# CRATELINER



April 2012

### GEM CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Rick and Kathy Roberts and their hound crew in 2007...Top Row; Sam, Maxi, Callie. Bottom Row; Roscoe and Beau at the bridge and running free

Happy spring!. To those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting or working with on some project or another, my name is Kathy Roberts and I assumed the office of Club President at our November annual meeting.

First, let me say that I am proud to be associated with such caring and skilled dog trainers and handlers and I also wish to share my pride in our Club's ability to manage large trials and shows. We have a great deal of talent and a number of extremely hard workers in this Club who make all our activities and the benefits of Club membership as robust as they are.

For my first article, I thought and thought about what to share with you and I decided to express my enthusiasm for our organization, dogs and my dog friends through the philosophy I learned from my

mentor Roscoe.

For those of you who do not know Roscoe; he is one of the basset hounds Rick and I lost this past year. He was a gentle spirit with a strong purpose in life. He came to us in 2004 after being pulled in a dog fighting raid in Athens County. Due to his age, he was scheduled to be put down when Ohio Basset Rescue took him. We were supposed to foster him, but we all know how that turned out. In any event, Roscoe's way of living life and bouncing back from adversity inspired me every day. I think there are lessons for all of us.

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#### THE GEM CITY UNDERGROUND

This spring is officially here and earthdog is getting ready to start working, practicing and testing.

The first test this spring will be the Buckeye Dachshund Club at Valley Crest May 12th and 13th. The premium should be out soon and I will have it available when we get it. Linda is serving as secretary for the tests and Jeannette Burger and I are judging. Our spring test

will be the weekend of June 9th and 10th. Chris Burger is chairing and Linda is secretary, I will be at a family wedding that weekend but you can still contact any of us if you can help or if you need entry information.

We are planning several work and practice days in April and hope to get at least one day in in May. Exact dates and times will be announced on the Gem City mail list and on the announcement list I run on yahoo.

If you want to keep up with earthdog at gem City consider subscribing to my list Gem City Earthdog@yahoogroups.com. Best two ways to do this is go to the group page and ask to join or send a blank message to Gem City Earthdogsubscribe@yahoogoups.com.

Any questions or to volunteer for our tests you can reach me at <a href="mailto:kc8ste@clearwire.net">kc8ste@clearwire.net</a>, Linda at <a href="mailto:khachsmom@clearwire.net">khachsmom@clearwire.net</a> or Chris at <a href="mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto:mailto

See you underground in the dirt,

Curt

Curt Givens KC8STE Earthdog Director GCAC Page 2 Crateliner

### INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS ON CLASS REGISTRATION

### 2012

### **GCDOC**

### Board Members

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Kathy Roberts

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Please check the member directory for addresses and phone numbers.



ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER (OR) NEW STUDENT AND WANT TO KNOW WHO THE REGISTRARS ARE FOR YOUR CLASSES. CYNTHIA ALLES IS THE PUPPY CLASS REGISTRAR callme4@fuse.net . CINDY HANDLES THE YOUNG PUPPIES FROM 3 MONTHS TO 9 MONTHS OLD. REG-ISTRAR, ROBERTA RU-PERT, rrupert48@att.net WILL ASSIST YOU IN EN-TERING ALL DOGS OVER 9 MONTHS OLD IN THE BE-GINNER CLASSES. AFTER THE BEGINNER CLASSES. IF YOU AND YOUR DOG ARE READY, YOU CAN START WITH THE AD-VANCED BEGINNER CLAS-SES AND REGISTRAR CAR-OL CARTER,

ccarter@smdcd.org WILL HELP YOU GET INTO THOSE CLASSES. WHEN YOU ARE REALLY IN THE SWING OF THINGS AND ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SHOWING YOUR DOG IN OBEDIENCE THEN YOU NEED TO WORK WITH TRISHA HARGIS, akachewee@yahoo.com AS SHE IS THE NOVICE AND OPEN REGISTRAR. ALL OF THE ADVANCED CLASSES ARE GOOD TRAINING, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF SHOWING YOUR DOG, BUT YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN THAT SHOW BUG HITS YOU.

