

DOG TALES

CLINTON COUNTY CANINE CLUB
September/October 2011

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Outreach

Chair person needed
Lori Moffa

Welcome

Dorothy Schroeder

Education

Tina Hoffman
Deb Krieder
Linda LaPier
Karen Tromblee
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Seminar

Nancy Dashnaw
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Deb DeSilva
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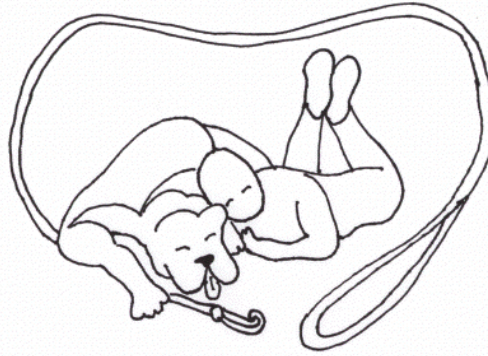
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Comments:

Thank you to Dorothy Schroeder for all her help.
Donna

SPAY/NEUTER COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

We're looking for one or two volunteers to join the spay/ neuter committee. The work involves setting up agreements with local vets, providing information to the public, sending out and reviewing applications and issuing vouchers. So far this year the club has provided 28 dog owners with assistance to have their dogs neutered, and it's very satisfying to be a part of that. If you're interested, you may call me at 643-9433. Liz Fitts

Brags and News:

JoLee Yeddo reports that at the CPE trial in Westport, Phoebe the Miniature Schnauzer qualified in all 5 events in which she was entered, earning two level 2 titles.

Karen Tromblee reports Am. Ch. Snopaw's Hallelujah, Tibetan Terrier, "Louis", finished his Grand Championship at the Newtown Kennel Club Show. Louis is owned by Karen Tromblee. Louis qualified for Eukanuba National Show to be held in Orlando, Fl. in December. Somebody Ticket to Ride, OES, "Ryder" passed his Herding Instinct Test. Ryder is owned by Karen Tromblee.

Monica Schmitdt reports that on September 17th, her Shelties Turbo and Mia competed at the CPE trial in Westport. Turbo qualified in Wildcard level 3, Snooker level 3 & Fullhouse level 3 and placed 2nd, 2nd & 3rd respectively. Mia qualified in Wildcard level 2, Jackpot level 2 and Fullhouse level 2 and place 2nd, 1st & 3rd respectively.

Sue Stoffel and Perley participated in The Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks CPE Agility Trial Sept. 17th. Perley qualified in Full House and placed first. It was our first trial and we can't wait to do it again!

Greg and Deb Sherman report that their black lab "Izzy" passed her CGC and TDI testing on Sat 24 Sep. Linda LaPierre administered the test.

Beverly Detwiler reports that she just got back from the Finger Lakes, Wine Country Circuit Shows at the Sampson State Park in Romulus, NY. Her Samoyed Kolfinna Volk Wind of My Soul earned his first 2 breed points his first time out taking Winners Dog 2 days and also a Reserve Winners. Samoyed CH Kolfinna Fate Smiles At

Destiny CD RE WSX CGC (Isis) earned 2 points toward her Grand Champion title. It was a wet, cold and windy weekend.

Karen McCarty and Golden Retriever Abbie competed in their first CPE agility trial on September 17 in Westport. Although they did not "Q", it was a day of big "personal Q's" and a great experience. They would like to give big "thank you" to all involved in the agility program that have helped them along the way.

On October 1, they participated in the 10th Annual Green Mountain Iron Dog Competition in Colchester, VT.

Congratulations everyone!

Meeting Reports:

Clinton County Canine Club Minutes August 17, 2011

Members Present: Rodney LaPier, Dan Meunier, Linda LaPier, Karen McCarty, Cathy Cook, Robin Magee, Dorothy Douglas, Nancy Dashnaw & Jolee Yeddo

The meeting was called to order by President, R. LaPier, at 6:35 pm. Motion was made by R. Magee, second by K. McCarty to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July Board meeting. Motion carried. D. Meunier motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written; second: Cathy Cook. Motion accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented: check book balance: \$15,364.75, savings account: \$3,877.31 with three CD's: \$2,320.07, \$2,347.03 and \$2,344.26 It was reported that one member of the Club issued a check which was returned for insufficient funds. Due to personal problems, this individual has moved from the area and we are accepting the loss and

moving on. Motion to accept officers' reports was made by L. LaPier, second: C. Cook. Approved.

