



# Scents & Nonscents

October, 2011

## Hey! What Happened?



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I spent the last four days at the local dog shows and trials, and I realized that while I was training my hounds something had happened! Somehow, while I wasn't looking, we all got older!

I looked around the show grounds and saw professional handlers who had seemingly gone gray overnight. Folks scattered about with their oxygen tanks and scooters or wheelchairs. It was a shock!

Sure, I'm well aware that we all get older, but all of a sudden I looked around and I didn't see many young people at all! Yes, there were some junior handlers although those were in the conformation rings, not obedience. The trouble was that they were in the minority, and the twenty and thirty somethings seemed few and far between. Are we in a dying sport?

This was a wake-up call for me in a way that I hadn't seen it before. We NEED to get out there and recruit the young folks, not just those in the under eighteen range, but those in their early working days—the 20 and 30 somethings! If we don't start getting some of these people involved, our favorite sport—dogs—is going to falter and disappear even before we are gone. No matter how much we might want to involve the kids, we need to look at the ones who fill in that age bracket in between.

Anybody have an idea on how to reach them? And where to reach them?

I've been thinking about this most of today, and I'm scratching my head.

Most people in that age range are very busy and active, but not in the sports that we remember or the ones in which we are now participating. "Back in the day", and it's upsetting to realize that the term really

does apply now, we were young and eager, and the world seemed to be our oyster. Now life has changed a lot. The economy sucks and folks can't afford as much as even just a few years ago.

Younger people, raised in the "do it fast, have it now" mind set find the time required to train a dog and even to just spend time with it boring and improbable. How can we change that?

Sure, we can work harder to change the attitude of children although we also have that insidious machine, the computer, to provide unbelievably strong opposition. We can take our messages of dog showing and training to schools, day care programs, library demonstrations, etc. provided all the red tape can be negotiated, but where do we reach the younger adults? Can we take our dogs and training to the YAFL games, the soccer and baseball games? We could try to catch some of the young parents there. Should we do more advertising of our sports, even if it means taking out ads in the local newspapers before our events and promoting them with television ads and magazine ads? Can we try and get more articles on training or dogs in general into the media? You can get rescue stories into media fairly easily, but how about promoting ourselves? We seem more and more afraid to do that, and that's where we are losing to PETA and friends.

The bottom line is that we have to invest more money and time into promoting the sports of dogs on a more local level. If we don't make ourselves more visible, we are going to lose out. How about it folks, can we get some momentum here? I'd like to hear from you all! What can we do to save our sport on a local level?

# 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  
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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>

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.**

Class changes to be noted:

Super Drill Tuesday night class ends Sept. 27. The Tuesday AM classes will continue until November 29.

Rally Drills—Excellent walk-thrus will start as close to 2:45 PM (Sundays) as possible and will be followed by Advanced class. Novice walk-thrus will start close to 4:00 PM. Next class is Sept 11. Future dates are on the SDOC website.

A new Tricks Class will begin on December 3 and run for 6 weeks. See next page for details. Be sure to sign up with the Register.

## Upcoming Events For Fall

The Tracking Club of El Paso is holding a Hands-On tracking seminar to cover beginning tracking (including puppies), and TD, TDX, and possibly VST levels. Sharon Jolly, and AKC Tracking Judge would be the Presenter. If you are interested, contact Sandra Hill (915-584-2830), Michelle Mauldin (575-434-5220), or Sharon Jolly (915-562-0239) for information. Cost is \$75 for 2 days, \$45 per day, and \$10 per day for Audit spots. It will be held Dec. 3/4 in Santa Teresa, NM area. There should be a form on our website.

9:00 a.m. with the show-and-go starting at 9:30 a.m.

Enchantment Training Club has scheduled 2 UKC obedience trials on Saturday, Nov. 19 AND 2 UKC trials on Sunday, Nov. 20. This means you could conceivably finish a UKC title in one weekend. They will be held at the National Guard Armory, 600 Wyoming NE. Premiums are available on the SDOC site or through Dee Falk (dee.falk@yahoo.com).

