

CRATELINER

GEM CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB



June 2012

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

Why is it that when I was younger, summer seemed to last a whole lot longer? I recall thinking that the time from our last day of school for the summer and the day we returned in a new grade was endless.

Now, it seems we are packing so much fun into so little time. Family vacations, gardening, far away trials, community festivals all seem to have made their way into our lives. And time seems to fly by without a glimpse. First, I would like to wish everyone safe and fun travels if you are leaving town for shows and vacations. If not, I wish you joyful and fun times at home with your family and furry friends.

Unlike our school days, time does not stand still in the world of dog training and dog sports. The Club will take a short vacation

from classes to allow instructors to take a short break. Classes will resume the week of July 30. But the business of the Club continues and we have a membership meeting on Monday June 25, 2012 7pm, at the building. Dr. Susan Fife will present a brief talk on canine conditioning at 7 and we will start the meeting at 7:30 pm.

At this meeting, we will have our brief board member reports and we will be working in small groups on one of our strategic planning exercises. What? Strategic
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OBEDIENCE

by Obedience Director, Ronalee McKnight

Busy Session 3 is mid-way through with full classes everywhere!!! This is the last session of training with a nice couple weeks off before starting back up again for the fall (week of July 30th)!

There are a couple of Rally Obedience titles that need to be mentioned:

Nicki with help from Pam Murn obtained their RAE

Chase and Lin Freidline obtained their RAE

The AKC Rally Obedience RAE is the highest title in Rally!

I'm still looking for members interested in becoming instructors/ assistants. Please contact me in the next couple of weeks if you are interested in helping out for the upcoming sessions. We have some

great instructors now and we would like to get more people trained! Remember: **SIT HAPPENS** AT GEM CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB!

We will be offering a mini class for those members with young dogs (must have already taken puppy class or puppy grad) that would be willing to try out the new class. The goal of the mini class (will be 4-



Linda and Chase

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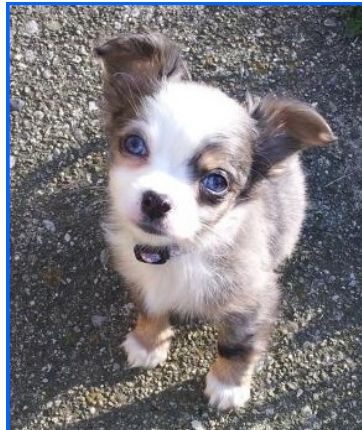
Curt Givens

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Please check the member directory for addresses and phone numbers.



NEW FUR KID



Laura Lucente's "Orville's Pride" call name "Popcorn"



The Canine Cadence Drill Team marched in THAT DAY IN MAY PARADE. This parade is held in Oakwood every year. This is the second time we have gone to march as a unit in this parade. Thanks to all who participated. It is not very long, so easy to walk. We all had a good time.

Canine Cadence has been representing Gem City for about five years. We only go out five or six times a year to perform at local dog related festivals and functions. If you know of any dog "happenings" where we could perform, please let us know. It is a way to advertise our club. This group practices once a month. We have a lot of fun, and the dogs really seem to enjoy it. Watch for us. One of the events we will do again this year is our own Responsible Dog Owners Day.

Respectfully submitted by,

Morene Stickrod, and Rockin' Rally Stickrod.

FREESTYLE

by Pam Murn

Gems and Stars will be hosting a workshop with presenter Paula Everett 9:00am to 4:00pm July 21st lunch is included doors open at 8:00am, pre registration: \$25.00, working, \$15.00 audit, \$20.00 jr. working, \$10.00 audit, jr. day of event: \$35.00, working, \$25.00 audit, \$30.00 jr. working, \$20.00 audit, jr. visit <http://www.gcdoc.com/images/GCDOC/Events/2012/07/Flyer.JulyLong2012.pdf> for more information and the registration form.

