



Scents & Nonscents

October, 2010

Eye Medication Made Easy



Anyone who has a dog with a chronic eye problem such as dry eye (keratitis sicca), pannus or autoimmune keratitis knows double frustration. There is the knowledge that treatment will have to continue for the life of the dog and that it may not be very effective, in addition to the hassle of putting drops or ointment in the dog's eye every day.

Dr. Sinisa Grozdanic DVM, of Iowa State University, worked with Nicast, a company that makes biodegradable polymers, and came up with a possible solution. Special polymers that incorporate medications into their fibers are implanted directly into a dog's conjunctiva, the vascular tissue around the eyeball, usually using sedation and a local anesthetic. The implants work 24/7 for up to a year to provide a steady and consistent dose of medication directly to the eye where it is needed.

Current implants utilize medications dexamethasone (a steroid) or tacrolimus (an immunosuppressive medication).

Antibiotics are avoided, as the development of drug-resistant bacteria would be a risk. So far, all of the dogs treated with implants by Dr. Grozdanic and his team have shown at least some improvement, some of them dramatically.

One dog treated by Dr. Grozdanic was a military explosive detection dog. This German Shepherd Dog suffered from pannus (pigmentary growth over the cornea which reduces vision). Since having the implant, this dog is back to work with improved vision. Dr. Grozdanic also expects this method to work well for dogs with pigmentary keratitis.

The technique is currently limited to dogs

with chronic conditions that require little therapy and don't respond well to topical treatments. Some dogs face the possibility of surgery to move one of their salivary glands to the corner of the eye to provide moisture. The implant is a much simpler way to help dry eye problems. As Dr. Grozdanic says, "Every problem has a solution! You just have to work at it!" His team's solution may make life much better from dogs with chronic eye problems and for their families.

For more information, check out:

www.huliq.com/11/71682/new-treatment-method-canine-eye-diseases

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Adrienne Lommasson and Adrienne's Luke, first Mixed Breed Obedience qualifier at an SDOC Trial—Sept, 2010. Adrienne and Luke are shown here with their third place



SDOC Class Schedules and Notes

How to Contribute:

SDOC's newsletter "Scents & Nonscents" is published 11 times per year.

Contributions are welcome at any time, provided they are in an electronic format (*.txt, *.doc, *.jpg, *.tiff) and received by the deadline.

Send your items and ideas to the Editor.
Laurel Drew

Deadline for the each issue is the 5.th of each month!

Information is believed correct at the time of printing, however the Editor and staff bear no responsibility for errors or omissions.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Saul Rovinsky & Nancy Pollock for copying and mailing, and to Clinton Wolf for posting to the Club's website.

At the suggestion of a few people who have noted as I have that the class listings are sometimes out of date before the newsletter is delivered, we are going to try something a little new. Let us know if this works for you.

The Ed

For full information concerning up-coming classes whether obedience or agility, please refer to the Sandia Dog Obedience Club website. It is found at

<http://www.sdocnm.org>

New Beginning Novice class starts Tues Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm Dee Wright instructor.

Tracking Class starts Sat., Nov. 6 at 8:30 AM. Contact Carolee Douglas for info.

Call Betty Pearson at 8982706 to sign up for classes.

ALL TRAINERS MUST STILL SIGN UP FOR CLASSES, EVEN IF THEY ARE GETTING ONE FREE.

Upcoming Events For Fall

Be sure to check the website for new and upcoming classes. I just received a whole new schedule from Marcie, and you'll want to check for classes for your pups (and adults!). AND, don't forget to check for changes in the agility schedules as well. Lots of stuff happening in our little training world.

SDOC will hold a special Fall Agility Trial on October 23 at the SDOC training site. It is open to Novice and Open dogs only. Details will be coming out very soon.

SDOC will hold the Annual Halloween Party at our October meeting. Be sure to bring your dogs, in costume if possible for judging of "Best Costume" in various classes. Fun games for the hounds will also be held such as ducking for hot dogs, hot dog retrieving race, etc. This is one of our funniest and most enjoyable parties so be sure to come!

Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers will hold their semiannual Lure Course on October 31/ November 1 at the site near Stanley, NM. Contact Laurel Drew for details. There will also be a seminar with the AKC Rep. on Friday to discuss and learn about Lure Coursing and its judging. If you have any interest at all in lure coursing, please contact Laurel Drew (873-1729) or Elissa Thompson (298-7847) for information and details. There will be coursing practice open to anyone after the official trial is finished on Saturday. Come and see if your dog will chase that plastic bunny and have some fun! I guarantee your dog will enjoy it too!!!

PLAN AHEAD! Remember that our November Club meeting will be held on November 19, a week early, due to Thanksgiving. This will also be our Election Meeting so be sure to attend.

Also, our annual Christmas Party (with gifts for dogs) will be held December 17. Bring UNWRAPPED gifts for the doggie gift exchange.



Newsnotes From the Neighborhood

Your Editor

Once again I've had some complaints about not getting the call names correctly for dogs listed as having qualified in our trials. Most of you do not send in your brags, and I work from the obedience and rally catalogs (and would include agility results also if I received them), but those catalogs do not give the call names of the dogs. I am now nearly 70, and I simply cannot remember all the call names of all the dogs in the Club. Heck, I get my own dogs' names confused half the time. I do the best I can, trying to extrapolate the most logical call name from the registered name in cases where I do not recall the call name. And, I use the call names to make the lists short enough to fit on one line. If you want to be sure that the dog's name is correct, send me a brag. I'm always happy to put those in.

While on this subject, how many of you actually *want* to see those lists of qualifiers? If you would rather skip them, I'd be happy to use the space for some other article. It's up to you, the members, to indicate what you want. Let me know.

Don't forget to come and help at the agility trial on Oct. 23 if possible. It is being held at the training site and is open only to Novice and Open/Advanced levels. Come and see what your fellow members are doing on the agility field.

REMEMBER!!! NO RUN THRU ON FRIDAY OCT. 22

AND NO CLASSES ON SAT. OCT 23!

THE ONE-DAY, NOVICE AND OPEN AGILITY TRIAL IS THAT WEEKEND!

Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers Association will hold NOTRA (National Oval Track Association) racing for sighthounds on October 23/24 at the Free To Be Ranch in Mountainair, NM. Contact Laurel Drew or Leonore Abordo for details. This meet will be open to sighthounds only, but we will probably practice after the trial on Saturday. Come see what we do for fun!!!

Rosemary Burtch writes, I just want to mention how much the Posse management has improved the grounds. When we first started holding our trials there, the grounds were infested with goat heads and you had to be very careful where you walked your dogs. This year, I had to look hard to find anything resembling a weed.

Nancy Stafford also wrote: Thank you SDOC for the many improvements you made to your trial this fall! The completely enclosed rings and practice jump areas with gates were fabulous! And, the area between rings was so much less congested~ Great job SDOC!!!

And I would like to add my own word of praise. We had so many people show up to help set up and break down for the obedience trials that the work was done at least two hours before we usually get out of there. It was gratifying to see so many folks involved as there are those of us who are not quite as young as we'd like to think we are. Our Trial Chairperson Dora Cressy, who is new to the position, was amazed at how much work it takes to put on a trial. She was very thankful and delighted with all the help. And we would like to thank you for taking on what is often a thankless task, Dora! How about next spring??? —*Laurel Drew*

SDOC

WEBSITE

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www.sdocnm.org

Be Sure to Check the Website for complete class information, class applications and special updates.

Training Year

(per the SDOC Training Regulations)

For these purposes, the training year will be from December 1 to November 30 of the following year. The total hours of any class which begins on or before December 1 will be credited to the following training year.

Officer Nominees For 2011

From Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Nancy Pollock, Donna Sloan, Barbara Mitchell, Dede Brownstein, Christine Ferron, Estelle Metz and Melanie Mead (unable to attend due to a last minute conflict), met on August 14, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The following slate was proposed.

