial, so \$300 for a three day trial will be available for jobs like gate steward, fluffing the chute, setting jump bars, sheet runner, etc.

The following positions will still receive vouchers:

Chairman \$75
Chief Course Builder \$75
Volunteer Coordinator \$60
People who build course for half a day/full day \$10/\$20

Table help half a day/full day \$10/\$20

Ribbon table people half a day/full day \$10/\$20

Set up and clean up receive \$10 for each, above and beyond any vouchers received above, including the chairman, chief course builder, etc.

Typical trial would be about \$800, which is about what Go Dogs is paying out, and probably about half of what we are paying out now.

In addition to the above, hauling of equipment with truck or trailer will receive gas expense plus a \$50 gift card (\$25 each way).

AKC Obedience (two or three days, amount of vouchers are cut by 1/3 for two days except for the chairman position.)

Chairman \$75

Event Coordinator \$60

Chief Ring Steward \$60

Awards Chair \$60

Awards Committee \$10 each time they get together to work plus \$20/full day, \$10 half day working at the trial, capped at \$60 for the weekend

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Set up and clean up receive \$10 for each above and beyond any jobs they do above, including the chairman, chief ring steward, etc.

UKC Obedience/rally

Chairman \$75

Secretary \$75 gift card

Chief Ring Steward \$60

\$60 per day for stewards, three vouchers plus three gift certificates worth \$10 each, for a total of \$60 per day, \$180 for the weekend.

Set up and cleanup receive \$10/each, above and beyond any vouchers received above, including the chairman, etc.

"We do not inherit the land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." *Native American Proverb*

Board Minutes

February 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Erin Embry, Gerianne Darnell, Trisha Burbach, Sharon Dowell, Sharon Brewer, Deb Landon, Rose Strasser, John Wilson
Minutes and treasurers report approved.

2015 Events

March 27-29 Obedience Trial at Sunshine Farm – Rebecca is the volunteer coordinator, judges are hired, and Gerianne will check with Alzheimers group for food.

May 1-3 AKC Agility Trial – Rose will be the volunteer coordinator. This is Berkshire Hathaway stockholders meeting weekend. The judge will have a rental car. Food is an issue – Rose will check on food trucks. John will take over hiring judges in the future. Deb will take over ordering ribbons in the future.

June 5-7 UKC Obedience / CPE Trial – Gerianne and Deb are co-chairs. Planning is on track.

August Obedience Trial at Sunshine Farm – Volunteer coordinator needed.

Sept 11 – 13 CPE Trial – Dates were discussed, and it was decided to keep the planned dates and location of Sunshine Farm.

Sept 25-27 AKC Agility Trial –Kim Embrey may consider chairing.

Oct 23-25 AKC Obedience Trial – Erin is the chair. Need a volunteer coordinator. We are counting on Eric Rice to do the canteen.

Old Business

Training Site – Five Elements will likely open their new location in June; it will be located near 60th and Grover and the room will be 40 x 17. This is a good central location and a good space for puppy and beginner classes. Their planned fee is \$15 per hour for their training room. Erin, Mary and Kris Woodke are reviewing training materials. A trainer's seminar is planned.

Volunteers/Voucher Program – Gerianne and Erin presented a new structure, which will be described in detail to the membership. The plan was approved.

Community Involvement – No news.

The next general meeting will be **April 22**, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7 p.m.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

News from Ringside



Milo got his ARCHX at Sunshine Obedience School's WCRL Rally trials Feb. 28/March 1, 2015, along with this GI-NORMOUS ribbon.
Kris Woodke



CH Silhouettes Walks-All-Over-The-Sky, BN, RN

Levi earned his BN in Des Moines February 13 and his RN in Des Moines March 1, 2015. At the Kansas City shows March 13-15 Levi earned two BOS and two major select wins. He was also Owner Handler Best of Breed two days and on Sunday he was awarded an Owner Handler Group One. **Sherry Rife**



CH Safranne's Dreams of an Autumn Mist

Misty finished her AKC Championship in Kansas City on the 14th March, with WB and a four point major!! She is 20 months old! I am delighted with her and am thrilled we ended on a high note with two majors and nineteen points total. As soon as her certificate arrives I'll cut her down to a more manageable style and we will continue to have fun in obedience, rally and tracking!! First of all we will make the trip to Poodle Nationals in Salisbury, Maryland in April, where she can strut around the ring one more time in the parade of champions ;-)...along with her sister Icy!!

