

# Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting June 4, 2012

**Location:** GCDOC Building

**Date:** June 4, 2012 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members:**

Krista Anthony  
Mary Beam  
Cheri Davis  
Lori Genaw  
Curt Givens

Gayle Ingram  
Carole Lenehan (absent)  
Ronalee McKnight  
Maggie Melton

Kathy Roberts  
Roberta Rupert  
Jennifer Scott  
Elaine Stoermer

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order.

**II. Reports**

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2012 board meeting. It was seconded by Mary Beam and passed unanimously.

Gayle reported that she has registered GCDOC for their September 9<sup>th</sup> Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD). It is scheduled for 10:00 – 3:00 at the Land. Our information is listed on the AKC RDOD website under Ohio events.

Gayle reported that she has placed all the past minutes and AKC correspondence files that were in her possession into the file cabinet.

Gayle provided members with a copy of the Bylaws & Standing Rules. She converted the pdf documents on the website to Word so they can be edited as changes are made. The documents that she emailed to the board earlier in the day include two revisions to the Standing Rules approved by the Board this year. She requested that board members review the changes and make sure that they are the most updated versions and include all the changes that have been made. A vote to accept the revised Standing Rules will be taken at the August board meeting.

Finally, Gayle reported that she had contacted Mark Kumpf, Director of the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center. He has agreed to attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 42,813.34
Savings	<u>\$44,302.45</u>
Total	\$87,115.79

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. An estimate was included from the AKC trial this past weekend which shows a profit of around \$2,900. The figures do not include the revenue from the GOASC trial in May or the agility classes for Session 3.

Curt Givens moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Jennifer Scott and passed unanimously.

- c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)  
Krista distributed the current list of applicants. She will need to determine how many of those on the list have their required ten volunteer hours. Krista will be mailing out the half-year report to members with vouchers in the next few days. The last of the Membership Directories are also being mailed this week.
- d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)  
Carole had emailed her report Class Evaluation report to members. It shows that 131 students were registered for Session 3: 36 in puppy, 35 in Beginner, 19 in Advance Beginner; and 13 in Novice. There are also 25 in Rally and 3 in Freestyle.
- e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight)  
Elaine reported that she has received AKC approval for the September obedience event. Elaine is the trial secretary and Pam Murn is the chair. Ronalee reported that she spent \$587 on toys and stainless steel bowls for obedience class graduates. This will last through this year and get us started for next year.
- f. Agility (Maggie Melton)  
Maggie reported that the past weekend's AKC agility trial at the Land was a great success despite the rain on Friday. They received a lot of positive comments from the AKC rep and the judges including many remarks on how nice the facility was. One judge suggested that we get a plastic chain to use to set up the broad jump.

As requested at the last meeting, Maggie distributed a description of all of the agility classes. As Agility Director, she was recommending that all dogs be required to take the Foundation Pre-Agility class before enrolling in any agility classes. The description for the Foundation Pre-Agility Class reads "Dogs are required to successfully complete the Foundation Class prior to entering Beginner Agility Classes. This class will be used as an evaluation for dogs and handlers new to agility training to ensure their readiness to move on to Beginner Agility. Prior obedience training above puppy class is required." Everyone agreed that the Foundation Class is an excellent first exposure to agility and the skills the dogs and handlers need to be successful. It is the "gatekeeper" class for the agility program. A lot of discussion ensued on how much obedience, and what obedience classes, should be required prior to taking the Foundation class. It was suggested that dogs be required to achieve a checklist of skills before entering the class; however, it was explained that dogs are evaluated during the Foundation class and students may be referred back to obedience classes or be required to re-take the Foundation class before moving forward to agility. It is very important that there is communication between the Foundation instructors and the Beginner 1 agility instructors to assure that students aren't advanced too quickly.