The local Toy Club is holding a Conformation only Sanctioned B match and all-breed show and go on Sunday, Oct. 30. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Toy judging starts at



# Newsnotes From the Neighborhood

*Your Editor*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The El Paso Tracking Seminar has been changed to December 3/4 in El Paso. More information is available from Carolee Douglas, Laurel Drew, or on our SDOC Website. This sounds like a good seminar for newcomers to the sport!

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*Pam Sehmer will be presenting a seminar on teaching dog sports—NOT how to do the actual exercises, but how to plan and present the classes themselves. Since one of our main activities is the teaching of classes no matter which venue—obedience, agility, rally, etc.—we teach, the general approach is similar. Pam was a P.E. instructor by trade and can give us some good ideas for setting up lesson plans, running the class so that we get what we want accomplished in an hour, and how to work with 'problem' students, etc. This seminar will be held Dec. 3-4 at the training site so plan to come! You won't need your dogs for this one.*

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Barb Mitchell fell and broke her hip a couple weeks ago. She is recovering well and is currently at the HealthSouth facility on Jefferson NE (just a few blocks from the SDOC site. Give her a ring before you go to visit as therapy can be very tiring (trust me, I was there when I had a knee replaced). Her phone is 563-4205. She will probably be there for another week or two.

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*We have five entries for the VST test which will be held at UNM on October 16. I hope to report on at least 3 successes (allowing for some 'oopses') next month.*

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The Tricks Class held at SDOC in the summer was such a success that another class is being offered starting in December. Anyone can take the upcoming tricks class, and all new tricks will be taught in this class. The six-week course will be held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., and the dates for the class will be Dec. 3, 10, 17, then a two-week break for the Holidays and resuming for three more classes on January 7, 14, and 21. Come and join in for a class withat will be fun for you and your dog and where you can learn skills that can help yo in other dog sports. All those interested need to sign up as usual with the Registrar, including other instructors.



Agility Prep Class at their Graduation on October 4, 2011.

**SDOC  
WEBSITE  
ADDRESS  
IS**

[www.sdocnm.org](http://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.



# Double Q

## By Melanie Mead

To register for  
any Agility  
class, contact:  
Bill Chambers  
wfchambers39@  
gmail.com  
Or 281-5187

The SDOC fall 3-day agility trial was held September 16-18, 2011 at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse grounds. Thank you to Richard Ireland for being Trial Chair and all the folks who worked on the trial committee to bring it all together. Without them, the trial would have not been such a great success.

We did a little something different this year at the SDOC agility trial. We offered retired agility dogs a chance to get back on the field and run a short agility course. We called this the 'Victory Lap. We limited the obstacles, lowered the bars and let our retired companions a chance to get on the field and have fun. There were 14 dogs that ran the course. A few of the SDOC members participated were Debbie Potter and Zosia, Pam Spatz and Brimstones Purple Sage, Rosemary Burtch and Tawnee Vom Park, and Dick Bruni and Bro. Dick's run was especially touching because he had lost Jake, his golden lab, the week before the trial. Bro ran with a picture of Jake around his collar. I would say the Victory Lap was a huge hit as evidenced by all the tears in the audience.

We want to recognize the UNM students that are always helping SDOC with the agility trials. They help with the set up and take down of all the equipment; they work as leash runners, scribe runners, bar setters and sometimes other jobs during the trials. They always offer to help when help is needed and they never complain. We want to thank all of them for their hard work. It is a real pleasure to have them at our trials. We also want to thank Susan McGowen, SDOC member, for all her support and assistance she provides the club.

During the last Board Meeting, Maggie Gee, President, said she counted about 18 RVs at the SDOC agility trial. We had another observer count somewhere in the 20s. Whatever the number was, we had a great turn-out!

REMINDER:  
Drills cost \$7  
per dog per  
session.

The Elicia Calhoun seminar was a great success. We learned new handling skills (no blind crosses for those who are worried about this) and the new learned skills expanded our knowledge for future challenges on the Agility field. Eventually our courses are going to get more technical (very much like the European courses) and we need to prepare ourselves. Elicia's knowledge of European handling was invaluable. Yes, we are trying to get her back next year to learn more skills since we covered only 6 of the 34 crosses.