On Sunday July 22 we will host an "Innovation Extravaganza" a glorified freestyle fun match, dress in costume (optional), for a great training experience. Treats and toys are permitted to be

used discreetly. Doors Open 9:00 with coffee and coffee-cake. Open floor time 9:30 to 10:30. Opening Ceremonies are at 10:30. The show begins 10:45, with a break for lunch at 1:00. The show resumes at 2:00, 'till all dogs perform. Several "People's Choice" awards will be given. Lunch will be provided, donations are appreciated.

Paula will also be offering private lessons on Sunday, working around the Extravaganza. Contact Pam Murn myeltnb@aol.com for more information.

Freestylers Anne Fee, Jessa Brown and Laverne Hopper are doing awesome in the Tuesday evening class. Their dogs have some really cool and original moves. If

you are at the building on Tuesday from 6-7 stop and watch. You too can teach your dog to dance. The next beginner class will start September 24th. Dogs with basic obedience skills, (through advanced beginner class) and able to work with a dropped leash are welcome to take the class.

Congratulations to Freestylers Jessa Brown and Coda, Connie Martin and Hoss, and Michael Gilbert and Wolfe on earning legs and titles in Davisburg Michigan along with my own Nickie. We saw some great routines and came back with lots of ideas for our next performances (I saw Jessa and Coda working on a few of them already).

DOCK JUMPING



Storie McKnight

Storie McKnight, competing in Dock Diving less than a year, is working on her UKC Grand Master Champi-

onship. Best splash to date is 23'8".

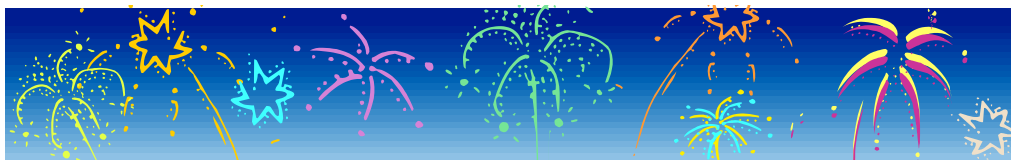
Deb Arnold and Tink tried

out Dock Diving in Columbus and took 2nd place in their division.

Trish Clute and Molly tried out Dock Diving in Lancaster, Molly still isn't sure about the jump from the dock, but loves the water!

Tami Woodrow also went to Lancaster and both Piper and Cooper thought jumping off the dock into cool water was great on a 90 degree day! She has first splashes toward her UKC title on both of them now!

By Ronalee McKnight



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

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planning at a membership meeting? Relax, it will be fun. Here is what we are doing.

The foundation of our organizational plan is the values we live by. By the time you read this, a small group of volunteers will have created a long list of potential organizational values. You will have, or soon will receive an email invitation to answer a survey where your personal rating of these values will be combined with the opinions of your other Gem City members.

At the membership meeting, we will work in small groups to further refine these results. Mindy Clark, one of our members trained to facilitate large groups will lead this discussion. So, please come and make your voice be heard. Also during this meetings, I will announce additional work sessions to further refine these statements for board endorsement and member approval.

On another topic, I would be remiss if I did not recognize all of the hard working members who

came out and worked at our land work day on April 28. We got rained on about 11:30, but before then we got a lot done. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

And thank you to all who helped at the CCC agility trial, Gem City AKC trial, Earthdog trail, the Furry Skurry Booth and SICSA walk booth. If you like seeing the building clean and the land mowed, thank our cleaning committee and land maintenance committees. This is all the behind the scenes work that happens and is not noticed until it does not get done.