The question was raised as to why the Standing Rules contain descriptions of all the agility classes but there are no descriptions of the obedience classes or other classes such as freestyle. Lori Genaw and Ronalee McKnight explained how a group of obedience members had developed an Obedience Flowchart several years ago that outlined the path puppies should progress through before moving on to other fun canine activities such as agility, rally, freestyle, or advanced obedience. The flowchart is hung in the entrance hall of the club and copies are available for distribution. Although some of the class names have changed, it is

still a good item to distribute at our club booth during events such as the Furry Skurry and the SICSA Walk for Strays to explain to potential students the recommended progression they should go through with their dogs. The back of the flowchart includes a chart that lists the skills the dog should learn during the obedience classes.

It was agreed that the Agility Class Requirements in the Standing Rules were still accurate; however; #1 should be changed from "Obedience for Agility" to "Foundation Pre-Agility". It was also agreed that the Obedience Flowchart should be included in the Standing Rules.

- g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)  
No report.

- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)  
Curt reported that the AKC Earthdog tests are this weekend at the Land. He will post an announcement on the Yahoo list this week requesting members to come out to assist.

Curt reported that they will have the Caribbacanas food truck again this year serving lunch. The owner, Daniel Kinney, has inquired whether the club would allow him to store the truck at the Land during the winter. He would be willing to pay rent. Kathy and Elaine agreed to check with the insurance company to see what liability issues might be involved. There was concern about the truck being broken into since we did have some vandalism issues last year.

- i. Operations (Rick Roberts)  
Kathy reported that the fire inspection went well. There were only a few items identified by the inspector, and they have been corrected. The inspection did make the board aware of fire issues including the need to test the intercoms. Instructors should be made aware of evacuation routes. Evacuation procedures should also be announced the first day of classes each Session as well as each day during briefings at trials. It was suggested that we do a brief presentation on safety at a Membership meeting. Kathy volunteered to contact the building owner regarding fire alarms and inquire how the club would be notified if a fire started in other parts of the building.

- j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis/Joyce Osborn)  
Cheri presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities. She distributed a write up outlining the changes to the Sunshine section of the Standing Rules that are not reflected in the current posted version. Elaine noted that since she became treasurer she has been surprised by the amount of money spent on flowers and stones. The board felt they should review the policy again and, in light of the current economy and need to curtail excess spending by the club, determine if modifications should be made. Cheri will request a copy of the spreadsheet Joyce Osborn keeps outlining the Sunshine expenses for review by the board at the next meeting.

- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)  
Cheri distributed a "Save the Date" flyer for Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will be distributed at club events and other dog events throughout the summer. The SICSA Walk for Strays is this Saturday and we will have a booth. Cheri is looking into having a booth at the New Carlisle Splash

event at Silver Lake. Karen Pompei has submitted an entry to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Centerville. She plans to have a couple of pick-up trucks and dogs walking.

- I. Store (Roberta Rupert)  
No report.

### III. **New Business**

Curt Givens raised two issues related to land improvements:

- He offered to look into the cost related to having WiFi available at the Land and possibly the building. This would be a help to trial secretaries and exhibitors. Several board members responded that they have looked into this before and the expense is too high to pursue.
- He offered to obtain estimates to install several electric hook ups at the Land for use by campers during events. He suggests four posts with two electrical boxes on each pole. We could charge \$25/day for use of the hook ups. Board members were concerned that the ground at the land may not be able to support the weight of some RV's which could cause them to get stuck, particularly in wet weather. The time it would take to recoup the installation/maintenance costs would have to be considered. There were also questions about liability issues and whether there could be zoning issues involved (e.g., campground considerations). Curt was given the go ahead to get a quote.