To register for
any Agility
class, contact:
Bill Chambers
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gmail.com
Or 281-5187

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Vice President	Saul Rovinsky
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Treasurer	Ann Newsted

Board of Directors:	
Pam Sehmer	Clint Wolf
Pam Jones	Christine Ferron

Many thanks to the committee members who generously gave of their time, especially on a weekend. It was a great group. As well, we thank those who graciously accepted the nominations.
Estelle Metz, Chairperson

are gone for one hour, your pup will greet you with unabashed enthusiasm. When you come home from being gone for the whole day, you are still greeted with the same unabashed enthusiasm. Why am I telling you this? To help you feel less anxious about the length of time you are leaving your pup. The most important thing is not that you leave, but that you come back.

Skip the long goodbyes. Pat your pup, tell them you will be back soon, and GO. If you leave confidently, your pup can get his vacation off to a good start. If you are certain your pup is going to have a tail-wagging good time, he will believe you.

REMINDER:
Drills cost \$5
per dog per
session.

Pups don't forget their owners. I have campers staying with me for ten days, three months, and one camper from August through May. Never once has a pup forgotten their owner. True, your pup might love me, race to greet me, and be a happy camper, but trust me, he will always love you best. Always.

It won't be easy to leave my pups when we head out on vacation, even for someone who knows without a doubt "they will be just fine." I will pack my bags, kiss their noses and announce, "We are going to have a great time!" Then I'll tell them, "I'll be back reel soon," shut the door quickly, and whisper to myself, "I'll be back real soon."

How do you deal with leaving your pups when you go on vacation?

Pats For Pups —Katybeth

To register for
any Obedience
class, contact:
Betty Pearson
At 898-2706

By the way, here a couple ideas for dealing with pups and vacations. First of all, we have several very nice kennels in Albuquerque. Some offer all the "amenities", others are more traditional kennels. In addition, there are several 'pet-sitting' services in town. If you select one, be prepared to pay quite a bit, sometimes more than you would for a regular kennel. Also be sure that they are bonded, insured, and have good rapport with your pet. Some of these will stay at your home while others just drop by once or twice a day to check on the dogs. I am very lucky to have a friend who is a vet-tech and works at a veterinary office. She has the special skills that allow me a worry-free vacation as I know she will get the dog to the vet at the first sign of trouble. Stop by your vet's office and see if someone there is willing to take on your pups. Lastly, be sure that you let whoever is caring for your pet know whatever special problems or foibles it may have before they find out by accident. I leave a long list of what and how much to feed plus contact numbers for my vet and for me. That's only fair to all. —the ed.

I'll Be Back Soon

By Katybeth Jensen

Katybeth is the daughter of our Obedience Training Director and has given permission to use this article. She runs Camp Run-A-Pup and writes for dog journals.

In several weeks, my son and I will head to Alaska on vacation. My Jack Russell, Rascal, will be left behind for the first time with someone other than my husband or my mother. After her initial shock at not coming along, Rascal probably won't even notice I'm gone. Jack Russells are like that. On the other hand, I'm having terrible separation anxiety before I've even packed my first bag. Rascal has slept next to me every night since we brought her home. On the rare occasions I have left her home overnight, she easily substituted my husband or mom as her sleeping partner. Jack Russells are like that. I, on the other hand, didn't sleep worth a woof. When I tell my clients that I understand how hard it is to leave their pups, they know without a doubt that I do.

As a professional pet spoiler and petrieter of Camp Run-A-Pup, I can share a few tips which might make it easier when you have to leave your pups behind.

If you can find a reliable caregiver, your pups will be happiest at home. Here is the catch, though. Only leave your pups at home with your mother. Okay, if your mother is not available, then only consider friends you would trust with your car.

Do not rely on the friend playing with your adorable Lab puppy in May when she says, "Oh, he can stay with me over 4th of July." Your puppy will be bigger, splashing in his water bowls, turning your kitchen into a swimming pool, and using your work clothes as a beach towel. Your friend will not be amused by these stories, and will suddenly be very busy. Have a back-up plan.