Secretary LaPier reviewed the following individual provisional membership applications: Jacqueline Hills, Corinne Bennett, Martha Tedford and two family applications: Abigail Burlingame/Sandy Webb and Ben/Kate Reidell. Motion was made by D. Meunier to accept the individual memberships and the family membership of Abigail Burlingame/Sandy Webb, second by R. Magee. Unanimously approved. The Reidells have not yet taken a class with the Club and, therefore, do not qualify as members. They will be notified by the Secretary and invited to sign up for a fall class.

Committee Reports:

Agility: The resignation of R. Magee from the Agility Committee was noted and the election of a new chairperson took place at our last meeting. Jolee Yeddo and Nancy Dashnaw agreed to co- chair the committee. As requested by the Board, the committee updated the agility program description, which will be used in the new handbook. The committee revised the description in the current handbook and from notes that Robin shared with the

committee. In addition, there were some minor changes made to the pre-requisite and exemption policy. The policy is written below and will replace any existing policy:

Prerequisites:

Foundation for Agility: Must have completed a Basic Obedience class.

Beginner Agility: Must have completed a Foundation Agility class.

Novice and Advanced Agility:

Dog/Handler teams are successfully performing sequences (at least 5 obstacles) and dogs are familiar with most of the agility obstacles.

*Exemptions to the prerequisites may be granted based on prior experience or equivalent training. Requests for an exemption from a prerequisite must be submitted to the agility committee in writing for review and approval.

Regarding our winter agility facility, it was unanimously decided to continue our program at the Gilligan Barn in Beekmantown. Though an alternate site was considered, the committee felt that the Gilligan barn was a much nicer and cleaner facility with better parking, more centrally located with the route offering better winter driving conditions, and the barn owner, Shauna, has been very nice to work with.

The winter agility program will be shortened this year and will run for 13 weeks from January through March. We will run two classes from 9:00 to 12:00. There will be a Beginner class and a combined Novice/Advanced class. Specifics on class times and instructors will be announced at a later date. Because our winter program has been reduced from 20 to 13 weeks, the charge for the season per dog/class will be \$65. This will keep the \$5 cost per practice in line with last year. There will be a pay-as-you-go option at the same rate as last year (\$7 per practice), considering some are not able to come every week due to work schedules, etc. However, we encourage the majority of the participants to pay the \$65 for the season in order to cover our expenses. We are currently negotiating with Shauna to move our equipment as early as mid-November. This will allow agility participants, if they so choose, to make their own arrangements with Shauna

to rent the barn for a practice during November and December and have the equipment available to them.

(Update: Shauna has quoted a price of \$45 per month for November and December for equipment storage). The committee feels this is a fair price. A port-potty rental is a must for our barn agility. Some participants have to travel a considerable distance plus are involved in the entire 9:00 to 12:00 program. The porta potty adds a considerable expense to our winter program. Since we do not know how many participants will partake in the winter agility program at this time, and therefore, do not know if our expenses will be covered, we are asking the Board to subsidize the cost of the porty-potty either in full or else just the portion not covered by our income. The cost last year was \$108 per month, so for three months, it would cost \$324 for our season. The committee thanks the Board in advance for considering our request

Submitted by the Agility Committee: Jolee Yeddo & Nancy Dashnaw Co-Chairs, Lori Moffa, Billie Marsh and Sharon Bishop.

A motion was made by C. Cook that the Club pay for the porta-potty, storage fees, and rent with the proviso that summer agility funds are used to offset winter costs. The motion was seconded by D. Meunier. After a lengthy discussion, a vote was called: the result of voting was: 1 abstention and 4 against, motion defeated. Motion was made by L. LaPier to table this request until October when the agility committee was able to report on expected income for the winter. Second: C. Cook. All in favor.

Education:

The Education Committee has nothing planned for the fall.

