

CRATELINER

GEM CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB



September 2012

OBEDIENCE REPORT

by Ronalee McKnight

We are currently half way thru Session 4 with one more Training Session to go this year! Please thank the Obedience Instructors/ Assistants that continuously teach as many members/handlers come thru the Obedience classes at Gem City. The AKC Responsible Pet Ownership Day is happening on Sunday, September 9, there will be some obedience/rally demos for the public, please contact Cheri Davis or Karen Pompei regarding helping out that day! This is a great way to show the public what we have available here at Gem City!

There is also the upcoming AKC obedience/rally trial on September 22-23. There is a committee that has been working diligently to make this trial a great event. Pam Murn and Elaine Stoermer are Chairing/Secretary for this event.

Obedience is important to all facets of what you and your dog do together so please continue to recommend our club for classes and you may also want to step back into an obedience class if it's been a while. We are trying to expand our rally class to offer another advanced class run thru for those that need to practice. More information will be available closer to the start of Session 5. We will be offering a Open/Utility/more advanced obedience class on an individual/ max of 2 handlers(if at same level of training) in time frames of 30 minutes for 6 weeks. The time slots can vary and even Sat/Sun slots will be available. Please contact me personally and I'll add your name to the list to be contacted to set up a time slot. The 6 week 30 minute classes will begin as soon as I have a list/times for the class (will

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WORKERS
for
AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL
22 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2012
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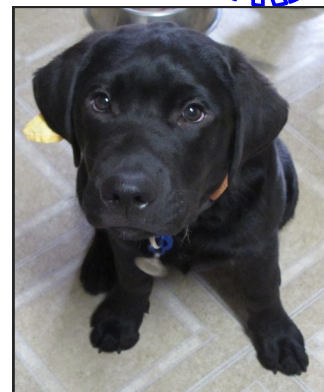
have to be based upon ring availability too- Doug Scott will be teaching this class.

It's been a busy fall season with obedience/rally shows around the area and again, our own AKC obedience/rally trial in September. Congratulations to all those that have achieved either legs/titles in obedience and rally! We all look forward to those celebrations at our annual Awards Dinner! Good luck to all those that will be trialing the rest of the year and remember, Sit Happens at Gem City Dog Obedience Club!

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NEW FUR KID



Cheri Davis's "Murphy"

2012 GCDOC Board Members

President:
Kathy Roberts

Vice President:
Lori Genaw

Secretary:
Gayle Ingram

Treasurer:
Elaine Stoermer

Membership Chair:
Krista Anthony

Registrar:
Carole Lenehan

Agility Director:
Maggie Melton

Conformation Director:
Jennifer Scott

Obedience Director:
Ronalee McKnight

Members at Large:
Roberta Rupert
Mary Beam
Curt Givens
Cheri Davis

Please check the member directory for addresses and phone numbers.



FREESTYLE

by Pam Murn

Thanks to everyone who made our Freestyle weekend a success. Marcia Pitman, Connie Martin, Morene Stickrod, and Nancy Beeman helped with Planning way back when. Kathy Combs, Trish Clute, Karen Rheinberger, Tami Woodrow, Morene Stickrod, and Jessa Brown helped with final plans, set up, prizes, clean up, and the exceptional food. A special thanks to Mary Kemphues and Nancy Beeman for playing the mu-

sic and recording the performance, giving other Gems and Stars a chance to perform on Sunday.

The dancing at the Extravaganza was "top notch" as they say. Our seminar presenter Paula Everett danced awesome energetic routines with her two dogs, and Linda Setters and her fantastic dogs mesmerized us with intricate dance moves. The Gems and Stars members held their own with great

moves and fun maneuvers. It's the kind of stuff you rarely get to see and it was right here at Gem City. If you missed it, and I know quite a few of you did, Gems and Stars Jingle Star Fling is Wednesday December 5th 2012. Come and perform or come and watch your fellow club members and their dogs dance. Can't Dance? Take Freestyle classes Tuesdays from 6-7 PM. Visit gcdog.com for more information

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

by Cheri Davis

July 4th, 2012 for the first time, Gem City participated in the Centerville Independence Day Parade. A hardy crew braved the heat and were very well received. We could hear the crowd saying "look at the dogs". Thanks to Jennifer Looper and Scott, who provided transportation so that we not only didn't have to walk, but also had shade, a fan, and wa-

ter! The Roberts hounds were voted best dressed. Most everyone was impressed that Patti Jones could walk three poodles at the same time! Many thanks to those who participated in our first endeavor at this parade: Mary Kemphues, Patti Jones, Kathy and Rick Roberts, Joyce and Jim Osborn, Darlene and Bob Miller, Jennifer Looper,

Cheri Davis, Kay Rife, and Karen Pompei. Karen did a fabulous job of organizing everything and making the signs. Kay still thinks the entire parade was organized in honor of her birthday, please don't spoil it for her! Looking forward to having many more marchers next year! A great way to advertise for Gem City!