The Novice dogs got a lot of feedback on how and where to treat, how to stay connected with your dog and much more. The Weave Pole class was very challenging and we learned new ways of proofing. The Novice students learned that you do not need a lot of equipment to get successful weave poles.

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

This seminar could not have been a success without the help of Gene Tatum. Gene was there every morning to set up the course and every evening to clear the field for the surface prep. Thank you Gene! Also a huge thank you to Kim Fuqua who helped us every step of the way. Susan Neal helped making lunch (fabulous tuna fish salad) and ran errands. Of course Michael Provine who was as always incredibly helpful. Don't forget - Our 2-day Novice/Open only agility trial will be held **October 22-23, 2011** on the SDOC agility field outside. There will be no classes at SDOC that day. Crating will be allowed in the training room inside the building. Please come out and watch or volunteer if you have time!





# Nominating Committee Report

*By Jeff Robb*

The Committee was made up of seven people. All AKC venues in which SDOC members participate were represented—Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking. The members were Nancy Pollock, Estelle Metz, Toi Tschohl, Melanie Mead, Barb Mitchell, Leslie Swisher and Jeff Robb with Jeff being the committee head. The Slate of nominees for the 2012 year is:

President: Maggie Gee

Board of Directors: Debbie Potter

Vice President: Saul Rovinsky

Karen Provine

Recording Secretary: Amy Hendrickson

Pam Sehmer

Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz

Toi Tschohl

Treasurer: Ann Newsted

Additional nominees may be made from the floor at the October meeting on October 28 provided written permission to do so is submitted and signed by the nominee. *If there are additional nominees, ALL nominees will be requested to provide a short (50 words or less) paragraph stating their experience and background for the position. This last request is from your Editor so that we can put those paragraphs in the SDOC newsletter. There is no requirement from the Club to do so.*

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## Karen Paone Memorial Herding Trial

*By Claudia Saiz*

The “Karen Paone Memorial Herding Trial” was held recently and drew a nice crowd of enthusiasts. The memorial trophy offered in her name was sponsored by Darla Welty and awarded by Kathleen Tobin, a good friend of Karen’s. It was won by Claudia and Chris Saiz for their very active involvement with herding and trialing. Claudia states, “The trophy has a place of honor in our Bunkhouse until the next trial when it will again be awarded to a deserving person or dog at that trial.

Now for the results, a quick list of all the dogs entered that either earned a title or legs toward one. I’m not sure of a few of these titles so please forgive the undefined acronyms.

German Shepherds: Carol Blackshear and Axl earned a HCT on goats, a JHD (Junior Herding Dog) on Goats, and their first leg on the JHD on sheep. Jane Silverman and Inca earned their HCT first leg on goats.

Border Collies: Phil Blackshear and Moxie earned their JHD on goats and on sheep. Toi Tschohl and Abbie earned their HCT on goats.

American Cattle Dogs: Ellen Rowe and Foster earned their JHDs on goats and on sheep.

Belgian Sheepdogs: LeAnn Miller and Cowboy earned their JHD title on goats and their first leg for JHD on sheep. LeAnn also ran her Jag who earned the JHD on goats.

Belgian Tervuren: Kathleen Tobin and Faolon finished their JHD title on goats.

A big congratulations to all of you! You showed everyone that our dogs work and have fun doing it!! We have the best dogs in the world!!!

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questions



# September 30, 2011 General Meeting Minutes

By Bonnie Conner, Recording Secretary

**Call To Order:** President Maggie Gee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the training room of the SDOC training site at 7050 San Predro NE in Albuquerque.

**Attendance: Board Members:** Maggie Gee, Saul Ravinsky, Annie Newsted, Estelle Metz, Bonnie Conner, Clint Wolf, Pam Jones, Donna Sloan.

**August SDOC General Membership Minutes:** Laurel Drew motioned to approve with corrections. Winnie Feder 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Approved.