While looking for the 'next best place to home' for your pup's vacation stay, here are a few things to remember.

Happy is not always possible. Safe and well-cared-for is. Your first consideration for leaving your pup when you travel is, "Will my pup be safe and well-cared-for?"

It's become common for boarding facilities to offer accommodations that include big screen TVs, water beds and music customized to your pup's taste. I don't have a judgment about these a'la carte offerings (ok, I do...I think they are silly) as long as you realize your pocket-book is being hijacked by guilt. Unlike people, a dog's loyalty cannot be bought by big screen TVs unless buttered popcorn is included, and then only maybe.

Take time to consider what will make your pup feel most secure while you are away. If your pup is not social, don't send him to spend ten days in a highly social environment, even if you think it sounds like fun to you. It won't be fun for your pup. If your pup is a party animal and loves nothing more than to play with other dogs, a traditional kennel might be borrrri-innggg.

Camp Run-A-Pup is not a crate-free environment. In my opinion, a crate-free environment would be like sending you to Las Vegas for three days without a hotel room. Every pup needs a special spot of their own. If a dog was crate-trained properly as a puppy, they will usually do fine in a crate in a new environment, even if it has been dog years since they have set paw in a crate. When prospective clients make a reservation at camp, we discuss crating. If they are not comfortable with the idea of their pup spending some time in a crate, I offer them names of crate-free boarding accommodations.

Pups don't have the same concept of time that we do. Yes, I know your dog knows when it's time to eat, go to bed, or pick the kid up from school. This is based on routine, though, not the clock. Still not convinced are you? Let me try again. If you go to the grocery store and

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questions



The Fall Trial Is Over

By Dora Cressy

To order SDOC
t-shirts and
sweatshirts,
contact Estelle
Metz
Stay warm or
be cool, in
style!

The Fall Trial is over, and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I want to send out huge thank yous to everyone who made the two days such a success. The temptation is to start naming names, but the fear is I will omit a major player! The members of the trial committee were truly awesome in the performance of their duties. This allowed me to buzz around doing practically nothing! Being the trial chair gave me a completely new perspective of how much work it takes to put on one of these events. From the youngest (Alex?) to the oldest (who shall remain nameless) the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at SDOC. I really cannot thank enough everybody who helped set up, tear down, stewarded, and everyone who helped in countless small and large ways to contribute. And not in the least to all of you who showed your dogs or came to encourage and cheer each other on. I received compliments from many people, but one of the ones that really impressed me came from one of our judges. More than once she commented on the good sportsmanship she observed at our trial. I really wanted everyone to hear about that. It may be something that we take for granted. Congratulations to all who were successful. To those who wished for better outcomes, keep on trying! And to anyone who was unable to participate this time, there is another opportunity coming up next May! Again, I thank all of you so much!!

—Dora Cressy, Obedience Trial Chairperson



Special Annual Awards Input Needed

By Rosemary Burtch

Yes folks, it's that time again—time to make recommendations for our special awards. We need input; i.e., names and reasons for nominees for the two major awards which SDOC gives each year. The first award is the Good Sportsmanship Award which is given to the person who has best exemplified the characteristics of a 'Good Sportsman' during the year. The second award is the Mike Kuliasha Award (formerly known as the Jim Murphy Award) which is given for special service to the Club which has been noted during the year 2010.

You may call or email Rosemary Burtch with your nominations for the Good Sportsmanship award. Do Not do this publically. Contact Rosemary privately at rosybee@earthlink.net. For the Mike Kuliasha Award, contact Karen Paone at kbpaone@comcast.net. Remember to do this privately, not on the SDOC list. You may also call them by phone or send a brief nomination letter to them. These are our highest awards for service so we want our best input!

Thank you from both Rosemary and Karen!