### IV. **Continuing Business**

Kathy Roberts announced that she has made arrangements for Mindy Clark to facilitate the first of many brain storming meetings to begin the process of long-range planning for Gem City this Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the building. This session will involve step one of creating our Organizational Values Statement. The board and club members are asked to come to assist in the process of developing our core ethics. Kathy plans to compile a list of potential organizational values creating at this brain storming session for the membership to evaluate in a membership survey. The list will be further refined at the June 25<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

### V. **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2012, at the building.

A Membership Meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the building. Susan Fife, our guest speaker, will begin at 7:00 and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

### VI. **Adjournment**

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Gayle Ingram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary

  
Kathy Roberts, President

## MAY 2012 INCOME

Agility Classes (3 <sup>nd</sup> Session)		\$ ?
Obedience Classes		\$ 4,432.00
AKC trial		\$ 2,932.95
<u>Rentals –</u>		
Earthdog – Buckeye Dachshund		\$ 108.00
Crossroads CPE		\$ 1,350.00
Crossroads CPE		\$ 1,990.48
Crossroads – UKC		\$ 644.19
<u>Bank Deposits:</u>		
	5-18-12	\$ 145.00
	5-18-12	\$ 1,660.69
	5-23-12	\$ 4,770.00
	5-24-12	\$ 9,172.00 (AKC agility trial – 3)
	5-29-12	\$ 2,991.48
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$18,739.17</b>

JUNE FINANCIAL SUMMARY (6/03/12)

Elaine M. Stoermer

Chase Checking

\$ 49,860.84

(bank balance 06/03/12)

7,047.50

(Jan-June 3,2012 outstanding checks)  
(\$137.00 from agility trial refunds - 2).  
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\$ 42,813.34

(balance 06/03/12)

Money Market

\$ 44,302.45

(Bank balance 06/03/12).

Total Cash Accounts **\$ 87,115.79**

Chase credit card statement (May 2012) \$363.30[7 charges] pd. #252

1 – Oberer's Flowers	\$ 48.10
CRP Clean Run Product	96.58
Lowe's	21.28
Kroger Fuel	75.00
Home Depot	48.86
Advance Auto	38.50
GFS Mktplace	34.98

AKC Agility TRIAC June 1-3, 2012 (Land)

Entry Fees - 3 deposits \$ 9,122.00  
Refunds \$ 333.50

Judges Fees + 8788.50

Miele 1133.00

Beck 1291.64

Hotel 870.34

- 3,295.18

AKC Fees - 2,061.50

Food - 438.33

AKC Supplies - Office - 60.54

Approx Net profit \$ 2,932.85

LastName	FirstName	Member Type
Bowman	Lona	Applicant
Davis	Phyllis	Applicant
Dees	Meredith	Applicant
Holland	Mary	Applicant
McClellan	Ellen	Applicant
Rike	Linda	Applicant
Schlecty	Darlene	Applicant
Stebbins	Janet	Applicant
Wise	Carol	Applicant

# CLASS EVALUATIONS

Session 3, 2012

CLASS	#DOGS	\$65	\$32.5	VCH	RESC	CCI	COUP	CRED	INCOME	AMT DEP	DIFF
PUPPY	36	18	2	4	1	2	9@55	0	1827.50	1757.50	1 @ \$65. 1 @ \$5.
BEGINNER	35	12	0	3	14	1	1@55 1 4-H 1-pbs	2	1322.50	1325.00	1-ovpd by 2.50
ADV BEGINNER	19	10	5	1		1		2	812.50	812.50	
NOVICE	13	3	3	4		1		2	292.50	292.50	
OPEN	0										
<b>TOTAL</b>	103	43	10	12	15	5	12	6	4255.00	4187.50	- 67.50
RALLY 1	12	2	3	4		3			227.50	227.50	
RALLY 2	13	1	7	4		1			292.50	292.50	
FREESTYLE	3	1	1	1					97.50	97.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>	28	4	11	9		4			617.50	617.50	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	131	47	21	21	15	9	12	6	4872.50	4805.00	- 67.50

PUPPY class 1 person not paid \$65.00 (Tuesday Grad)----cash payment short \$5.00 Josh Duran (Tuesday Puppy) one Beginner overpaid by \$2.50

### **FOUNDATION Pre-Agility**

Dogs are required to successfully complete the Foundation Class prior to entering Beginner Agility Classes. This class will be used as an evaluation for dogs and handlers new to agility training to ensure their readiness to move on to Beginner Agility.

Prior obedience training above puppy class is required.