## President's Report:

- September has been really busy. Thank you everyone for the great obedience, rally, agility trials and the Elicia Calhoun seminar.
- October is looking at: October 28<sup>th</sup> is our General Membership meeting which includes the Halloween Dog Costume contest and games. We also have an on-site agility trial for novice and open on October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Treasurer's Report:

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| <b>Income for August:</b>              | \$16,148.70      |
| <b>Expenses for August:</b>            | <u>9,831.17</u>  |
| <b>Net Income:</b>                     | \$6,317.17       |
| <b>Year to Date:</b>                   |                  |
| <b>Income:</b>                         | \$86,844.98      |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                       | <u>65,385.44</u> |
| <b>Net Income before depreciation:</b> | \$21,459.54      |

## Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- AKC Notification Re: The US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Inspection Service distributed proposed rules that provide guidance to federal agencies tasked with enforcing a 2008 law that amends the Federal Animal Welfare Act. This measure limits the importation of dogs under the age of six months into the U.S. for the purpose of resale. The AKC believes the proposed regulations as written, are a reasonable interpretation of the statute. The proposed rules do not prohibit individuals from bringing foreign dogs into the US for their own use or breeding programs.
- SDOC's application to hold a TD 1/22/2012 is approved.
- SDOC's application to hold a TDX 2/5/2012 is approved.
- AKC hasn't received a Judge's Panel for the TDX on 2/5/2012
- AKC is withholding approval of our May 2012 Trials pending receipt of a Common Site application.
- AKC is withholding approval of our Rally event 5/11/2012 pending final approval of the associated Obedience Trial.
- AKC application of our Obedience Trial, Friday, May 11, 2012 is approved.
- AKC approved the application of our Agility Trials on May 16, 17, 18, 2012.
- AKC has received and processed the results of our Obedience and Rally events of September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- SDOC has received a thank you note from Alan Arthur with appreciation for having judge and for his gifts. His words were very complimentary.
- A thank you was received from Evi Fox in appreciation of the Fall Obedience Trials with special thanks to Maggie Gee.

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

- A note of appreciation to SDOC was received from Mrs. William Green, Robin thanks the club for our donation to Canine Health Foundation in Bill's memory.

(All the above notes will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule).

**Recording Secretary:** Nothing at this time.

**Agility Director:**

- Thank you to Richard Ireland for the work with the fall trail.
- There were 16 RVs at the trial!
- Victory Lap for older dogs was very successful.
- Gene Tatum's wife, Pat, sang the national anthem at the trial on 9/11. Thank you Pat!
- Elicia Calhoun had three days of seminar. Hannah Agee arranged the seminar. Thank you Hannah.
- Marcie Jensen and I are working on all trainers' gifts which is a \$20 gift certificate at Clean Run.
- There is an SDOC agility trial on October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> onsite.

**Obedience Director:**

- Obedience and Rally classes are doing very well. Jean Gill has been approved as a Rally Apprentice.
- There will be a trainer's meeting on Saturday, October 1, 12:30 P.M.

**Nominating Committee:**

The nominating consisted of the following people: Jeff Robb, Estelle Metz, Barb Mitchell, Melanie Mead, Nancy Pollack, Toi Tschohl, Leslie Swisher. Jeff Robb is the committee chair. The 2012 slate is as follows:

President: Maggie Gee, Vice-President: Saul Ravinsky, Treasurer: Annie Newsted, Recording Secretary: Amy Hendrickson, Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz, Directors: Debbie Potter, Pam Sehmer, Karen Provine, and Toi Tschohl.

Nominations can be made from the floor at the October meeting provided the nominee has accepted the proposed nomination.

**Announcements, Etc.:**

**Web Site:** Clint Wolfe announced the Victory Lap video is now on the SDOC website. Thank you to R. O'Dell for the video.

**Advertisement Sign Up Sheet:** Jeff Robb left a sign-up sheet for advertisements for the May shows.

**Dedication:** Estelle Metz made a motion the obedience trial in May be dedicated to Karen Paone. Annie Newsted 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Awards Banquet:** A chair for the banquet is needed. Please see Maggie Gee if you want to volunteer.