Match: A good time was had by all! We heard many complimentary comments and encouragement to hold our Match at the Crete again next year. It was such a surprise to find it was air-conditioned when the day was so warm and humid. Many of our veteran members were there to lend a hand while newer members also attended and we became a working crew. Deb and I want to thank all for the tremendous support and long hours you spent helping our Match to be a

success. If anyone would like to make some suggestions on how to improve next year's match, please contact us with your thoughts.

Publicity/Visibility:

Photos of the Match 2011 were sent to be posted on the website. Watch for new pictures of all the action, even the agility demonstration. A request was made by Secretary LaPier for the cost of printing thank-you notes with the Club logo on the cover. A sample was distributed. After some discussion, the purchase of thank-you notes was tabled. More research needed to be done to compare prices and look into the possibility of less expensive card stock.

Spay/Neuter:

Since our last report, the spay/neuter committee has issued 2 vouchers for \$75 each, and 4 vouchers were used: one free at Elmbrook Veterinary Clinic (\$75 cost to us), and 3 \$75 vouchers used at Palmers, Redfern and Peru Veterinary Clinics.

Training:

The training committee met last Tuesday, August 9th, and came up with the schedule of classes for the Fall. We had considered offering additional modules which would follow the conclusion of the Fall session in November but, as we could not immediately come up with instructors for these, have decided to revisit the issue once the Fall session is underway. A few people have since stepped up and volunteered to teach some modules so there is a possibility and we will work on these ideas in the coming month. The resignation of Sharon Bishop

from the committee was also reported. We would also like to thank L. LaPier and Deb DeSilva for organizing the Match.

Questionnaire:

Motion to table: D. Meunier, Second: C. Cook. Approved. The results of the questionnaire will be shared and discussed at the September Membership meeting.

A motion was made by L. LaPier to accept Committee Reports, Second: D. Meunier. Approved.

Old Business

Handbook: In the handbook, there will be a description of the general progression of skills necessary for each of the classes offered by the Club. Motion: D. Meunier, Second: C. Cook. Approved.

Training Committee Responsibilities:

Motion was made by L. LaPier to keep the Training Committee separate from the Agility Committee. Second: D. Meunier. Approved.

Welcome:

There have been no more new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda LaPier
Secretary



Clinton County Canine Club Minutes
September 21, 2011

Members Present: Rodney LaPier,, Linda LaPier, Karen McCarty, Robin Magee, Pam Deeb, Linda McGovern, Sue Stoffel, Tina Hoffmann, Liz & Holland Fitts, and Dorothy Schroeder

The meeting was called to order by President, R. LaPier, at 6:32 pm. Motion was made by R. Magee to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 2011 Annual Meeting. Second: L. LaPier. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented: check book balance: \$16,127.75, Savings: \$4,026.79 and three CD's: \$2,320.07 + interest,\$2,347.03 + interest, and \$2,344.26 + interest. Motion to accept officers reports was made by R. Magee; second: K. McCarty. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Outdoor practices for the Beginner and Novice classes at R. Magee's on Saturday mornings will continue through the end of September. The Advanced class at Holland's on Wednesday evenings will continue until we run out of daylight. The Agility Committee met on September 1st to continue to plan for the Winter Agility Program to try to have a five month program, from November through March, as in past years. This is contingent on finding instructors to teach the 20 week Beginner Program. It is also contingent on having enough money to cover our expenses. In order to estimate our income, an interest poll was sent out to all members. The results of that poll and further information about the winter program will be presented at the October meeting. (Nancy Dashnaw & JoLee Yeddo, Co-chairs)

Building: We had another \$30 donation deposited to the building Funds saving account from the summer rally classes. We are planning a Christmas Raffle for our December meeting. The help of club members made our last Yard Sale a great success. We hope to hold another one next May. Please start setting aside items for the sale. We are always looking for leads to buildings that might fit the club's needs and ways to earn more funds. If you have any ideas, please contact Laraine (Lori) Moffa

Outreach: At present we visit the Vilas Home on the second Thursday of each month at 10 am as a function. Other places that are visited by club members that have "Certified Therapy Dogs" are Third Age Day Care Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 pm; Hassett Day Care Center on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 am; Pine Harbour on the last Tuesday of the month at 10 am. These last three places that we visit have specified that the dogs be certified therapy dogs and that their health forms are on file with the facility. Some of us will be starting the, "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program soon. This also requires that the dogs be certified. John Annette has arranged this at St. Mary's Academy in Champlain September 28 from 9:30-11 am. We are waiting to hear from Chazy.

