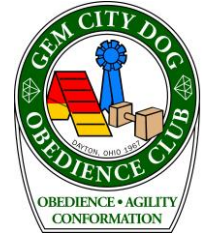


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We are family

Kathy Roberts, President

The other day I was driving home from an agility trial. Our performance that weekend was, shall we say, less than expected. Carson ran out of the ring once and earned the "walk of shame" on another run. While I did some problem solving and re-dedicated myself to working on our teamwork and helping both of us with trial stress, my mind kept thinking about something I overheard another exhibitor say to an observer who was asking about dog training and dog sports.

After explaining about training and sharing some places where he or she could get started in the area, she told him, "Once you start, it becomes a part of you. These people become our family." She explained that, like family, we spend a lot of time with our fellow dog friends and become a big part of their lives and loves. "We share successes and sorrow, like family."

Our vice president, Deb Arnold, has shared this sentiment with me on a number of occasions. "We are family".

I would agree that many of our dog friends are family. Here at Gem City, we are a diverse family of dedicated folks who work hard, play hard, love one another hard, share what the family has and want the best for our family. As with biological families, our extended/hobby families can also try our patience. There are on-going issues about who gets what and "what are we going to have for dinner?" And as family we work it out. We stand firm to help one another when times are tough. We defend our family against that which may attempt to make it weak.

Over the past few months, our family members have had many successes and we celebrate with them. Congratulations to all the first titles, high titles, graduations, clean bills of health and new fur kids.

Some of our family members have suffered. Some have been lost. We join to help those who are hurting and grieve for those who will no longer walk among us.

As with our biological families, some of our GCDOC family members see things differently from one another. And



Carson, trial secretary

sometimes members share their thoughts in a manner that other family members find challenging. Getting things done is a balancing act. Some ideas and actions are met with pleasure and some not so much.

I honestly believe that the members of your Gem City Board are honest, hard-working volunteers who want to help make your club the best it can be. Please try to remember this. When you with to criticize, think about offering a helping hand. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." By offering to help, and getting to know your family members better, you may, forge a relationship you never thought possible.

I always feel as if I need to send a big shout out to those who volunteer to make this amazing family successful. Without instructors, mowers, painters, someone to repair broken equipment or facilities, manage the outside rentals, pay the bills and serve on the board, our family would be lost. **Thank you.** In particular, I wish to thank two of those volunteers who have been serving on the Gem City board for a number of years and have decided to step down this year. Carole Lenehan and Gayle Ingram have decided to not run for the future Gem City board.

Carole Lenehan is a legend. I knew she did a lot, but had no idea how much until I re-joined the board in late 2011.

**The next membership meeting will be
Monday September 16, 2013 at**

7: 00 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

GEM CITY BUILDING ON SPRINGFIELD STREET

TIME 7:00PM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Come and find out what's happening at your club!

AKC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIAL

SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2013 AT THE BUILDING.

COME AND WATCH THE FUN, AND EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS.

AKC AGILITY TRIAL

THE OUTDOOR PAVILLION AT THE CHAMPION CENTER

OCTOBER 4TH, AND 6, 2013

Maggie Melton is trial chair.

Contact Cheri Davis if you are interested in gathering equipment.

Contact Deb Werts if you are available and interested in helping pack up on Sunday.

MVPTA HOWLOWEEN WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2013 AT INDIAN RIFFLE PARK IN KETTERING.

OUR OWN CANINE CADENCE IS PERFORMING. WE ARE SPONSORING THE EVENT AGAIN THIS YEAR.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

GEM CITY BUILDING ON SPRINGFIELD STREET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013 AT 6:00PM

Bring a covered dish to share!

Voting for club officers for 2014



AKC EARTHDOG EVENT

GEM CITY LAND ON VALLEYCREST

NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2013 AT THE LAND

Come out and watch terriers do what their bred to do.

Mark Your Calendar:

February 1, 2014 is the Awards Banquet

Interested in being on the planning committee? Contact Cheri Davis: cheri3866@yahoo.com

Family continued

Carole, not only serves as head registrar, she keeps the Club Calendar and manages the outside building and land rentals. Carole is wise and steadfast in her dedication and service to our club. She has never said no, when asked to help out. She is a consummate help and her service will be missed. We respect her commitments to other parts of her life and understand her need for a break. She remains an instrumental member of CCC and we hope, will continue to remain a valued and helpful member of the Gem City family.

Gayle Ingram has been secretary extraordinaire. Since late 2010 when Gayle joined the board as secretary, she has worked hard to record the happenings of meetings and document procedures and rules to help keep our family buzzing in the same direction.

Thank you both Carole and Gayle. I and other members of the board will sincerely miss your help!!!!!!