THE RALLY CLASSES ARE HANDLED BY REGISTRAR, ELAINE STOERMER, pwc823emstoer@aol.com. FOR CONFORMATION CLASSES YOU NEED TO CONTACT REGISTRAR, TRISH CLUTE, Tavamac@aol.com. FOR FREESTYLE CLASSES CONTACT REGISTRAR, PAM MURN, myeltneb@aol.com . THE REG-ISTRAR FOR AGILITY CLASSES IS MAGGIE MEL-TON, purple.haze@sbcglobal.net.

OUR PHONE REGISTRARS ARE: MAIN PHONE LINE, TERRI HENDRIX--- LEEANNE MEDINA, PUPPY LINE ---MONICA DONOHOO, BEGINNER PHONE LINE. ALL THE OTHER PHONE LINES ARE HANDLED BY THE REGISTRAR OF THAT CLASS.

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE REGISTRATION PAPERWORK FOR WHICHEVER CLASS YOU ARE ENTERING AND SUBMIT THE PAPERWORK AND PAYMENT TO THAT REGISTRAR.

THANKS FOR CHOOSING GEM CITY FOR YOUR TRAINING NEEDS. WE TRAIN YOU TO TRAIN YOUR DOG.

CAROLE LENEHAN, HEAD REGISTRAR

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

by Krista Anthony

Hello and welcome every-

At our April membership meeting we will be voting in 4 new members, Wende Call ,Jennifer Varick, Jessa Brown.and Christina Ludwig.

Membership directories will be available at the membership meeting. If you are not at the meeting, they will be mailed out the following week. We will also have an electronic version available this year. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:anthonyko1@yahoo.com">anthonyko1@yahoo.com</a> for a copy.

I would like to take a minute and address a few things that I am asked all the time. How do I get hours? This question is the most common question I get. To stay an active member you have to work a minimum of 10 hours a year. So, how do you get hours? The answer is what would you like to do? There is always a need for help at agility, obedience/ rally and confirmation trials. Do not worry if you do not know how to do a job, there is always someone there to teach you. Now with the weather turning nice, we can always use helpers out at the land. If you like to garden we have a very nice garden right in front of the building. If you like to weed eat, we have plenty of trees and fencing out there to satisfy your passion. We also have a nice cleaning crew that

meets weekly at our building that could use your help.

Another question I get is how many hours do I currently have? Well... we are working on a solution to this. One option is posting a report under the member's only tab on the website. I could also post a list at the building for the members who do not have internet access. If you have any other ideas, I am open to any suggestions that you may have.

The last thing that has been suggested to me is a welcoming committee. I love this idea and would love to get a committee together to get this started. If you would like to be involved please let me know and we will get this started.

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#### **OBEDIENCE**

Hi everyone! The obedience team at Gem City has been busy. We started with an instructors meeting in December and the first two sessions of 2012 have been full!! I encourage anyone who is interested in teaching to contact me as we are looking for individuals to instruct/assist in classes---we need new people to step up and help teach(we have outlines to follow in classes). We have some instructors/ assistants that would like to take time off to train their own new pups/rescues!

Obedience is the backbone of everything you do with your dog! We are currently offering the following classes: (I apologize if I left out any names; all those that teach deserve to be recognized!!)

Puppy classes on Tuesday and Wednesday nights-great to gain confidence, social skills and basic commands (Jennifer Ison, Monica Donohoo, Karen Pettlo, Annie & Russell Milliron, Kathi Kaufman, Nikol Marsh)

Puppy Grad class on Tuesday night-for those continuing

Just a quick note: AKC now recognizes Pet Therapy for a title (currently Miami Valley Pet Therapy and VITAS Hospice are the two local programs that you can be certified in and use your visits to count towards the AKC Pet Therapy Title). Check the AKC website for more information.

on from puppy classes or older pups that come in for the first time! New expectations and commands are taught! (Mary Beam, Carol Lenehan, Eleanor Woods)

Beginner classes on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday nights and Thursday morning-for those coming from Puppy and Puppy Grad or older dogs starting out. Work on all basic commands and confidence in healing and staying. (Karen Rheinberger, Christina Ludwig, Emma Stone, Becky Brown, Ester Kadash, Dede McElroy, Lori & Ernie Genaw, Bill Alles, Laura Lucite, Roberta Rupert, Nancy Beeman, Barb & Keith).

