



# CKCOJ news

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## CLUB NEWS

### Instructors, please note:

- All students in your classes should be charged according to the new price schedule included in this newsletter (page 4).
- These prices do **not** include premier collars.

If you have any questions on class pricing, please contact the Training Committee chairperson.

**Raffle prize donations sought.** The club is planning a raffle in conjunction with a number of upcoming events. Ticket sales will begin this spring and run through the fall obedience trial. The drawing will be held at the trial. We'd like to generate interest in the raffle by having a number of prizes. Do you have something to donate? It doesn't have to be a conventional prize. How about a batch of homemade cookies? Gourmet dog treats? Craft items? Doggie photography? Be creative! If you'd like to donate a prize, have a good prize idea, or would like a book or two of tickets to sell, please contact Heather Stockard at 586-2838 or h-stockard@gci.net.

**Sue Ailsby clicker seminar registration:** Don't forget that registration for the Sue Ailsby clicker seminar (April 27 - 30) is going on now. There are two good reasons to get your registration in early: To get the "weekend special" price your payment must be received by March 15. Also, space available for working teams is limited and filling up fast. If you've misplaced the brochure and registration form that was included in the last newsletter, you can get another by checking the CKCOJ web page, finding the "clicker brochure" file on e-groups, or the old-fashioned way — call Heather at 586-2838!

**CGC Class Planned for Summer.** There will probably be another CGC class offered this summer, taught by Deb Gillis and Sue

Jones, two of your classmates, and experienced dog people and teachers. You are welcome to re-enroll, if you need more practice to pass the CGC test. CGC dog collar tags and certificates will be awarded, to the those teams that passed the test, March 10, Saturday, Centennial Hall, at the end of the CKCoJ Obedience Trial. We hope you'll attend for several reasons. 1) to accept your award if you passed. 2) to watch the Novice and Sub-Novice classes, for the reason stated at the end of this post :-). Also, because it's common courtesy within the dog (and regular) world to applaud and acknowledge others' work, in addition to recognizing yours. *(submitted by Linda Shipman)*

**Class on Focused Attention Tentatively Planned.** This next piece of news is tentative and must gain board approval and space rental from Community Schools. However, we want to encourage you to consider these classes, if they are offered. Perry and I hope to offer a "Focused Attention" class in May, again at Riverbend School Commons. We are in the process of gaining approval from the Board for the class and space approval from Community Schools. Watch the April newsletter for a possible registration form. Focused attention is when your dog would rather pay attention to you than anything else in its environment! This class will train focused attention within the context of the basic obedience skills of heeling, stand and come on command and down-stays and sit-stays. This will be the first of two classes. Later in the summer, we hope to offer "(Sub)Novice Obedience Handler Training". The CGC, Focused Attention, and Handler Training classes are designed to give you a smooth transition into the world of competitive obedience with the skills you need to be successful at it. *(submitted by Linda Shipman)*

## BOARD ACTIONS

The CKCOJ Board took the following actions at the February meeting:

- Approved new class pricing schedule that raised non-member rates for puppy and basic classes.
- Raised prices for the agility trial from \$7 to \$8 per run.
- Agreed to allow 4-H students who are not club members to participate in ring run-thrus if they are helping at the trial. They will pay ½ price for the run-thru in lieu of doggie dollars.
- Approved a special rate for GHS staff who plan to audit the Monday afternoon session on structure and movement at the Sue Ailsby seminar.

Check the meeting minutes for more information and please call a board member if you have any questions about these actions.



## Wags and Brags

Congratulations to **Chicory Eddy** and her two boys, **Apollo** and **Badger** on earning their CGC titles. Apollo and Badger were the only mixed breed dogs to do so at this particular test!

Congratulations to Gabrielle LaRoche and her Briards, **Bones** and **Houlette** on their new CGC titles!

# Water Dog News



You will notice from the minutes that a significant topic at the February board meeting was improving communication within the organization. We're all busy people with busy lives and sometimes we assume that someone el has communicated vital information to the person that needs it. When communication breaks down, sometimes tempers flare or essential tasks don't get done.