**Tracking Seminar:** Please see Carolee Douglas for information regarding a tracking seminar to be held outside El Paso.

**Lure Coursing:** Marcie Jensen announced that AKC is now allowing non-sight hounds to compete in lure coursing.

**Scents and Nonsense Newsletter:** Saul Rovinsky asked people to contact him if they wanted their newsletter mailed to them via post office.

**Membership Readings:**

- **First Readings:** Tim Childress and Sue Gottschall.
- **Second Readings:** Shari Linsley

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.**

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!



# Happy Heeling!

*By Marcie Jensen, Obedience Training Director*

Sept. has been a busy month for SDOC. Actually it's always seemed to me that the Club kind of sleeps through Summer, then awakens with a bang in the Fall. Or maybe it's just me that sleeps through the summer. Anyway, we've got several new classes starting up and will add more as needed. Thanks to all the instructors for teaching them, and to all the assistants for making the job easier Rally is also going great guns. Welcome Jeanne Gill as a new assistant in agility.

This has been an interesting month for new things, at least new things to me. Laurel Drew invited me to enter a lure coursing event. AKC is now giving titles to non-sighthounds. I had no idea what to expect, but I decided to give it a try. When I got out to the field they informed me I was first. First! I had never even seen Lure Coursing. Anyway, I went out to the starting place, everyone was very nice and told me exactly what to do. When the magic words, "Tally Ho!" were yelled, I let trinket go and the chase was on. Everyone was yelling and clapping for her, except me, I just stood there thunder struck. I had absolutely no idea my Dobe was that fast! We had so much fun we went out the next day and did a repeat performance. Trinket now has two CAT legs. [*Trinket finished her CAT a week later. Ed.*] If you want to do something that's sheer fun for your dogs, give this sport a try. Then stay until the end and watch the Greyhounds run, or is it fly? Laurel's own Cinderella is amazing.

At the General meeting Amy Hendrickson and her friend, Jamie Fellows, showed us what the new sport of NoseWork is all about. It was very interesting and looked like it would be another fun thing to do with your dog. Luke, Amy's Dobe was first up and had no trouble finding the scent pad. I had no doubt he could do it, Dobe, you know? Next Julie Brozek's Seiji showed how you start the training by doing boxes with treats in them. Then the versatile Ms. Cinderella came up and showed what a Greyhound, not a traditional scenting breed, could do. Very impressive. If enough interest is showed in this new sport, Amy has offered to teach a class.

Several people brought puppies to the meeting. All of them were adorable, of course. Why do they have to grow up so darn fast. My "puppy" turned 3 this month. We celebrated by taking them out for yogurt and then letting them split a Rib Eye along with their regular dinner. It seems like yesterday she was 6 months old.

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## Officers, Board of Directors & Others

*2011*

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Pam Jones

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Obedience Director: Marcie Jensen

Agility Director: Melanie Mead

Editor: Laurel Drew

Production Staff: Nancy Pollock and  
Saul Rovinsky and Clint Wolf

Web Wizard: Clint Wolf

Thank you one and all!

# Bragg, Bragg and More Bragg

*Any venue, any breed*

- Marcie Jensen's Dobe, Trinket added a CA (Coursing Aptitude) title to her Ch., CDX and TD in Showlow, AZ. According to Marcie, "she was absolutely wild when she saw she got to run again. The Trial Chairman told her husband he might want to pull her from the sport until he could motivate her! LOL, he could hardly hold her!"
- Janice Anthes' Sheltie, Rowdy to first in Novice B with a 195 on both Friday and Sunday in Alamo-gordo. This was good for a HIT on Sunday.
- Donna Sloan's MinPin, Dion, earned 2 legs toward his RE and 2nd places both days of our Sept. trial.
- Donna' Papillon, Tommy earned 2 legs toward his RA in Rally at our trials in Sept. with places of third and fourth.
- Penni Adrian's Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Chase earned the first 2 legs of his Intermediate Sheep Herding title at the Rottweiler sponsored herding trial in Cumming, GA on Oct. 8/9. His nearly 10 month old daughter, Lowri, earned her PT at the same trial.
- Karen Naughton's two Standard Schnauzers, Domino and Shadow each earned two legs of their CA title at the recent Albuquerque Whippet Fanciers Association trial. Karen and her partner, Bonnie Rudy said that it was lots of fun and they are eager to finish and become CATS.