Advanced Beginner classes on Tuesday night and Thursday morning – great for really polishing up those basic commands and preparing for quick results in training (Roberta Rupert, Nancy Beeman, Barb & Keith, Ronalee McKnight, John Clifford, Christina Ludwig).

The Thursday night class has been combined with Tuesday night for the first two sessions due to small turn outs in the Thursday night class.

Novice and Open classes on Thursday night – perfecting obedience skills to show in the obedience/ rally rings and for those that want more bonding time with their furry friends! (Pam Murn, Becky Garlic, Kathy Combs, Elaine Stoermer, from time to time: Doug Scott and Tami Woodrow)

Rally class on Tuesday nights, offer both beginners and advanced – needs no description, what a fun way to spend time with your dogtalking and walking! (Elaine Stoermer, Linda Friedline, and Michael Gilbert)

Our volunteer instructors/ assistants provide a wonderful source of information for our members and outside handlers. Please let any of them know of suggestions you might have regarding classes or topics to add to the classes.

VITAS Hospice will be holding an event in our building on June 9th from 1 pm to 3 pm. This seminar is being given by Dr. Julie Servaites, certified veterinary acupuncture on "Boost Energy and Manage Your Dogs Stress". VITAS Hospice Paw Pal volunteers and Gem City members will be invited to attend (more information will be located in the building, RSVP will be required). VITAS is a great organization, I can honestly say that it's been the most rewarding thing I've done with my retired canine companions!

Keep the energy level going and remember: SIT HAP-PENS at Gem City Dog Obedience Club!

Ronalee McKnight

Obedience Director for 2012





Meghan and Charlie

There were many Gem City
members showing at the
Crossroads UKC obedience
trial in March. It is
always neat to see members
out at shows and especially
to see Junior handlers like
Meghan showing and doing well

Gem City will have their annual AKC Obedience/Rally trial on September 22-23, 2012 at the building. This is an exciting event and they are looking now to fill all the worker positions for the trialring stewards, food, set up/tear down. Please contact Trial Chair, Pam Murn (myeltneb@aol.com) Or Chief Ring Steward, Becky Garltic, (bgarltic@mail.com) to volunteer, all help is appreciated. Thanks to Trial Secretary: Elaine Stoermer, Committee members: Kathy Combs, Karen Rheinberger, Becky Garltic and Sigalia Cannon, for getting preparations for the trial underway.

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### Cleaning Committee Members

The cleaning committee meets every Friday morning to clean our building. They work hard, but find time for fellowship and have been known to share treats for their birthdays or no occasion at all. If you would like to help out on the cleaning committee, contact Leah Schiller at 937-845-1050

The Gem City Cleaning Committee are: Leah Schiller

Marcía and Gene Bashor

Tay Brewer Carol Coffey Cindy Englebrecht (occasionally)

Kim Eidemiller Anne Fee

Dave and Grace Forrai (occasionally)

Becky Garltic (occasionally)

Terri Jerkes

Mary Kemphues Lynne Ranney

Thanks to all of you for your help with our building. You do a wonderful job!



One of Elaine's Rally Students

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### It is all about playing with your friends.

One of the things that attracted us to Roscoe was his desire to play with toys. As old as he was, he always found a way to get hold of toy or begin a game of tug.

We never know when life will take a sudden turn. Our Dog Club is a sanctuary where we can play and have fun with our dogs and other people who love dogs. Take as many opportunities to come and play or help out. We are fortunate enough to be able to afford a nice training facility and lots of friends we know and those perhaps we have never met who know a lot of about dogs and training them. Please take advantage of the opportunities to expand your horizons and try something new. Perhaps a Rally Obedience class? Or have you considered FreeStyle?

# Have an attitude of gratitude...A Thank You goes a long way.

Roscoe was persistent about what he wanted. When it was time to eat, it WAS time to eat. But he also was very generous with his cuddling and love.