Publicity/Visibility: Since June the committee has been responsible for placing ads for classes and our Annual Fun Match in the local Pennysaver, ordering embroidered T-shirts, taking photographs for the website and poster displays, and ordering pamphlets for distribution to increase public awareness of the Club.

Scholarship: The committee met and awarded the Fay S. Kolz scholarship to Emily Charland who is now attending St. John Fisher College in Rochester, majoring in Biology and registered in the pre-veterinary program. We received a lovely thank-you card from Emily too! (D. DeSilva)

Spay/Neuter: 2 vouchers for \$75 were used since our last report, one at Palmer's and one at Peru Veterinary Services. We had several requests for applications, but none have been returned as of this date.

We are looking for a third person for our committee. I'll be moving at some undetermined time, and it would be good to familiarize someone with the work that Cathy and I have been doing before I leave. The job can be quite time consuming for a few months after we've placed our notice in the Press Republican, and then it tapers off during the year. This work could be spread out, if we had 3 people on the committee, which is how it was originally set up. Anyone interested can call me at 643-9433.(Liz Fitts)

Training: The new Fall session is now in full swing with classes having started last week and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is teaching and assisting with classes. This is also an opportunity to again thank Dorothy Douglas for her selfless devotion to the job of registrar in the past and for the framework she left us which allowed for a smooth transition. Our new registrar, Linda McGovern did an outstanding job right from the get go and also provided for a seamless registration. Linda has been right on top of everything and even provided instructors with class rosters in both PDF format as Googledocs. The training committee will soon be discussing the possibility of offering a series of classes as 4-week training modules to be scheduled on Mondays from November 21 through December 12th – Though we do have some ideas proposed by instructors, we'd also appreciate suggestions from the membership. If you can and would like to participate in classes which address specific skills in short 4 week sessions, please do let us know what skills you'd most like to work on or what specific classes would interest you that might fit the half-hour four week format.

Welcome: All new members have received letters.

Motion was made by R. Magee; second: L. LaPier to approve committee reports. All in favor.

For the record, Secretary LaPier announced a new provisional member, Natalie Ward, and one provisional family membership, Jeanne, David & Tom Dustin, who were approved September 6, 2011 by email. Motion was made by L. LaPier, Second: R. Magee and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Questionnaire: 35 questionnaires were returned with 16 votes for renting a larger facility that would be available at additional times, 4 votes for purchasing a facility, 2 votes for building a facility, and 13 votes to continue to rent the current facility with a different contract that allows more flexibility. Members felt that they needed more information before making any decision. Motion was made by R. Magee to ask Don Hoffmann to help with a feasibility study for purchasing a building. Second: K. McCarty.

All in favor. Members will be invited to the next Board meeting to further discuss this issue and listen to D. Hoffmann speak.

Grievance Procedure: At the previous Board meeting, it was decided to form a committee to establish procedures for airing and resolving differences within the club. At this point the committee will be focused on creating the procedures and presenting them to the board *not* in a role of hearing grievances. Thus joining this committee is expected to be a short term task oriented commitment. Those interested should please contact Cathy Cook at hcook2084@charter.net. K. Tromblee offered to assist with this task but other members are welcome to join the committee.

Handbooks: Work is still in progress with the update of the Handbooks.

Communication: Dorothy Douglas has requested permission to continue administering the Facebook page that was created by her this summer to promote Club activities. Motion was made by K. McCarty: "Dorothy Douglas may continue to administer the CCCC Facebook page with the stipulation that it is monitored on a daily basis by the administrator(s) to make sure there are no undesirable postings. It is further suggested that there be more than one administrator." Second: R. Magee. All in favor.

New Business:

Membership List: The Membership List is the responsibility of the Secretary according to the Constitution. In the past, the Newsletter Editor, D. Schroeder, has kept the list up-to-date as a courtesy to the Club. Since she is no longer editing Dog Tales, L. LaPier is designating the upkeep of the list to Treasurer, K. McCarty, who has generously offered to take the responsibility.

