

# LEAD AND COLLAR



**August/September 2017**

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## **Nosework Trial**

By Sharon Dowell

Our club held our second UKC Nosework trial on June 8-11, 2017. We continued to have an astounding pass rate, with almost 87% of runs passed in Pre-Trial, Exterior and Vehicle elements. For the first time, we had a run in the highest level, Elite. Our tried-and-true judge Tracy Patton from Texas was impressed with our human-canine teamwork.

Our next trial in this sport will be AKC Scent Work, scheduled for Nov. 3-5, pending AKC approval. This is a brand new AKC sport with trials starting Oct. 1, so we will be one of the first clubs in the nation to hold a trial. Yeah for us!

The UKC Nosework trial was held in conjunction with the club's annual UKC Obedience and Rally trial at Sunshine Obedience School. Our successful

trial was pulled off by a group of wonderful volunteers, including Secretary Norine Nieman, Gerianne Darnell, Scott and Sharon Dowell, Deb Landon, Devetta Hill, Kim Embrey, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier and many more folks who pitched in to steward. A special doggie thanks goes to Ellie Embrey who performed most of the Dog in White (test dog) duties. That beagle "nose" her stuff!

We had 143 entries and nearly ran out of ribbons with all of the Element and Level titles earned! If you take into consideration the large number of club vouchers used for entries, \$780, then the event essentially broke even, which is promising for a new sport. Disregarding vouchers, the event lost just over \$800. We are actively searching for local judges, which would greatly cut down on travel expenses, and we expect the sport to continue to grow and flourish.

Now is the time to jump into this fun sport. In a few short months and a minimal investment of time and money, you and your dog can be trialing and having a blast. You can find courses online and beginner and advanced courses locally at Sunshine Obedience School.

## **Trick Dog Titles**

Sandy Crawford

AKC Trick Dog titles are official titles listed on the dog's title record. Dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or Canine Partners number to earn a title.

There are four levels of Trick Dog titles, Novice TKN, Intermediate TKI, Advanced TKA, and Performer TKP.

Recently, my Westie "Saylor" performed the tricks required to earn the first three levels of this new program in the presence of an AKC Approved CGC

Evaluator, Mary Hostetter, at Go Dogs in Omaha, NE.

For more information about the Trick Dog Program, check out the American Kennel Club's website <http://www.akc.org/about-trick-dog/>

### New Titles

Westie "Saylor" passed her CGCA after the BDOC picnic/meeting! **Sandy Crawford**

Kasey has 3 QQs out of 7 and 129 points of the 550 needed to qualify for the 2018 AKC Nationals in Reno. One of the QQs is a Premiere QQ! He also competed in WCRL Rally and got his Rally Level 2 Championship and another QQ towards his ARCHX!

Ellie redid her CGC, and passed with flying colors! We then dusted off our tricks and completed the Trick Dog Novice and Intermediate! Finally, she completed her WCRL Rally Veterans Championship two weekends ago!

Reign got his first title just shy of 16 months old, Trick Dog Novice! He continues to learn in the Obedience ring and we have thrown some new jumps at him in Agility and now we throw Nosework at him. He is doing fantastic and continues to have fun. **Erin & Team B.BC**

In Cedar Rapids Ellie was an outstanding Nosework partner. She finished her Advanced Nosework Title and got two High in Trials, FINALLY!! We had to get into Superior for them, but she did such an amazing job!

We also completed our Superior Vehicles at the Friends of BDOC Nosework Trial, but some naughty distractions kept us from getting our Exterior title! Thank goodness for Nosework, something that Ellie can have a crowd of people watching her and she does her job. Such a great sport for us! **Erin & Ellie**



### New Canine Good Citizens and Trick Dog

Submitted by Sharon Dowell

During our annual summer picnic on July 9, BDOC held CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog evaluations and our dogs rocked it! New AKC titles were earned by the following dogs:

#### Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Dazzle handled by Doug Fusselman, husband of new member Pam Fusselman

Phoebe handled by Dee Nelson

Rayna handled by Gerianne Darnell

#### Community Canine (CGCA)

Saylor handled by Sandy Crawford

Rick handled by Gerianne Darnell

Darby handled by Bert Gray

Phoebe handled by Dee Nelson

#### Trick Dog – Novice (TKN)

Phoebe handled by Dee Nelson

Thank you to folks who pitched in to help administer the test, including Deb and Dave Landon and Diva, Sandy Williams and Snowy, Marv Crawford, Erin Embrey, Dee Nelson and Phoebe, and Pam Fusselman's granddaughter Alex. Club members who would like to take a CGC or Trick Dog test should contact Sharon Dowell at [SharonHeathDowell@gmail.com](mailto:SharonHeathDowell@gmail.com).

### Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska

#### General Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2017

Call to order at 4:45 p.m. after the summer picnic. Minutes of the last general meeting were approved. Minutes of the last board meeting were not available.

Report of the president: None

Reports of the vice president, secretary: None

Treasurer's report approved.

Report of the training director: After the meeting, we will hold evaluations for Tricks, CGC and CGCA titles.

Election of new member: **Pam Fusselman** was voted in as a new club member. Welcome!

#### Report of the Committees:

AKC Obedience trials, Aug 4-6 –Kris and Erin are chief ring stewards. Kim Embrey will bring a soup dish on Friday, and Deb Landon on Saturday. Club members will be asked to donate side dishes/desserts.

AKC Herding Trials and Farm Dog Certified Tests, Sept. 23-24 – On track. Gerianne will hold two fun day practices, Aug. 20 and Sept 10. 8 a.m. herding and 10 a.m. Farm Dog.

AKC Agility Trials Sept 29-30, Oct 1 - Bert and Linda are chairs: Facility and judge are reserved/hired. Ribbons ready. Waiting to hear from the flyball group on whether they will provide manpower.

AKC Obedience Trials Oct 27-29 – Gerianne and Erin: Kris is chief ring steward. Eric will not be able to hold the canteen. 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BDOC holding trials and we are looking at special gifts to give exhibitors. This year we will have a Rally High Combined award for each trial. Sandy Crawford and Karen Stevens are putting together the silent auction and are requesting gently used items for donation and/or cash to help pay for basket fillers and materials.

AKC Scent Work Trial Nov 3-5, 2017: AKC will start reviewing trial applications after August 1. Judge is hired. Ribbons need to be ordered. We are looking at having Scent Work trials coupled with our obedience trials in April and August 2018.

#### New Business

CPE Letter – BDOC was contacted by CPE regarding another area club requesting to hold CPE trials. We are still on hold ourselves for holding future trials.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wed, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Summer Kitchen Café in Bellevue

**Next General Meeting:** Sept. 6, arrive and eat at 6 p.m., meeting to follow at approximately 6:30 p.m. at Valentino's on 108<sup>th</sup> and Q in Omaha.

**Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.** to Tricks and CGC, CGCA title evaluations.

## **UKC Obedience and Rally Trial, June 9-10, 2017**

Gerianne Darnell, Trial Chairman

Our UKC Obedience and rally trials this year were held in conjunction with our UKC nosework trials. The obedience and rally trials were in the morning and the nosework was in the afternoon.

We had another fun and successful trial, which was again very wonderfully secretaried by Kathy Novak. Our chief ring steward was Kris Woodke, assisted by Erin Embrey. Those who stewarded were Kris, Erin, Tom Novak, Sandy Crawford, Kim Embrey, Deb Landon, Devetta Hill, Gerianne, and Tracy (our nosework judge!)

We had a fun time, with many legs and titles earned by exhibitors, including a junior handler. Thanks to all who attended and helped.

### **Pet Sitter Checklist**

- **Vacation Itinerary** – include time and date of your departure and expected arrival
- **Contact Information** – be sure your sitter has your cell phone number, hotel information and room number in case they need to get a hold of you
- **Other Friends or Family Members Contact Information** – in case they cannot get a hold of you, be sure they can reach someone else in case something comes up and they cannot care for your precious pets, or have an emergency
- **Key & Security Alarm Information**
- **Primary Vet Information** – be sure to include the name of the practice, veterinarian they usually see, clinic address and phone number
- **Emergency Vet Clinic Information** – should something happen to your pet after your primary vet's office hours, having an emergency animal hospital's information nearby will help ease the tension and allow your pet to get the treatment it needs more expediently
- **Feeding and Walking Schedule**
- **List of Medications and Usage Instructions** – even if you dog doesn't take daily medications, if you pet suffers from seasonal allergies or has the tendency to get hot spots, be sure to leave medications out and clearly labeled with instructions
- **List of Food and Treats (and where you can buy them)** – thought you had enough to last through the weekend? What if your flight ends up cancelled and you don't get in until a day after you originally planned? Your sitter may need to run out for additional

food and treats – make it easy for them to find what you buy and where you usually get it from.