Super Q

By Hannah Agee

We are going to offer an 8-week "Jumping 101" class starting on November 3, 2010. This class is open to dogs from BEG I to EXC level. The dogs have to be at least 14 months old, need a solid sit-stay/recall and need to be able to focus in a group setting.

Thanks to Richard Irland, chair of our hugely successful September AKC trial! Everything ran smoothly and everyone loved the space he created in the center of the arena. The dogs had nice, fenced-off practice jumps, and plenty of room to warm up for their runs. Nancy Culley, trial secretary, posted the results quickly during the event, with a follow up email on Monday.

We are thrilled about the turn-out for our first Novice/Open AKC trial – this is going to be a very exciting, first-of-its-kind, event in New Mexico. Please join us on October 23 at 8 AM if you have a chance to help with bar setting etc. or get in touch with Terri Moyers: terrimoyers@comcast.net

Send me an email if you are looking for a fun Puppy Foundation DVD. The cost is \$10.00 hannah.agee@comcast.net

The DVD was made at SDOC with students, for our students and club members.



AGILITY DRILL CLASS IS MOVING TO FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM!!

**IF YOU ARE GETTING AN AWARDS
PLAQUE FOR TITLES EARNED IN 2010,
BE SURE TO FILL OUT A TITLE FORM!
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER
AT THE TRAINING SITE!!!**

Has your dog accomplished something new? E-mail all the details to the Editor. AND—if there's a "CH" or "X" anywhere in that title, please include a picture of your dog!



The Prez Sez

Maggie Gee, President

The SDOC Board is considering a possible change to the SDOC ByLaws to increase the Board from 9 to 11 members by including the Agility Training Director and the Obedience Training Director as voting members of the Board. The SDOC Board is soliciting membership input on this possible change.

Hannah Agee
can be
reached at

887-9210

Or

Hannah.agee@
comcast.net

At the October, November and December 2010 SDOC General Membership Meetings, members are invited to publically share their thoughts on this possible change to the board. If you cannot attend one of these meetings or do not want to publically share your comments, please feel free to write your thoughts anonymously and place them in the President's or the Corresponding Secretary's box in the SDOC training room.

Should the SDOC Board be increased from the current 9 to 11 to include the Agility Training Director and the Obedience Training Director as voting members? (Currently, there are 5 officers and 4 board members at large.)

Should the Agility Training Director and the Obedience Training Director positions be elected positions and nominated by the Nominating Committee? (Currently, the Agility Training Director and the Obedience Training Director positions are appointed positions.)

As a related possible change, how do you feel about the SDOC General Membership Meetings going to a quarterly basis or a bi-monthly basis instead of the current monthly basis?

All input on these questions is welcome.

Officers, Board of Directors & Others

2010

Members of the Board:

Officers:

President: Maggie Gee

Vice President: Janice Anthes

Treasurer: Ann Newsted

Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz

Recording Secretary: Jacque Obermeyer

Board of Directors:

Pam Sehmer, Vickee Jones, Saul Rovinsky, Clint Wolf

Ongoing Programs:

Obedience Director: Marcie Jensen

Agility Director: Hannah Agee

Editor: Laurel Drew

Production Staff: Nancy Pollock and Saul Rovinsky

Web Wizard: Clint Wolf

Thank you one and all!