Kathy Roberts

Schedule of Events

JUNE

 June 22, 6 PM, Mont Co 4H

 June 25 7 PM, Membership Meeting at "the Building"

 June 25, Summer Break starts

 June 30, 11 AM, Mont Co 4H

JULY

 July 4



 July 6, 7 PM, Sheltie Club

 July 6, 7 PM, Mont Co 4H downstairs

 July 13, Mont Co 4H set-up

 July 14, Mont Co 4H Fun Match

 July 21, Freestyle Workshop

 July 22, Freestyle Innovation Extravaganza

 July 30, Summer Break Ends/ Session 4 Starts

See page 4 for August Events

Schedule of Events

AUGUST

 August 4-5, Cross Roads UKC
Agility Trial at "the Building"

 August 7 PM, Board Meeting

 August 13, 7 PM, Canine Ca-
dance Practice

 August 25-26 Cross Roads
UKC Obedience and Rally Tri-
als at "the Building"



OBEDIENCE (Continued)



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6 weeks in length) is to help you bond more and prepare your young dog with skills that can be used in obedience, rally, freestyle, agility and more. We will be looking for members that have trained dogs before and have a new "little one" in their household. Once we get all the "bugs" worked out, the class will become open to others to try!

Don't forget---our AKC Obedience and Rally trial is in our building on September 22-23, contact Pam Murn, (myeltnb@AOL.com or 937-233-2190) Trial Chair if you are interested in helping out! Ring stewards are needed as well as workers at the Paws Café. Working at the trial is a great way to earn service hours while watching the various obedience and Rally classes.

For those who would like to enter the trial premiums will be available at the building, and at <http://gcdoc.com/>. It's time to show off all you have learned in Rally, Novice and Open class at a building your dog is familiar with. What a great opportunity to start working on your titles.

decided to take a break from the ring! Parties were held in her honor at Gem City and Dayton Dog. Lucy's handler of choice is Elaine Stoermer our Treasurer, Rally and Open Instructor and past Obedience Director! Way to go Lucy!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS
LUCY

Please be sure to congratulate Lucy the Corgi on her early retirement! She's



Elaine and Lucy (titles too numerous to include)

AGILITY

By Maggie Melton

The long hot days of summer are fast approaching as is our Summer Break from classes. During the break, outdoor rings will be available for practice, but please remember that the rings will still need to be mowed and maintained. We will leave equipment up in alternating rings each week, but any additional equipment you put out please be sure and remove it to gravel pad when you are done.

Speaking of the long hot days of summer, our summer AKC trial was held the weekend of June 1 thru 3rd. Despite a rainy wet start on Friday, it ended up a great weekend for outdoor agility. Reminded me of the good old days of trialing when everyone was outdoors and you never knew what the weekend would bring. We ran in heat, rain, wind, and snow. Nowadays our outdoor trial is very small....gone are the

days of the diehard agility exhibitors who played no matter what.

We did have some very impressive comments on our facility from both judges as well as the AKC rep that was in attendance. They said we had the best outdoor facility that they had ever seen.



Important Rules to Remember....

Please keep in mind that the rings are for agility training, not an exercise area for your dogs. A good rule of thought also, if you let your dog play around in the rings, what's to keep them thinking they can't do the same thing when you are trying to run them during a trial. Dogs tend to learn from consistent habits.....

Dogs may be off leash in the back area of the land, but should remain on lead in the parking area outside the rings. Don't put your dog in jeopardy by letting them jump in and out of your vehicle off leash and wander around where cars are coming and going.

Important Dates to Remember.....

- June 25th - Summer Break
- July 30th - Session 4 Agility Classes Start
- September 24th - Session 5 Agility Classes Start
- October 6th-7th - AKC Agility Trial at Champions Center
- November 19th - Winter Break

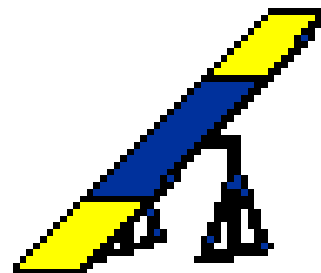
AGILITY TRAINING TIP

By Maggie Melton

The start of your run is a deciding factor on how the rest of your run goes. If you don't have your dog's attention at the start line, how do you expect to maintain his attention throughout the course of your run? While waiting your turn in line, spend this time interacting with your dog. If he is left to his own

devices of sniffing the ground or focusing on other things going on around him rather than focusing on you, then chances are he is going to be doing those same things at the start line. Play some of those focus games that your instructor has been harping about, reassure him if he is nervous, calm him if he is

too hyped up, let him know that you are a team and whatever happens out there happens between the two of you. Walk to the start line secure in knowing that your dog is ready and waiting on your direction, and you will cross the finish line a winner.