Finally, I have been getting a lot of questions about our future facilities. Our current lease expires in 2016. We may choose to renew this lease. To understand if renewal is the most sensible course, however, a number of us are on the look out for alternative quarters. I will be asking the board to formally establish a future facilities committee that will not only search for alternatives, but help with needs assessment and financial viability. If you have particular skills or experiences in the area of real estate, building construction, re-modeling or real estate financing that you like to share with your GCDCC family, please contact me.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

With care for member and guest safety, we have purchased an AED device for the Club. This An **automated external defibrillator (AED)** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac emergencies and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layman. **While at the building the AED is located on the east wall of front room, adjacent to the downstairs ramp and the east entrance to the back room. This provides the most access for all areas of the building. During our membership meeting, we will have a demonstration of the unit.** The AED will be taken to the land when there are events and to other off-site locations.

NEW CLEAN UP STATIONS

We are sprucing up the outside of the Springfield Street Building with new "Clean Up Stations." The trash cans we have had in the past, have been wearing out, the lids get lost, and rain gets into the waste containers. So, at the urging of our Cleaning Committee Chair, Leah Schiller, we have secured three clean up stations that are attached to poles that have been cemented into the ground. These stations are rain proof and present a professional image to our members and our guests. I would like to thank Leah and her husband, Rick who assembled and installed the new stations.



2014 Gem City Board

We elect the Gem City Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting on November 1st, 2014.

To date the slate of nominations is:

President:	Kathy Roberts
Vice President:	Deb Arnold
Secretary:	Barb Swigart
Treasurer:	Elaine Stoerner
Membership:	Krista Anthony
At Large:	Ronalee McKnight
At Large:	
Registrar:	Karen Pompei

The At Large positions are two years. Mary Beam and Curt Givens term does not end until 2014.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions contact Karen Pompei: kpompei@woh.rr.com

Directors are appointed by the board. Applications have been received for Director of Obedience and Director of Conformation.

New editor for the Crateline also needed.

Barnhunt:

Curt Givens has been getting a lot of questions about Barnhunt. If you are interested and willing to commit to helping get this sport at Gem City, contact Curt at kc8ste@clearwire.net with a cc to Krista Williams at krissydox@insight.rr.com. Krissy is one of the current Barnhunt judges and will be leading the effort to get Barnhunt going in our area. This is separate from Earthdog, and Curt will not be leading.

LEARNING GAMES

by Pam Murn, Obedience Director

Puppy push-ups provide a good foundation for the basic obedience behaviors your dog will need to participate in a variety of dog sports. Your dog should be able to accomplish behaviors from any position. The behaviors and position combinations are; sit from stand, down from sit, stand from down, down from stand (sometimes called the fold back down), sit from down, and stand from sit. Teach each behavior separately and systematically. The learning game requires consistency and repetition. The behaviors do not need to be taught in any particular order. Teach all behavior in front of you (dog facing you) and beside you (in heel position). For example, to teach the sit in heel position, start by luring the dog into heel position. With the treat in your left hand raise your hand over the dog's head and slightly behind him. When he sits, mark the behavior, with your conditioned reinforcer (word, example; good or yes), and release the treat into his mouth. Pay particular attention to the order, it is important to the learning game. Be sure to mark the behavior when it occurs and before you treat the dog. Now take a few steps forward and repeat the sequence. When the dog is quickly and reliably doing the behavior each time, you are ready to add the word "sit". With your dog standing in heel position, say "sit" then raise your hand over the dog's head, repeating the rest of the sequence. Treat your dog each time he does the behavior. Your dog should be sitting quickly after a few five minute sessions. The next session, you are ready to introduce another behavior, such as the down from sit or stand from sit. Use the same system to teach all the behaviors. Treat every time when teaching a new behavior. When your dog is doing a behavior quickly and reliably each time you say the word, you are ready to remove the lure. Leave the tasty treat in your treat pouch. Be careful not to finger the treat pouch. Now say the word and then use your hand signal without a treat in your hand. When your dog does the behavior, mark the behavior with your conditioned reinforcer, then reach into your treat pouch and give the dog the treat from your hand in the position you would have given the treat had you lured the dog (important). Once you have taught all the behaviors you are ready to practice them in random order. Do **not** always practice puppy pushups in the same order. Dogs pattern train easily. It is important that your dog learn the word and hand signal for each position. You can make index cards and shuffle them to determine the order and play the game with your dog. After learning puppy pushups you are ready to Rally. Well, you may have to work on a little heeling, but that's another topic.

Need Hours?

*Ring stewards are needed for the
AKC obedience and Rally trials*

September 21 and 22

Contact Becky Garlitz bgarlitz@aol.com

Or 937-299-5060 to volunteer

NEW TITLE CONGRATULATIONS

**Bill Alles and Brogan earned their Companion Dog Title (CD)
Kathy Hilt and Shelby earned their Rally Excellent title (RE)
with a first place.**

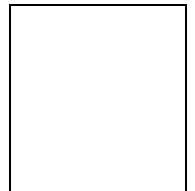


Membership meeting on September 16th, 2013 at 7pm



**Annual Membership Meeting , Carry-in and election of officers
Friday, November 1st, 2013
6:00pm
Bring a chair and a covered dish to share.**

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