DOCK JUMPING

by Ronalee McKnight

UKC Dock Jumping is close to Dayton (doesn't happen often) for those of you who want to try out the two events are: Labor Day Weekend (Sat & Sun) in Lancaster, Ohio at Aqua Air Dogs and on October 5 & 6 (Fri/Sat) in Dayton, Ohio. These events

are both sponsored by Ultimate Air Dogs (UltimateAirDogs.com) and you don't have to be a UKC registered dog to do it. If you are UKC registered you can earn titles in Dock Jumping. There are many Gem City members that are

currently trying out dock jumping---the dogs love it-- Members that are titling in UKC Dock Jumping: Jennifer Ison, Ronalee McKnight, Pam Murn, Trish Clute, Marilyn Snyder, Karen Parrill, Tami Woodrow, Deb Arnold.

CANINE CADENCE

Canine Cadence has been working hard all spring and summer on a new drill. We will be going out to do some performances this fall, and I think the group is really ready to perform well.

This spring we did That Day In May Parade, and that turned out well, and we had a good time. We don't do the full drill in a parade, but we do have a couple of obedience moves we incorporate into marching down the street, which the crowds seem to enjoy.

We will be attending our Responsible Dog Owner Day on September 9, and the Furry Fun Fair which is Sept. 15 at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City. In October we will be at the Miami Valley Pet Therapy's Howl-O-Ween Walk, and in December they will open the program for the Freestyle Christmas Party.

This is a fun group to be in, and the dogs seem to really like it too. Everyone receives credit hours for practices and presentations,

so while you are helping the club to advertise and promote the club, you are helping yourself get voucher hours.

I really appreciate the work and support the Canine Cadence members, and their dogs put into making this group successful, and Rally said he does, too.

*Morene Stickrod. Captain,
and Rockin' Rally. Dog
Captain.*



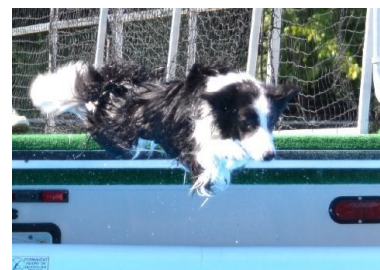
Look out for Lucy, she's got wheels!

NOMINATIONS; GCDOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013

Additional nominations may be made at the September membership meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate.

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Vice President:	Debbie Arnold
Secretary:	Gayle Ingram
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Membership:	Krista Anthony
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Molly Clute dives for the toy



July 4th parade

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Kathy Roberts

It has been a very busy summer at the Club. I hope all of you have had the chance to take in a "show" or two or take a class with your pup. I do not know where the time goes. It seems like just yesterday we were talking about whether we should expand our facility to include the downstairs (this was 2007 for those who are new).

With time moving forward, so does our organization. To remain relevant and successful we are required to change to meet the needs of our members and community. As discussed at our June meeting, we are in the process of developing and evaluating long-range plans for the Club. As an all-volunteer organization, this process can take a long time to ensure our members' voices have the opportunity to be heard. I am committed to facilitating this process, so we can have a plan that meets the needs of our members and our community and maintain or grow the Club's relevance in the communities it serves. So, the value of member participation in this process is priceless.

Step one of the process is to develop and adopt organizational values statements for the Club. Values statements are different than mission and near-term strategies and objectives. The values statements are aspirational in nature and communicate how we work together. In other words, values statements are how we do what we do together as we proceed with carrying out our mission. I felt it was important to have these statements before we commence a process that, by its nature, can lead to disagreement. If we can agree on "how" we will do what we do, I think it will be easier to agree on the specifics of growth strategies.

During four work sessions that were open to all members, volunteers worked with facilitator, Mindy Clark (also a member) to develop the draft statements. During the month of September you will be able to share your feedback concerning these statements.

With feedback from the survey conducted in June, members at the work sessions agreed to develop statements that expressed how we work in the areas of training, member relations, stewardship and community citizenship. The draft statements developed by the group are one of the insets to this article. The other inset is a reminder of the Club's objectives as outlined in section 2 of our by-laws. In the next week or so, you will receive an email from gcdocfeedback@gmail.com inviting you to a brief survey. In this survey, you will be invited to provide feedback on these values statements. Once the survey is complete, we will evaluate the results and modify the statements as needed before the board votes to adopt them. Please take the time to answer this survey.