Rowdy Anthes,  
HIT

Karen Hamp-  
ton's Standard  
Schnauzer  
chasing the lure



*Cont. from p. 8*

Today was our semi-annual Trainers meeting. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend. We discussed what our goal was in teaching a Beginning Novice class. The Pam Sehmer took over the meeting and gave the trainers some really good tips for keeping the class together and several ways to answer questions from people attending the class. I closed the meeting with my usual spiel about treating others with respect. . Not attending someone else's class and interrupting. And, to tell everyone to keep their dogs away from other dogs! We had an incident last year before a class began, outside the Club, between two Poodles! People think their dog is friendly, but they have no idea what that friendly dog will do under stress.

Our Agility group will be using the building for their two day agility trial on the 22 and 23 of October to set up crates. People entering the trial will be allowed to set up crates on the 21st so their will be no Friday night Rung Throughs on the 21st. Please mark that on your calendar.

Thanks to everyone, especially my ever diligent and hard working Registrar.

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!

# Scenes From Recent Activities

*By Laurel Drew*



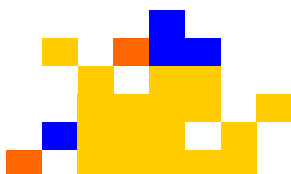
A scene from the Summer Tricks Class



Off and running! Marcie Jensen and Trinket at the AWFA Coursing Aptitude Test.



Pat Sayles and her Dalmatian giving the CAT a shot.



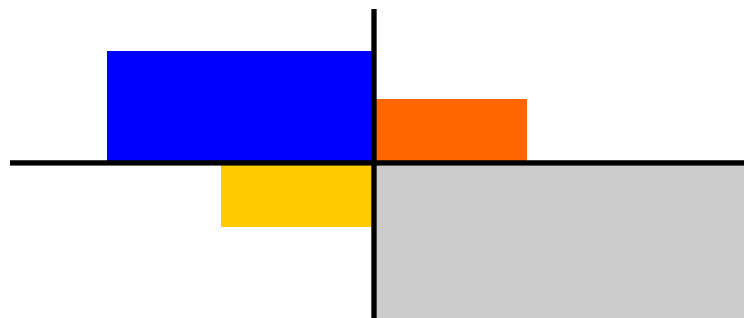
Basic Novice class recently taught by Karen Paone in their Graduation photo.

## More Photos of Recent SDOC Activities

Clint Wolf and Kaia had a wonderful trial filled vacation in Washington State where she earned her MXJ and MXF titles!



The Potters adopted Zosia, sporting the Polish name for Sophie on March 4, 2004. After about a year of agility training at SDOC, Zosia started competition in AKC, NADAC, USDAA, and ASCA. Zosia earned 30 agility titles in 5 years. Although she was diagnosed with multiple malignant mast cell tumors on Aug. 5, 2008, ten of those titles were earned during her remission from cancer, i.e., after several surgeries, 15 radiation treatments and 16 weeks of chemotherapy. She became registered with Therapy Dogs, Inc. in 2005. She visits veterans at the VA Hospital, children at University Hospital and is in the Read to Dogs program at the library. She has always been eager to please and attentive to Debbie. Here she is shown taking her Victory Lap at the recent SDOC Agility Trial.



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## Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

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

May 24  
June 21  
July 26  
Aug 23  
September 27  
October 25  
November 15  
December 13

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

May 27  
June 21  
July 29 (Ice Cream Social)  
Aug 26  
September 30  
October 28 (Halloween Party)  
November 18  
December 16 (Christmas Party)

Remember: see [http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc\\_events](http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc_events) for local events.