Remember that all of us help make the Club what it is. I am really trying to give a shout out to those of you who work so hard to make our Club a success. Every single day there is an opportunity to say Thank You. I would like to start with thanking the Banquet Com-How bout those mittee. decorations? Cindy Alles and the team did an outstanding job I would also like to give a big shout out to Lori Genaw and Ronalee McKnight for the great slide shows. That was A LOT of work. By the way, we will have an encore performance of the slide shows at our April membership meeting. This will give us a chance to show off the new projector purchased by the Club.

And then there is the great team effort that helped support the AKC agility trial at the Clark County Fairgrounds at the end of February. Cheri Davis stepped up and chaired the event and Patty Jones served in the foundation job as trial secretary. These hard working ladies were backed up by countless committee members and club volunteers who worked hard in to make the event one of our strongest.

I have asked my fellow board members to share the names of those who serve on the committees in the committee call out section of this newsletter or in their respective articles. These committee volunteers offer their counsel and labor to manage our Club. I hope you take the time to see what others are doing and thank them for their efforts or perhaps offer to help as well.

# Some things are indeed worth barking about and working for (I added the working part)

As mentioned above, meal time was sacred to Roscoe. When it approached his meal time, he began dancing and barking. He would run between the room we were in and the kitchen. We knew what he expected.

Successfully managing an all volunteer organization requires the time and talent of everyone. To pay our rent, utilities and insurance, buy

equipment and supplies and maintain our land our Club hosts or provides support to over 15 events throughout the year. We also provide over 20 classes in obedience, agility, freestyle and conformation nearly every week of the year. And this is only done with the hard work of instructors, registrars, trial chairs, secretaries, ring workers, food committee volunteers, lawn mowers, building cleaners and .... Ok you get my point.

"Many hands make light work." (John Heywood) There are so many opportunities for you to become more involved and help out. Over the next few months we have a lot of work to do. There is a land work day, a building work day, a few agility trials, an earth dog test--- see calendar. Please step up.

## Resilience in the face of adversity makes you stronger.

Roscoe had a very hard life from a health perspective. When he came to us, he was HW positive. He sailed through the treatment, only to begin developing epileptic seizures. He was not the best bred dog and his dysplastic hips made it hard for him to walk. But walk he did (and at dinner time, he ran). He bounced back from all of his adversity and rallied to the grand age of either 14 or 15 or And for a basset hound, that is saying something.

Sometimes while training our dogs, we find that we take one step forward and two back. Be persistent, be resilient and keep on

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trying. There are a number of folks here at the Club, who will help you.

As an organization, we can face adversity as well. The economy has not been the best. The Club's financial situation has been impacted by changes in the competitive landscape and exhibitor preferences as well as other issues. To achieve future growth we may need to change the way we do Your Board of things. Directors is in the process of formalizing annual budgets and once this is done, we will begin longrange planning and we will need your help. More on this later.

### Love your life...and those you are with

As mentioned our big boy did not come from the best situation before he came to us. But, I believe he loved everyone. Remember that while we are dog people, we are also people who love our dogs. Treat each other with the respect and care that you would wish bestowed on you and follow the rules. These rules are in place to help or organization function at its best. It is easy to criticize when you have not walked a mile in one another's shoes. So, think before you bark and offer a helping hand.

Over the next six months or so, we have a lot of work to do. Our membership will embark on a long-range planning process that should enable the organization to focus on key goals and expected results.

We need your help with this project in addition to maintaining the properties and supporting the events we host to pay our bills.

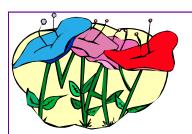
Your input and talent will be requested in several areas including: providing feedback about your experiences as a Club member and volunteer, visiting and learning about other clubs, interviewing key folks in the dog world, crunching numbers and making decisions.

This process will kick off in May. So please attend the Membership meeting to learn more about the process and see how your time and talent can help sustain and grow the Club we love.

I hope to get to know all of you and work with everyone to move our Club forward and provide a legacy of dog training and dog sports in our area. And remember if we follow Roscoe's lessons we will move to a place together that is greater than where any of us can go alone.

So, say it with me now... play hard, say thank you, bark when you really need to bark, work hard, keep trying and be kind to one another.