Bragg, Bragg and More Bragg

Any venue, any breed

- The following dog and handler were inadvertently left out of the listings of qualifiers from the SDOC Sept. trials. Claudia Saiz and Duke, German Shepherd, qualified both days at out trials and earned a 4th place on Monday.
- Nancy Stafford and Rottie Vette (Ch. Laredo's Be Zora's Corvette CD, RN, AXP, AJP, CGC, ARC Versatility Award, and now Excellent A Standard Preferred, finished the EXP at the SDOC agility trial in Sept. with a 1st place and HS Dog in Class. She earned her EXA Preferred at the Rottie National Specialty in April, pictured here.
- Leonore Abordo's homebred Borzoi, Keen, earned his CGC in Roswell at 21 weeks of age, the youngest Borzoi to do so.
- At the Sept. Weimaraner agility trial, Kaia and Clint Wolf got an Excellent Standard leg and an Excellent Jumpers leg, took 2nd in Open FAST completing that title, and got 1st place in Excellent FAST. Next week, Kaia earned another Excellent Standard leg and completed the Excellent FAST title with 1st and 3rd places. Hey Clint, what are you going to do when you run out of agility titles?!
- Debby Potter and Zosia received Honorable Mention from AKC in the Awards For Canine Excellence (ACE) and received a Bronze Collar Medallion. She also now has 30 titles and counting in Agility! Zosia is pictured elsewhere in this newsletter with her medallion.
- Penni Adrian and Corgi, Chase, earned their HT at the Herding Trial on Oct. 9/10. Chase will try for his PT next month.
- Lynn Black and Belgian Sheepdog, Bear, finished their RN with back to back Qs at Panhandle/Plains KC trials 3 weeks after earning his first leg at the SDOC trials. In the process, he earned a 1st, a 2nd, and a 3rd place. He just turned one 3 days after the Lubbock shows.
- Lynn Black's Windy BSD earned Select and BOBs at the Greeley and Evergreen KC shows for a total of 9 Grand Championship points including a 4 point major. She has also gotten 3 Group 2s, 2 Group 3s, and a Group 4 so far in Sept/Oct. Windy quickly earned the points needed to be entered in the Belgian Sheepdog Hall of Fame and was ranked #3 Belgian bitch by Canine Chronicle as of August 31. I bet she's Numero Uno now and well deserves it!! Congratulations, Lynn and Windy.
- Leonore Abordo's other Borzoi, Trek, was RWD both days in Alamogordo, also earning his CGC that those shows. He is 16 months old.



SDOC Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday *prior* to General Membership meetings at the SDOC Training Building. Minutes are available for review by contacting the Recording Secretary at the @earthling.net or at any General Membership meeting.

Want to become a member? Get an application in the lobby at the Club building, or download from the SDOC web site!

NEEDED!! SOMEONE TO CHAIR THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!!!

Contact Maggie Gee for details.



SDOC MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING AUGUST, 2010

Call to Order: President Maggie Gee called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the training room of the SDOC training site at 7050 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque.

Attendance:

- Board members attending: Maggie Gee, Janice Anthes, Estelle Metz, Jacque Obermeyer, Ann Newsted, Pam Sehmer, Saul Rovinsky, Clint Wolf
- Board member absent: Vickee Jones

Recording Secretary's Report:

- The August, 2010 minutes were accepted as written.

President's Report:

- The Obedience and Agility Fun Matches went very well. Match chairs Evelyn Vinogradov and Phyllis Collier did fine jobs.
- The fall Obedience/Rally trial on September 5-6, 2010 was a success. A big thanks to chair Dora Cressy and to all those who helped in equipment packing, ring set-up, hospitality, stewarding and trial committee members.
- Regina Mitchell, a rep. for Dex-one, was a guest at the September 21 Board meeting. We have reduced our ad in the yellow pages to a Bold listing (as in the white pages) with a savings to the club of \$3,700 a year.
- A consolidated Agility/Obedience class registration form jointly prepared was presented by Bill Chambers. Feed back was given and it is close to final.
- The Board decided to modify the age of juniors attending classes and handling dogs from 12 to 16 (with permission of the head instructor). Also, a parent must be present.
- Nancy Brunswick is working on a draft of a class/student survey. She is also working on a membership survey to be included with the annual membership renewal form. The form will be in the Nov/Dec 2010 S&N.
- Melanie Mead will be the Spring 2011 Agility Trial Chair. The Board decided to go with a 3 day trial starting with the spring trial.
- Carolee Douglas presented the final SDOC worker draw tracking program. This was approved by the Board.
- \$130 was approved by the Board for a DVD set on tracking.
- The Board approved and adopted a policy that judges must complete their judging assignments before offering a seminar.