We can overcome communications problems, but it will take some work and **all** of us need to think carefully to make sure we are communicating information to everyone that needs to have it. In this newsletter, you'll see one change we are trying. A separate box will highlight board actions taken, so you can easily note policy changes that may affect you without having to search the minutes. Let me know whether you think this is helpful.

Here are some other ideas we are exploring: See if there is a way to create specialized e-mail groups (Obedience Trial, Board, Training Committee, Agility, etc.) so that we consistently get information to the right people. We also plan to update the Trial Chair Manual and the Training Chair Manual and post them on the web site or e-groups to make them more accessible. Also, we'd like to establish a list of those members without e-mail and assign one person to call those folks with important messages that are sent out on CKCOJ-announce because the information can't wait for the newsletter. Also, when we take an action or decide on a plan, one person needs to be designated to contact others than need to know instead of just thinking that "someone" will do it.

Do you have other ideas to help improve communication? If so, we'd love to hear about them. Please contact me or anyone else on the board. I can be reached at 586-2838 or h-stockard@gci.net. 🐾

## MINUTES

### Capital Kennel Club of Juneau Regular Meeting Minutes -- February , 2001

#### Downtown Library

*Submitted by Aran Felix, Secretary*

*(M/-motion, S/-second, A/-approve, A/UC/-unanimous consent)*

**I. Call to Order** - Heather Stockard, Don Golnick, Jill Grose, Susan Rasmussen, Sue MacGregor, Aran Felix, Vickie McLaughlin at 6:40 pm.

**II. Approval of Agenda-additions.** Under Trial Update add Purchase easel and stand, and G.Haynes' students who will participate in ring run-throughs. Under New Business, add CKCOJ apparel. Under Old Business, New Member Packets add Prospective members.

**III. New Members** - none

**IV. Approval of Minutes** - January 25, 2001 read and approved.

**V. Correspondence** - none

**VI. Treasurer's Report** - By February 26 we must give Centennial Hall a deposit. Michelle will do our taxes and will give us the balance sheet for our treasurer's report after that. M/Aran, S/Don to approve report. A/UC.

#### **VII. Committees**

##### **Training Committee:**

1) Discussion and approval of annual budgets. Susan suggested that we review and approve expenditures after Heather finishes list and brings it to next meeting.

2) Report on committee Meeting - proposed pricing. Board Action: Membership rates remain the same, non-members class prices raised. Breakdown of pricing changes attached to minutes.

Instructors need to be informed of price changes, and members need to know. Susan will give to Camille to put in newsletter and on web. Need to check constitution and by-laws for possible wording on members need to participate in two events before becoming members. Premiere collars will not be given out any more as we are depleting our stock. M/Don, S/Susan to approve new pricing of classes. A/UC3).

3) Obedience - Any one interested in teaching a puppy class? Ask Deb Gillis, then request instructor via CKCOJ announce.

4) Mt. Jumbo hours - mats at Mt. Jumbo need to be washed. Mark with tape and Susan will return those mats to Mt. Jumbo. Will need 2-1/2 hours on February 24, on March 3 need 3-1/2 hours.

**Agility** - new jumps have not arrived. Parks and Recreation Dept. have committed to Dimond Park on the last weekend in July. Day one of trial is in soccer field; day two is in diamond #1. Jill proposes that we raise the price of each run \$1.00 to make it \$8.00. M/Susan, S/Aran, approved, Don opposed. Board Action: Change pricing of agility entry fees.

##### **Trial Update -**

1) Raffle report by Heather. Although we considered working with GHS on a raffle, it might put us in competition with their art/dinner fundraiser. Jill suggested instead that they come to our agility and obedience trials and set up a table, and coordinate with them for the 4th of July events. Sue will ask the Raptor group how they got involved with the quilting society raffle. Sue reports that they have judge's housing, dinner at the Hangar being planned.

Table steward, vet, ring steward, setup/breakup crews are organized. A sign at the Armory will remind entrants of the new Centennial Hall location. Susan proposed that 4H'ers helping out at the trial and/or ring run-throughs may participate in a run through at half price. This information needs to go to Gaile Haynes.