TRAIN HARD TRIAL EASY!

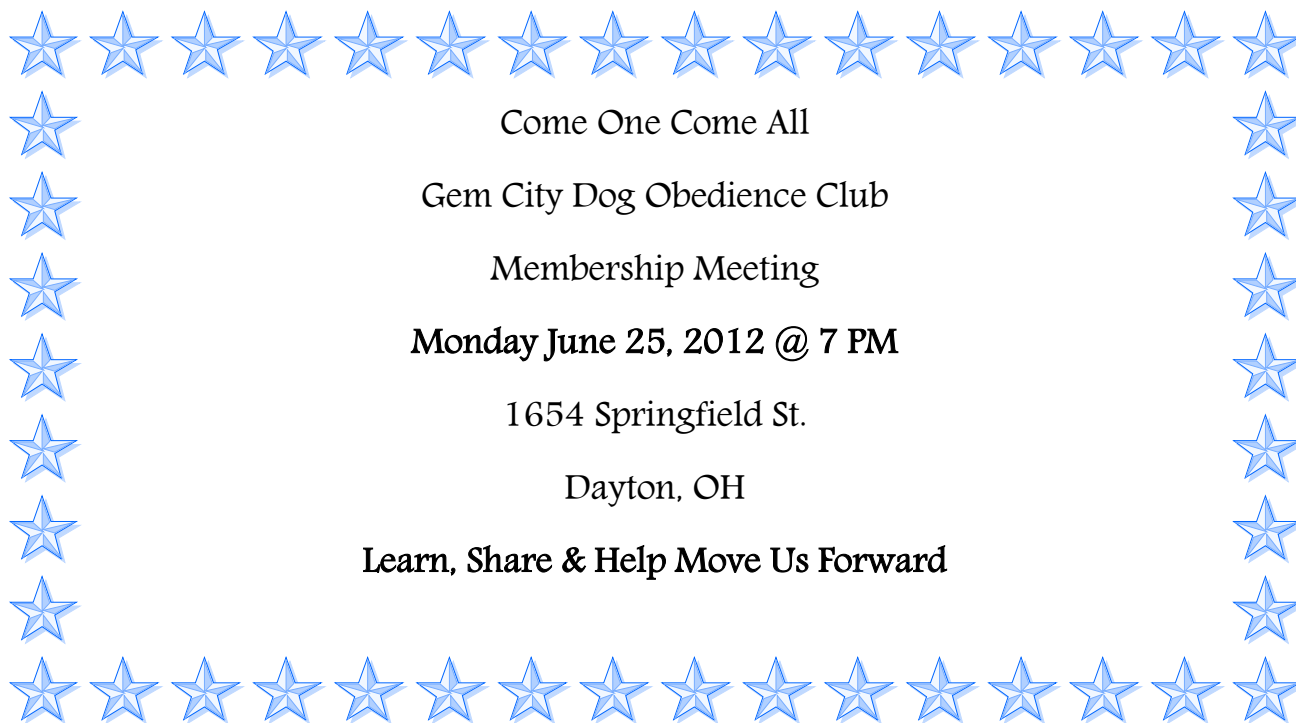


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Come One Come All

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Membership Meeting

Monday June 25, 2012 @ 7 PM

1654 Springfield St.

Dayton, OH

Learn, Share & Help Move Us Forward