Match 2012: Motion was made by K. McCarty to hold the Club's Annual Fun Match at the Crete Center, Plattsburgh, NY next year on the last Sunday in April. Second: R. Magee. Unanimously approved.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will take place at Gander Mountain at 6:30

pm, Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at Gander Mountain Lodge at 6:30 pm. There being no further business at 7:39 pm, L. LaPier moved to adjourn; second: K. McCarty.

The presentation of "Crate Games" by R. Magee followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda LaPier
Secretary

Events:

OBEDIENCE SHOW & GO'S AT ALBANY OBEDIENCE CLUB

Entry fees: \$7 first run, \$5/additional run, same dog.

Registration: 8 to 10:00am; judging begins 9:00. Show like setting with 3 rings.

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Saturday, November 12, 2011

[Directions to 525 Wemple Rd, Glenmont, NY](#)

From the East and South: NYS Thruway to Exit 22. Turn left on Route 144, go about 2.7 miles to Wemple Road. Turn Left on Wemple Road. Site is about 1 mile on left.

From the West: NYS Thruway to Exit 23. Turn right on Route 9W, go about 3.8 miles to Wemple Road (there is a traffic light). Turn left on Wemple Road. Site is about .8 mile on right.

From the North: I-87 (Northway) South to Exit 7 East toward Troy. Take I-787 South toward Albany to the end. Take a right at the light onto Route 9W South. Go about 3.8 miles to Wemple Road (there is a traffic light). Turn left onto Wemple Road. Site is about .8 mile on right.

The following will be appearing in the BOTC catalog for the November Obedience and Rally trials.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DOGS OWNED BY CLINTON COUNTY CANINE CLUB MEMBERS

DURING THE PERIOD OF September 1 2010-August 31 2011

OWNER	DOG NAME	BREED	ACCOMPLISHMENT
Sharon Bishop, Strategy	Flexi	Border Collie	CPE Agility Level 3
Standard, Strategy & Fun	Race	Border Collie	CPE Agility Level 1
Georgiana Clark	Isaiah	Miniature Pincer	Therapy Dog

Tina Hoffman Excellent	Whiskey	Standard Schnauzer	CGC, Therapy Dog
Deb Kreider	Wannahike Northern Spirit, Wannahike Country Siren Novice	Siberian Husky Siberian Husky	A KC Rally Novice AKC Rally
	Innisfree Yukon Inspector Innisfree Jackson, Wannahike	Siberian Husky Siberian Husky	CKC Champion CGC
Champion	Follow Your Bliss, Innisfree Vagabond Spirit at Wannahike	Siberian Husky	CGC CKC CH CKC
Rodney & Linda LaPier and Rally Excellent Therapy Dog with Rod as Handler	A.J.	Rough Collie	AKC Rally Advanced
Robin Magee Open Jumpers, Excellent, Jumper	Saucony ASCA Sprint	Australian Shephard Open: Regular, Jumpers, Australian Shephard	AKC Agility Open, Gamblers, Elite Jumpers CGC
Lori Moffa	Kalorin's Nicnak	West Highland White Terrier	CKC Tracking Dog
Susan Patnode Monica Schmidt Agility Preferred)	Eli Turbo	Standard Schnauzer Shetland Sheepdog	CGC, Therapy Dog AKC OAP (Open
Dorothy Schroeder Dog,, CKC Tracking Dog Excellent.	Sam	Labrador Retriever	AKC Companion
Rebecca Shuman	Rascal	All American	CGC, Therapy Dog
Sue Stoffel	Perley	Australian Shephard	CGC, Therapy Dog
Tracy Terry	Baxter	Jack Russell Terrier	CGC, Therapy Dog
Carol Thom Jumpers (Agility Champion)	Snap Skip	Border Collie Border Collie	AKC Agility Excellent AKC Agility MACH
Karen Tromblee Therapy Dog, AKC Championship,	Ch.Snopaw's Hallelujah Somebuddy's Ticket to Ride	Tibetan Terrier Grand Championship Old English Sheepdog	CGC & CGC
Heather Wright	Roxy	Labrador Retriever	Therapy Dog
Margo Zeglis AI	Amay	Standard Poodle	Therapy Dog