### **BEGINNER 1 SERIES**

Dogs must have successfully completed the Foundation Pre-Agility Class prior to starting the Beginner 1 Series. Dogs must complete 16 weeks of Beginner 1 before moving on.

### **BEGINNER 2**

Dogs must have successfully completed 16 weeks of Beginner 1 Series and be able to confidently perform all obstacles including 6 channel or offset weaves. Dogs must have a reliable recall and attention to handler so as to safely work off-lead around other dogs.

### **BEGINNER 3**

Dogs must have successfully completed Beginner 2 and have reliable attention and focus off-lead.

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Dogs must be at least 15 months of age, must have successfully all Sessions through Beginner 3, and be able to confidently and independently perform a set of at least 6 upright weaves.

### **COMPETITION 1 – NOVICE AGILITY**

Dogs must be at least 15 months of age, must have successfully complete all session thru Intermediate level, and be able to confidently and independently perform a set of 12 upright weaves.

Dogs must have skill levels of Novice/Open AKC, Level 3-4 CPE, or the equivalent in other registries.

### **COMPETITION 2 – ADVANCED AGILITY**

Teams must have successfully completed Competition 1, must have skill levels of Open/Excellent A AKC, Level 5 CPE, or the equivalent in other registries, and must be capable of performing a full set of 12 weaves confidently and independently.

### **COMPETITION 3 – MASTERS AGILITY**

Teams must be successfully competing in the highest levels of AKC/USDAA/NADAC

**NOTE: THOSE TEAMS WHO'S HANDLER ALREADY HAS AGILITY EXPERIENCE AND WHO HAVE LEARNED AGILITY SKILLS ON THEIR OWN OR AT OTHER FACILITIES MAY QUALIFY FOR HIGHER LEVEL CLASSES. THESE PLACEMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AGILITY REGISTRAR BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLASS INSTRUCTOR.**



# Class Progression for Obedience Classes

Which class is for me?

Beginner Level

Beginning dogs are divided by age into one of three classes:

**1** 3-6 months  
**Puppy Beginner**

Need a little more time in beginner puppy class

**2** 6-9 months (no previous classes)  
**Senior Puppy**

**3** 9 months or older  
**Beginners**  
Dogs may repeat Beginners class

Doing well!

6-9 months  
**Puppy Graduate**

Not quite ready for Advanced

**Advanced Beginner**  
Dogs may repeat Advanced Beginners  
Canine Good Citizen Test offered

What's next?

After successfully completing Advanced Beginner Obedience, dogs may move on to these fun canine activities:

**Advanced Obedience** classes help the owner's ability to train the dog by doing a variety of exercises—from fetching dumbbells, to creating commands along with hand signals and more. The goal is to create a wonderful team, a partnership with both human and canine working in sync.

**Novice Obedience**

**Open**

**Utility**

The object of **Freestyle** is to display the dog and handler in a variety of original dances, using music and creative movements to showcase teamwork, artistry, costuming, athleticism and style.

**Freestyle**

**Performance Freestyle**

**Rally Obedience**—dog and handler learn moves through a course of stations, performing a designated routine at each stop. Rally provides a fun, fun training alternative to competitive obedience or agility. Lots of fun at all levels of competition.

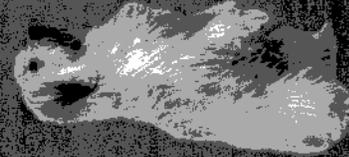
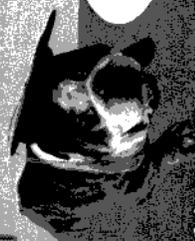
**Beginner Rally**

**Advanced Rally**

**Agility**—tricks, jumping, climbing, weaving, what time this last part of sport? Involves exceptional teamwork between dog and handler.