With that said, if you think summer was busy, well fall is more than full of activities for you and your dog. Responsible Dog Owner Day is going to be stronger than ever this year. Cheri Davis is leading an enthusiastic committee of members who are working hard to show case our Club and activities. Invite a friend, invite your office, invite your family. Cheri has flyers, just contact her. But, most of all, come out and have a grand day with your dog and family. After RDOD, there are obedience, agility, conformation, earth dog and other events nearly every weekend. So, come out and soak up the season with your dog friends and chip in to make your Club a better place.

DRAFT Values Statements

- We are a non-profit, volunteer, member-driven organization. As a community we strive:
- To develop qualified and supportive instructors who assist students in meeting their training goals, in a creative and positive learning environment with a variety of curricula and creative solutions to student specific issues.
- To provide an open, welcoming environment where members feel they have an opportunity to make an impact on club training, facility operations and the success of events. All members and non-members are encouraged to volunteer and accept new responsibilities. Volunteers are provided training, support and appreciation. Club leaders foster a culture of volunteerism.
- To manage the club's finances and assets for long-term stability and with a high degree of mission-driven stewardship by protecting, scheduling and taking care of our assets and finances. Financial information is fully disclosed to the membership at regular intervals and/or upon request.
- To act as leaders and ambassadors in the area of dog training and responsible dog ownership in the Dayton metropolitan region and surrounding areas.

Just to remind everyone, in our by-laws, section 2 the objectives of Gem City Dog Obedience Club are as follows:

- (A) To promote public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the properly trained dog as helper, partner, and "best friend" of humanity.
- (B) To promote "Canine Good Citizenship," and the training, humane treatment, and responsible ownership of all dogs.
- (C) To sponsor and conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers, using, refining, and continually improving, the most humane and effective training methods.
- (D) To promote interest in, and appreciation of, purebred dogs, and their health, genetics and rescue.
- (E) To promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.
- (F) To hold all licensed and sanctioned events sponsored by the club in accordance with the rules, policies and procedures of the organization from which the license or sanction has been issued.
- (G) To conduct agility trials and earthdog tests under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.

GEM CITY MEMBERS SHINING STARS AT THE CPE NATIONALS

by Kathy Roberts

In mid-June 2012, eight Gem City handlers competed in CPE Nationals in Altamont, New York. We are also proud that Gem City member Mary Beam was one of the judges for the event.

The CPE Nationals are a bit different than other nationals. The dogs are required to qualify, but the field includes a diversity of teams. While many of the top scoring dogs in the nation attend, some of those who are in the early stages and the sunsets of their agility careers were also eligible to participate. The spirit of the venue is to "Have Fun" while playing in agility with your team mate. Dogs can run at various levels and height classes depending upon their particular circumstances. So, you will see some outstanding, elite runs and some runs that are similar to those you could see at a local club.

The weekend included three days of non-stop agility, outstanding team work, achieving personal bests, seeing old friends and meeting new. Over 600 dog/handler teams joined the fun for more than 1800 runs each day. Many Gem City members made the trip safely and shared in the fun and successful runs.

The Gem City contingent in 2012 were (in alphabetical order): Mark & Krista Anthony with L.B., Mia and Kaci; April Johnson-Mozetti with Tiffany and Trudy; Stacie Parks with Rebel, Pete and G.G.; Kathy Roberts with Callie and Carson; Marilyn Snyder with Hemi; James Stephenson with Boss and Olivia; and Jenn Stuckey with Grendel.

Mark Anthony earned the Gem Team award for the hardest working handler as he not only handled his two girls, Mia and Kaci; he also handled Susan & V.W. Perry's Molly and Sharon Bromagen's Allie for the weekend. All told, Mark ran 36 runs over the three days. I was tired just watching him!

Every team earned qualifying runs and, some of the teams also earned high-in-trial and reserve high-in-trial for their particular height classes.

Stacie and her gang had wonderful weekend and came home with a ton of ribbons. I do not know how she ran 3 dogs, but next to Mark, she was in the running for hardest working handler!

Krista and L.B. had a great weekend with high in Reserve in the Standard classes and was overall 6th place in games. With L.B. celebrating his 12th birthday in 2012, the little corgi was the little corgi that could.