2) Room setup plans - Heather will get the setup plans to Centennial Hall. CKCOJ can get in at 5:30 Friday, March 9.

3) Ailsby Seminar - registrations are flooding in. Heather proposed that we offer GHS staff a reduced rate to audit Monday afternoon structure and conformation. Consensus. Heather noted that there will be an Instructor's evening.

4) Purchase Easel and Stand - M/Don to purchase an easel up to \$150. S/Aran. Don will pursue. A/UC.

**Newsletter/Web Page** - Camille not present.

**Minutes -- Continued from page 2****VIII. New Business**

1) Improving communication within the organization - Proposed ideas: develop specialized groups of email or Announce people to ensure the right people get the right information. In minutes, box or bold or summarize Board Actions separate from minutes. Trial Chair Manual and Training Chair Manual need to be updated and posted on the web site. When Board takes action, assign one person to notify people who need to know. Aran will run minutes by Heather to make sure board action items are appropriately noted.

2) CKCOJ Apparel - Lands End Corporate catalog will embroider bags and clothes. Jill will pursue this.

**IX Old Business**

1) New member packet - presented by Jill, attached to minutes. If we think of other items to add, email Jill. Heather will create some prospective member information for Vickie who receives phone calls from the public in regards new classes.

2) Update on replacement for public outreach coordinator, premiere sales - Tabled/Perry Shipman absent.

3) Keys - tabled/Bob Shaw absent.

**X. Next Meeting Date** - March 22, 2001, probably Mendenhall library.

**XI. Adjournment** - 8:45 pm, M/Susan, S/Aran, approved/UC

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Apprentice to the CKCoJ Treasurer.** This person will assist the current CKCoJ Treasurer so they can become familiar with the tasks in order to take over the duties at the beginning of the new fiscal year 2002. The position would start October 1, 2001. For more information, please contact Susan Rasmussen or any current CKCoJ Board Member. Contact Susan Rasmussen for more information at blackice@gci.net or 789-3818.

**Public Relations Coordinator.** This person will be responsible for advertisement of events and arrangements for photographing club activities. The Public Outreach Coordinator is also responsible for maintaining a scrapbook of articles, photos, etc., of club activities. Contact Gabrielle LaRoche for more information at seabries@gci.net or 364-3695

**Premier Sales Coordinator.** This person will be responsible for the Club's Premier collar and leash sales. Contact Gabrielle LaRoche for more information at seabries@gci.net or 364-3695.

**Contributions to the Newsletter Welcome!**

Contact Camille at  
cstephens@gci.net or 780-4530

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**CKCOJ Monthly Board Meeting**  
**March 22, 2001, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Mendenhall Library conference room**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda - addition, deletions, corrections
- III. New Members - considered for approval
- IV. Approval of Minutes - February 15, 2001
- V. Correspondence - reviewed for action as appropriate
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Committees
  - A. Volunteer Coordinator
  - B. GHS Liaison
  - C. Librarian - Cindy Newton
  - D. Training committee
    1. Schedule for upcoming classes
    2. Expenditures list for approval
    3. Agility
  - E. Trial Report
  - F. Ailsby seminar update
  - G. Newsletter/web page
    1. Possibility of specialized email groups
    2. Method for forwarding info for updates
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
  - A. Prospective member packet - proposed contents, method of distribution
  - B. CKCOJ clothing
  - C. Update on replacement for public outreach coordinator
  - D. Keys - progress in getting additional sets, designate recipients
- X. Next Meeting Date - look at both April and May meeting schedule
- XI. Adjournment

**Coming March 16**

**A totally new and improved  
Club Website!**

*The new URL will be announced on  
CKCOJ-announce and in the April  
Newsletter.*