Kathy Roberts



### IT'S A SPRING FLING LAND WORK DAY

SAT APRIL 28, 2012 9 AM-1 OR 2

This is our annual work day to get the land ready for the summer trial and training season. We kick start the clean up with a collective effort. Please come out and help. We have fun, food and truly feel a sense of accomplishment.

For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at 937-750-9000







Building Maintenance

John and Sigalia have assumed the role of building handy persons. John and Sigalia take care of nearly every minor to major repairs at the building. Recently they arranged for the replacement of our new steel door. Thank you



### Land Maintenance

While we do not consider ourselves a committee per se, there are a number of hard workers who help get and keep the land in its trial and class ready state all of the warm weather season. If you would like to help out on this committee, contact Rick Roberts at 937-750-9002. The faithful bunch who helped regularly with land maintenance last summer are:

Rick Roberts (Chair)
Mark & Jan Garlikov
Curt Givens
Tom Lenehan
Joann Jozwiak
Bob Miller
Dede McElroy
Sandy Price
Kathy Roberts
New to the committee.

New to the committee are Barb and Keith Swigart, who appear to be handy with chain saws are helping to clear the fence line. Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication. Can't wait to see you at the land work day.

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### Let's Get Ready to Raffle

Its Furry Skurry Time again and Gem City Members are opening their hearts to the homeless animals with our annual fund raising raffle.

This year, we will be hosting a super raffle to benefit the Humane Society of Greater Dayton and the Clark County Humane Society.

Here is how it works: raffle donations will be accepted up to and including the April 23, membership meeting.

Raffle volunteers will assemble and display prizes and display items at the Gem City Building the week of April 30. All of the items will be moved to the land for the CCC trial May 5&6. Tickets will be on sale, April 30 – Sunday May 6.

Drawing May 6, 2012 around 1 pm. You will need not be present to win.

Please be generous with your donations and your ticket support. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to these two organizations equally.

#### CONFORMATION

Hello GCDOC members,

It is that time of the year when people are showing their dogs. Many club members have had wonderful wins and successes. Some of the news has spread through the yahoo group but if you would like your achievements in the Crateliner please email me at sscott21375@woh.rr.com.

Currently, I am looking for members inter-

ested in serving as Show Chair, Ring Stewards, Cleaning, and Hospitality for the November Conformation show. Every person that volunteers will be educated on the positions duties. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at <a href="mailto:sscot-">sscot-</a>

t21375@woh.rr.com. Volunteers are need **by April 30**, **2012**. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are interested in taking a handling class remember to contact the instructor, Trish Clute. Spaces are limited. The walk through class is Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. Nonmembers are required to sign a release form. Cost is \$5.00 for nonmembers.

Good luck showing,
Jennifer Scott
Conformation Director

#### NATIONAL NEWS

At the Gem City Agility trial held in October, my tricolored sheltie, Tucker, qualified for the AKC National Agility Championships held in Reno, Nevada. Since I thought it would be one of the few times I would ever get to go to a National Championship, we packed up the CR-V and Tucker, Dazzle, my husband Lee, and I headed to Reno, Nevada last Monday night.



Tucker

It was a whirlwind trip. We traveled through 3 time zones, wind gusts to 50 mph, snow, 84 degrees and sunshine. We lost both low beam headlights and had to replace them in the parking lot of the hotel in Reno. The wind blew the driver's side windshield wiper off the car and we had to find a Walmart in Salt Lake City, Utah to replace that.

Despite the car adventures, Tucker and I had some nice runs. We ran 5 courses over the weekend. We were clean in 3 of the 5, but a timer glitch and my lack of persuasion kept us from one of the ribbons. Tucker and I had a clean run in the warm up standard course on Friday. Also on Friday, Tucker bailed off a squeaky teeter in the Time to Beat sequence (Teeters have always been her nemesis.). but she successfully crossed the same teeter in the hybrid run on Sunday.

For all of those in Rob and Kandy Robinson's class, we successfully executed a "backy-uppie" in that same hybrid sequence. Tucker and I qualified and received our green ribbon for the standard run on Saturday.