We wouldn't have made it this far if it hadn't been for my good friends in this club encouraging me....and pushing me once in a while. You know who you are. Misty's Aunties and friends!!! ;-). I so appreciate you. THANKS EVERYONE!!!!

Thanks Dee for this beautiful portrait of my girl...and for a fun weekend together full of laughs in KC. I wouldn't have gone without you with all that crazy traffic. **Linda**

EASTER HOLIDAY HEALTH HAZARDS

Easter goodies may still be lingering throughout the house and causing potential dangers to your furry family members. Cats and dogs are often attracted to the foods, baskets, grasses, and plants that are a part of the Easter holiday. To avoid an unnecessary trip to the veterinary hospital, follow a few simple precautions.

- The number one problem seen by veterinarians around the holidays is stomach or intestinal problems. Feeding your pets from the table or offering leftovers can cause gastrointestinal

upset and even predispose an animal to other life-threatening conditions, such as pancreatitis. Bones are another indigestible treat to avoid. These could get stuck in the mouth or be swallowed and cause a perforation in the intestinal tract. But without a doubt, chocolate is the number one contender as the holiday troublemaker.

- Chocolate contains a substance called theobromine that causes heart problems and is toxic to almost all animals. Theobromine is similar to caffeine, and a dose of 50mg/lb can be fatal to a dog. When ingested, it causes the release of epinephrine, or adrenaline, which causes the heart to race and cardiac arrhythmias to occur.
- Dark chocolate is more threatening than milk chocolate, and baking chocolate is, without question, the most deadly. Ounce for ounce, baking chocolate has about six to nine times as much theobromine as milk chocolate. Just one ounce of unsweetened baking chocolate can kill a small breed dog. Theobromine is also present in cocoa beans, cola and tea.
- Another chocolate danger is the plastic wrap or aluminum foil that comes wrapped around these dangerous treats. This can also cause an intestinal obstruction and be very damaging to the pet's health. Be sure that these attractive wrappers are kept out of sight and properly disposed of in a container that your pet cannot access.
- If your pet has recently eaten chocolate, the best treatment is to induce vomiting. Your veterinarian will also induce vomiting and administer charcoal to reduce absorption of the chocolate remaining in the digestive tract. Administration of fluids and drugs to stabilize the heart and respiration may also be used to keep the animal from going into shock.
- Dogs are at the highest risk for potential chocolate encounters; however, all animals are at risk if they are curious enough. Signs of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, excessive urination, or hyperactivity followed by depression.
- If any of these symptoms should appear or if your Easter basket is suddenly empty, consult your veterinarian immediately. Time is of the essence, so do not delay, and seek emergency care immediately if chocolate has been consumed.

The Easter Egg: A Pet's Friend or Foe

Many pet owners wonder about the hazards of feeding eggshells and raw eggs to their pets. The Easter season, when eggs take on the added symbolism of being gifts, is the perfect time to get to know a little more about one of nature's "perfect foods."

There is evidence to support eggshells as an excellent source of calcium and protein for your pet. For strong bones and teeth, crush the eggshells and sprinkle about a half teaspoon into your pet's regular kibble. Want to help your pet build muscle, strengthen its hair and nails, and repair tissue? A hardboiled egg a day may just help keep the groomer *and* the vet away.

Although research does not point to eggshells as a source of salmonella poisoning in cats and dogs, if it is a concern, you can boil the shells first -- allowing them to dry thoroughly -- and then crush the shells in a coffee grinder, food processor, or with a mortar and pestle. This method also makes it easier to store the crushed shell in bulk, rather than perform the task daily, since there will be need to worry about the shell being damp and prone to mold. The crushed shell can then be stored in an airtight bowl or jar for the week.

Another simpler method is to store the shells in a baggy or bowl in your refrigerator until you are ready to crush them for use.

Raw eggs, on the other hand, are not generally recommended for cats and dogs. While there have not been health scares involving raw eggs and transmission of any major illness to domesticated animals, it is still better to be safe. Raw eggs do not impart any significant health benefit, and may only cause problems -- issues of which are nullified by cooking the egg.

If you want to include your dog in the Easter egg hunt activities, there is no problem with allowing your dog to find a few eggs of its own, as long as the eggshells have been colored with simple non-toxic food coloring. Some communities even have dog-only neighborhood egg hunts. A neighborhood egg hunt can be held at the local dog park, organized through any one of the many online social networks that are available, or done as a simple gathering with a group of friends in a big yard.

Be cautious when combining smaller children and dogs for hunts. A small competition over who will get to keep a found egg could turn into an unintentional bite injury. Otherwise, make this holiday extra special for you and your family, furries and non-furries alike.

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