- **Lists of Pet Care Items (and where they are stored)** – leash, brush, food, ear cleaning pads, sweater (if it's cold outside), etc.
- **Favorite Toys**
- **Dangers Along Walking Route** – be sure to note if a specific neighbor isn't pet-friendly and yells if your pet accidentally pees in their yard, or if there is a pet that doesn't get along with your loveable furball so they can be sure to avoid those encounters – they are awkward enough for you, don't drag your sitter into them.
- **Room and Furniture Limitations** – list any rooms or furniture you pet isn't allowed in or on  
Thermostat Instructions
- **TV/Remote Instructions**
- **Spare Key Location**
- **Visitors** – list days and estimated time when there could be other visitors in or around the home such as a housecleaner, pool person or lawn care company – you don't want to frighten your pet sitter or have them think your home has been broken into (when it actually hasn't).

You will have a much more relaxing and enjoyable trip knowing your pet is well-cared for. And your pet sitter will have an easier time focusing on caring for your pet if they are well prepped and provided the necessary items to get the job done.

### **Bee Stings – What to do**



Do you know what to do if your curious and inquisitive cat or dog stumbles upon a bee or wasp and is stung?

Bee and wasp stings can range from mild symptoms to potentially life threatening. Keep reading so you'll know what to do if your furry friend has such an encounter.

Our pets explore the world and make their learned observations by using their senses with their mouths and paws. This is why stings are usually seen around the mouth, nose, throat and paws.

One of the best ways to prevent stings is to teach your dog the "come" and "leave it" commands so you can safely direct them out of harm's way.

But there are times when no matter how careful we are, our pets may learn some painful lessons.

**Here are some of the tell-tale signs your pet has been stung:**

- Whining/Pacing/Agitation
- Discomfort or Pain - such as a sudden lameness

- Swelling at the sting site
- Disorientation \*
- Drooling\*
- Vomiting\*
- Hives\*
- Difficulty breathing/swallowing\*
- Pale Gums\*
- Collapse\*

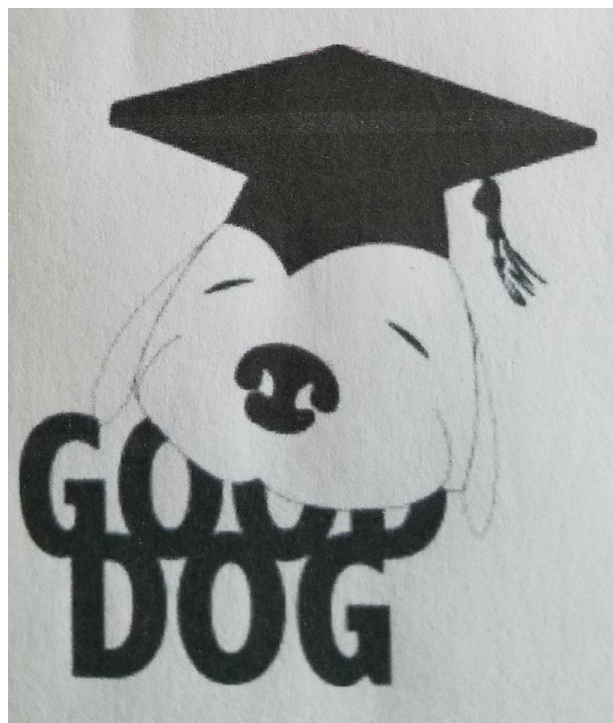
It's important to note that bees will lose their barbed stingers and can usually only sting once. Wasp on the other hand can sting repeatedly if provoked enough. While the puncture of the sting is painful, it is the venom that is injected that can cause an anaphylactic reaction. **\*If your pet has been stung previously or receives many stings at one time the chances for an anaphylactic reaction are greater. An anaphylactic reaction is potentially life threatening and will require immediate veterinary treatment.\***

**Steps you should take if you believe your pet has been stung?**

- Try not to panic. Remain calm and assess the situation.
- If pet is having symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction call your veterinarian or closest Animal Emergency Clinic to let them know you will be arriving shortly. Sometimes anaphylactic reactions can be delayed. If your pet develops any of the above symptoms at any point after being stung please don't delay medical treatment. Your pet may need a heavy dose of Benadryl and steroids along with IV fluids and monitoring hospitalization.

**If pet does not appear to be having an allergic reaction:**

- Try to visualize the stinger. It will appear as a brown/black splinter. Sometimes you can still see the venom sac attached if dealing with a bee sting.
- Try to remove the stinger by scraping or brushing parallel to the skin surface with your fingernail, credit card or other stiff-edged object. Some experts advise to use caution if using tweezers as this may push more venom into the sting site from the venom sacs still attached to the stinger. If your pet will tolerate an ice pack on the sting site, gently apply for up to 10-15 minutes at regular intervals.
- A paste of water and baking soda can also be applied to relieve inflammation.
- You can also contact your veterinarian who can give you the proper dosing of Benadryl (diphenhydramine) for your pet



**Congratulations to all who earned titles.**