All-in-all we were happy with the weekend. We got a ribbon from the AKC Nationals: Tucker got to partake of all kinds of different treat experiences; we were successful in most of our runs and even when we didn't qualify, we completed the tricky portions of the sequences. The best part of all was getting to cross the country with my husband and dogs to compete with some of the best dog/handler teams in the nation. What an awesome experience!

**Deb Werts** 

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#### AGILITY NEWS

It takes a lot a work and a lot of volunteers to run our agility program. Every job is important and we certainly appreciate all those that serve on committees and volunteer for extra projects. These include all those that help with trials, instructing classes, maintaining equipment, cleaning our floors, mowing our rings, setting up and designing courses for classes, and the list goes on. One of our important jobs is making sure our timing system works properly at trials. We are currently in need of

a couple of members who would be interesting in learning how to set up our timing system at AKC trials. Mike Kacik is our current timer guru, but everyone needs a backup crew. Volunteers would be responsible for making arrangements for getting the all the timing equipment to the trial, unpacking and setting it up, and making sure it is re-packed correctly after the trial. Our timers are very expensive pieces of equipment that needs to be taken care of properly. Please let

us know if you would be willing to help us out.

Equipment maintenance is also another time consuming but necessary job. It seems like a never ending battle to keep things in good repair. James Stephenson has taken on this task, so if you see something broken or have concerns about the condition of a piece of our agility equipment, please let James know.

Maggie Melton

### Important Rules to Remember....

When training at the building or land outside of classes, please be considerate of others who may also be training at the same time. There are no set rules about sharing the back room or a ring, but common sense and common courtesy should prevail. Give each other space, maintain control of your dog, share the equipment, and above be respectful. There's no reason several people cannot train at the same time.

#### TRAINING TIP

### TRAIN HARD TRIAL EASY!

How many times has it happened to you? You're running a course and all of a sudden you lose track of your dog. How did that happen? Did your dog check in with you to see what obstacle was next? Were you giving your dog the correct signal at the appropriate time? Did you take your eyes of your dog breaking that subtle constant communication between you and your dog? Now we all know that you can't look your dog in the eye the whole time you are running a course because you need to maneuver your way around the obstacles. So how do we keep that visual communication going when we have to look away? Try walking across the room and without turning your head, use your peripheral vision to see what is going on around you. Now, walk the course. Pretend your dog is running beside you. Look at where your dog will take-off and land. Imagine a turn or where he will exit a tunnel. Practice using your peripheral vision and it will eventually become a habit keeping that connection of communication between you and your dog.

### Important Dates to Remember.....

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 – Last Week of Session 2 Classes

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – First Week of Session 3 Classes

June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 – AKC Agiltiy (Gem City Land Facility)

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Summer Break

### Marketing and Public Relations:

Thanks to those who volunteered for the committee: Becki Brown, Connie Martin, Gayle Ingram, Stacie Parks, Jennifer Looper, Karen Pompei, and Alicia Sanders. New members are always welcome!

The committee will meet just prior to the April membership meeting at 6:15 pm.

As part of our marketing efforts, we have donated gift certificates to the Think TV auction, the Second Chance rescue fundraiser, and a basket to the West Central Ohio Hunting Retriever Club for a raffle held at their annual hunt test.

We also plan on having a booth at the Healthy Pet Fair at the Dayton Emergency Clinic on April 28, 2012. If you're interested in helping with that event, please contact Cheri Davis (<a href="mailto:cheri3866@yahoo.com">cheri3866@yahoo.com</a>).

**Gem City needs a slogan!** In the past we've used "We train you to train your dog". I've also seen "Sit happens at Gem City Dog Obedience Club". We need something catchy! Submit your entries to Cheri Davis (<a href="mailto:cheri3866@yahoo.com">cheri3866@yahoo.com</a>) by April 22, 2012. We'll the Marketing Committee will review, and the membership will vote at the membership meeting. A basket will be awarded to person suggesting the winning slogan! Put your thinking caps on!

### Cheri Davis and the gang



Casey, and Kirby, the rowdy boys, Tugger and Kali, the senior duo my Bella, who is waiting at the Rainbow Bridge



### Gem City Dog Obedience Club

We Train You to Train Your Dog

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> We're on the Web! Www.gcdoc.com

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