Jenn and Grendel also had a great weekend. On day one in Standard, Grendel seemed very interested in the ring next door and ended up taking a very literal nose-dive of the middle of the dogwalk. Jenn took her off the course. After a massage and early dinner, the little cairn with the big heart was ready for another day. Grendel completed the gamble and earned her first ever nationals Jackpot Q (just to note, many of us have yet to earn a jackpot Q at Nationals) and winded up placing 5th place in games for her class height.

April with Tiffany and Trudy had a grand weekend as well. Tiffany went 8 for 9 and earned a few overall awards and Trudy had a perfect weekend and High In Trial overall!

While this may be Callie's last nationals (she turns 13 in September) she had a few good runs. Callie earned four qualifying scores over the weekend and a 2nd place in Fullhouse. Carson, who is on the early stages of his career tried hard. The travel and stress of the big trial was a little overwhelming for him. But we worked on our fundamentals and Carson did manage a 4th place and qualifying score in Standard. Kathi Kauffman was our travel companion and Callie and Carson enjoyed sleeping in her bed (not mom's) at the Red Roof Inn. I want to thank Kathi for her help with our runs and for sharing the drive with me.



Pictured Left to Right. Back Row: Mary Beam, Middle Row: James Stephenson with Boss and Olivia, Jenn Stuckey without Grendel, Stacie Parks with G.G., Pete and Rebel; Bottom Row: Kathy Roberts with Callie and Carson, April Johnson-Mozetti with Trudy and Tiffany. Not Pictured: Mark & Krista Anthony with L.B., Mia and Kaci; Marilyn Snyder with Hemi

Hemi and Marilyn Snyder had a great weekend as well. Hemi is also on the early end of her agility career. Marilyn's goals for weekend were: 1.) Have fun! 2.) Observe how a nationals runs (to better prepare for Springfield 2013) and 3.) To not have any expectations for my 2 yr. old dog who only began competing in Jan. 2012.

Well I would say they more than exceeded her goals with a respectable 6 of 9 Q's and an unexpected placement (3rd) in one of her standard runs. And to top it all off, a High in Reserve for Standard in Level 4, 20" dogs. Congratulations to Marilyn and Hemi.

James and his duo, Boss and Olivia also had a weekend of fun and memorable runs. Both Boss and Olivia qualified in two standards and Olivia a full house. Team work is what it is all about and Olivia took one for the team when James lost his balance and fell into the gamble during jackpot on Saturday and Olivia left her course work to cheer her handler up.

Mark Anthony and Mia went 6 for 9 and epitomized the word "team work." Mia took home the High in Standard for the 16" Regular Level 5 division. Tough guy Mark even got a little choked up when he heard her name called for this plaque. Kaci, who is another rather green dog had a respectable 4 for 9. She took home a 3rd place ribbon in Colors 16" Regular Level 4. As Mark stated, "I was very proud of how she ran. She completed every course. I was a little worried. In addition Mark earned several qualifying scores with Allie and took home a 3rd place Games for the weekend. With Molly, Mark went 5 for 9 and placed 6th overall in her 16" Veteran's height division.

All of our teams are immensely grateful for our safe travels and canine companions who ran a lot harder than we did in the heat, to Gem City instructors and support team members who help us train and have a place to train and for our friends who make this sport what it is. In 2013, the CPE Nationals will be in Springfield, OH at the Champions Center. Don't miss it. If you cannot compete, please come join the party by working or just watching and soaking in the atmosphere!!!



Gem City Dog Obedience Club

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Swim on
over to the
membership
meeting
September
17th!

GOT DESSERT?

Enter the Holiday Dessert Show Down

Here is the chance to Show Off your best dessert recipe and earn worker credit too!

Gem City members are providing the lunch for the upcoming

CCC CPE Agility Trial on 11/17/2012.

We would like to kick off the

Holiday Season with the best desserts our members have to offer.

Show us your BEST and be in the running for

BRAGGING RIGHTS and PRIZES.

Here is how it works:

Dust off your favorite dessert recipe Make up your recipe

(at least 8 servings) Deliver to the Club

by 10 am on Saturday 11/17/2012

Bring a copy of your recipe

(will not be disclosed until after the competition)

How the entries will be judged:

Exhibitors eating lunch will select a sample of desserts and vote on their favorite.

Desserts with the most votes WIN!

Win What?

Each entry will earn 1 hour of worker credit for GCDOC

There will be 1 first prize and at least 3 runners up.

Prizes will include gift cards and a custom, hand-made dog bed made by Kathy Roberts

ONE MORE THING:

We need to know if you will be entering by Saturday November 10 (noon)

so we can make sure we have enough dessert for our guests

???s/To Enter: Kathy Roberts 937-750-9000 katmoose@prodigy.net

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, September 17

at *"the building"*

7:30 PM