Treasurer's Report:

- The total income for August, 2010 was \$12,606.52 with expenses of \$3945.56 for a net income of \$8660.96 compared to a total income for August, 2009 of \$3,900.91 with expenses of \$3,191.72 for a net income of \$709.19. Year to date there is a net income of \$13,761.84 compared to \$17,399.41 for 2009. This is a loss of \$3,637.57.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- The nominating committee's slate for 2011 was received. At the general meeting in October nominations may be taken from the floor. The elections will occur at the November meeting. The nominating committee members were Nancy Pollock, Donna Sloan, Barbara Mitchell, Dede Brownstein, Christine Ferron, Melanie Mead (absent due to call to work), and Estelle Metz. The proposed slate is: President-Maggie Gee, VP-Saul Rovinsky, Treasurer-Ann Newsted, Corresponding Secretary-Estelle Metz, Recording Secretary-Bonnie Conner, Directors-Pam Sehmer, Clint Wolf, Pam Jones, Christine Ferron
- The Shopes have emailed a request to be added to our mailing list. A reply has not been received to indicate if that means newsletters, emails or other lists.
- AKC has emailed a print ready file asking that we include a breed registration promotion in our newsletter.
- AKC has reviewed our club's file and hasn't received an application that we will be holding our Agility trials 3/19/2011 and 3/20/2011. They were contacted immediately and a return call was received on 9/13/2010. The dates are being held pending receipt of applications and Estelle Metz was assured no fines would be levied.
- The latest "Animal News" from Morris Animal Foundation is in the lobby.
- Judge Pat Scully has sent us a lovely letter of appreciation.

Obedience Director:

- There is a request from Zia Australian Shepherd Club to rent the building for a Saturday/Sunday in November, 2010 and December, 2010 for Obedience trials and Conformation. Marcie Jensen requested \$150/day and has researched the dates available to be November 27 & 28 and December 11 & 12. We are waiting to hear back.
- There will be no Friday night run-through on October 22, 2010 due to set up for the Saturday, October 23 on-site Novice/Open Agility Trial.
- Beginning in 2011 SDOC will be adding some advanced obedience classes.

Agility Director:

- As of the Board meeting on September 21 there were 73 entries for the on-site agility trial.
- The Agility field clean-up will occur on Saturday, October 16 with the help of Susan McGowan's UNM Student Athletic Trainers Group.
- The old agility jumps were sold and picked up at the Agility fun match in August. The new jumps were delivered September 24.
- Guide wire for weave poles are on order. If they work the Board approved SDOC to reimburse Hannah Agee the cost of \$60.

Unfinished Business:

- There was a news item in the S&N requesting feedback on increasing the board from 9 to 11 members by making the training directors Board members.
- Betty Pearson has agreed to chair the audit committee for 2010. She will bring the names to the Board next month for approval.
- A Chair is needed for the Annual Awards Banquet.
- The Board approved increasing the cost of the bars for the plaques due to an increase in the cost of engraving. The small bar will go from \$3.50 to \$4.50 and the large bar will go from \$5 to \$6. The plaques will continue to be a gift covered by SDOC to members in good standing, as stated on the order form.

New Business:

- The Board approved 2-\$25 gift cards to be purchased and given to the BCSP grounds keeper as a thank you for excellent service.
- The Board approved an exception for the Federal Estimated Tax payments and the monthly New Mexico Gross receipts tax payment to be made electronically as required by the regulatory agency instead of check payments. All other disbursements remain via hard copy check with 2 authorized signatures.

Hospitality:

- Thanks to Estelle Metz for coordinating this month's hospitality. Remember next month's meeting is Halloween. Come join the fun!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



The Rally Novice graduating class in October, 2010.



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Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

Future Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.

October 26

November 16

December 14

Dates for Jan. 2011 not yet decided.

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.

October 29 (Halloween Party)

November 19

December 17 (Christmas Party)

Date for Jan. 2011 not yet decided

February 25

March 25

April 29

May 27

Remember: see http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc_events for local events.