**Obedience for Agility**

**Agility**



## Upon Exiting these Obedience Classes:

	Puppy	Puppy Grad/ Senior Puppy	Beginner	Adv. Beginner	Novice	Rally Beginner (Focus/Talk)	Rally Adv/ Excellent
<b>Positions:</b>							
Heel	Introduce	Walk on Lead	Know General Area(left side) Lure into place	Correct Position of Heel Lure in correct position	Proficient-off lead Proficient at arms length	On lead well	Off lead well
Front	Introduce	Introduce	Improve	Improve use distractions	Proficient	Chase Recall Taught	Proficient
Sit	Introduce	Introduce	Improve	Improve use distractions	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Down			Introduce	Introduce/Improve	Proficient w/exam		Proficient w/stay
Stand							
<b>Movement:</b>							
Heel	Introduce	Walk on Lead	Walk on Lead w/focus	Correct position when moving	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Backup						Introduce/Teach	Improve
Over							Introduce/Improve
Weave(cones)				Introduce(Extra, if time)	Introduced		Proficient
About Turn	Introduce	Introduce	Introduce	Introduce Cone/weave	Teach Footwork	Proficient	Proficient
Left U turn			Introduce	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Swing Finish			Introduce position w/lure	Introduce/Improve	Perfecting Position	Proficient	Proficient
Around Finish				Introduce/Improve	Perfecting Position	Proficient	Proficient
<b>Focus:</b>							
Barking	Re-Focus	Re-Focus	Limited--Re-Focus	Rare/None	None	Rare/none	none
Watch Me			Introduced	w/distractions	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Stay/Wait			Introduced-30 sec;6' away	Proofing 1-3 min	Proficient-1-3 min	Proficient	Proficient
Come/Recall	Introduced	Introduced	Introduced	Proofing	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Leave It			Introduced	Improve	Proficient	Introduce	Improve w/ distr.

**Introduce = begin teaching**  
**Improve = work at what was taught**  
**Proficient = Perfecting use and using well/correctly**  
**Proofing = working with distractions on correct positions**  
**Re-Focus = getting dogs attention back on handler**

11/23/2008



**GEM CITY DOG Obedience CLUB**

*Obedience-Agility-Conformation*

[www.gcdoc.com](http://www.gcdoc.com)

# save the Date!

## Responsible Dog Owners Day

Sunday, September 9, 2012 10am-3pm  
Gem City's Land: 524 Valleycrest Dr, Dayton, OH (off of Brandt Pike)



Learn ways to have fun with your dog!

- Agility Demonstrations
- Obedience & Rally Obedience Demonstrations
- Freestyle Demonstrations
- Earth-dog Demonstrations
- Doggie Vendors
- Micro-chipping for a fee
- Meet the breeds
- Children's Activities

**Fun for the whole family and your furry friend!**

Interested in having a booth?

Contact Cheri Davis: [cheri3866@yahoo.com](mailto:cheri3866@yahoo.com)

(No fee for non-profits/\$20 for all others)



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Responsible Dog Ownership Days



## 1. Sunshine

The *Sunshine Chair* shall have the responsibility of sending expressions of congratulations, get well, sympathy or condolence upon such occasions as the injury, serious illness, hospitalization, surgery, birth of a baby, death of a Member or Members' immediate family or death of a Member's dog.

- a. In all instances a card should be sent.
- b. ~~A note should be posted, with member's permission, on the Gem City Yahoo list if it has not already been posted.~~
- c. For those *active club members in good standing who contribute more than the minimum hours, instruct, serve on the board or are active on a committee, some token of remembrance, not to exceed \$50, should be sent.*

This might include but not be limited to: flowers, a gift basket, or in the case of a death, a memorial contribution to a charity. ~~If another member could visit, a simple rose in a bud vase would be appropriate.~~ The choices are unlimited, but the thoughtfulness and caring of our club is priceless.

- d. The flag at the land will fly at half-mast the last weekend of every month from April through November, to honor member's dogs or members who have died during that month.

**These are the circumstances that should require more than a card:**

1. Hospitalization, inpatient surgery, or out-patient surgery requiring a lengthy home stay.
2. The death of a member or immediate family member (mother, father, child, husband or wife).
3. A memorial stone for the death of any dog of ~~an active~~ a member in good standing. ~~who has actively trained at the club.~~
4. A baby gift for a birth.