*Thanks Perry Shipman for volunteer-  
ing as the Club's Webmaster!*

# THE GEORGIE PROJECT - *Exploring the Canine Genome*

You may have heard stories on the news recently about the Human Genome Project, mapping human DNA. Well, the Georgie Project is one of the canine equivalents. It is named after Georgie, a Portuguese Water Dog (PWD) that died of an autoimmune disease. The goal of the project is to measure genotypes (genetic makeup) and phenotypes (physical or behavioral characteristics) and try to relate them. This project will analyze genetics of both simple and complex traits. An interesting aspect of the Georgie Project is the unprecedented cooperation between scientists and dog owners and breeders. The breeders will benefit by knowledge leading to healthier dogs and more informed breeding decisions. The scientists benefit by this new system to study genetics using well-cared for pet animals rather than laboratory animals.

The Georgie Project is what is called a "population genetics" project - one which uses an existing population rather than controlled matings. Careful selection of the population to be studied is important to minimize the number of individuals required for a statistically valid study. This is where the PWD link comes in.

PWDs are ideal for population genetics studies for a number of reasons. First, the breed has complete and accurate pedigrees. This was verified by DNA analysis. A number of dogs were genotyped and their degree of relatedness calculated. The results were compared to the pedigrees, which verified that, as a population, the pedigrees were very accurate. Second, most of the PWDs living in the U.S. are descended from a few founders. This makes the genetics simpler. There is also a good mix of inbred and outbred dogs, and a large variation in phenotypes. Finally, there is a good pool of cooperative owners and breeders that tend to have a great interest in genetic health issues. As a group, we know the

hazards of swimming in the shallow end of the gene pool!

The tools that will be used for the Georgie Project include pedigrees, DNA analysis, and analysis of phenotypes (such as anatomy, life span, litter size, OFA scores). A lot of computer time goes into putting all of these tools together to study both simple and complex phenotypes.

Single gene phenotypes are fairly simple, for example coat color in the PWD. Brown color is a simple recessive trait. Therefore, there are about three black PWDs for every brown one. Multi-gene phenotypes tend to be much more complex, such as size, behavior, and some diseases. The Georgie Project is currently working on two studies of multi-gene (genetically complex) phenotypes. One is a skeletal anatomy study; the other is tackling autoimmune disease.

We're currently waiting to see if Kira has been accepted into the skeletal anatomy study. The project is using 400 - 600 individual dogs, and identifying in each dog the roughly 400 molecular genetic markers that are needed to find the genes that control complex phenotypes. For Kira, the project will involve a vial of blood for DNA analysis and five x-rays - two views of the skull, and one each of the pelvis, foreleg, and hindleg. From those five x-rays, scientists will be able to make accurate measurements and determine more than 70 different phenotypes.

The results from the Georgie Project should benefit owners and breeders of all types of dogs, not just PWDs. The more we learn about breeding for proper structure, the more our animals benefit in terms of health, conformation, and performance. If you'd like to learn more about this interesting project, check out their web site at [www.georgieproject.com](http://www.georgieproject.com). 🐾🐾🐾

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## Congratulations to Our New Canine Good Citizens

We tested 22 teams, 16 of which passed. The other seven were very close to passing. We hope to see them at the next CGC test! Congratulations to each of you that tested this weekend. Your commitment to responsible dog ownership was a pleasure to watch! CGC certificates and dog tag collars will be awarded March 10, in the CKCoJ obedience trial ring, Centennial Hall.

*<Drum roll please!>...*

### ***Our new Canine Good Citizens are:***

**Apollo** (Collie-mix) and Chicory Eddy  
**Argy** (Standard Poodle) and Cheryl Ann Young  
**Badger** (Collie-mix) and Chicory Eddy  
**Bones** (Briard) and Gabrielle LaRoche  
**Breezy** (Spinoni Italiano) and Sue McGregor  
**Carlie** (Standard Poodle) and Sherry Violet  
**Houlette** (Briard) and Gabrielle LaRoche  
**Jasmine Belle** (Golden Retriever) and Andy McGregor  
**Kira** (Portuguese Water Dog) and Heather Stockard  
**Montana** (German Shepherd) and Sandy Libbey  
**Pippin** (Miniature Poodle) and Mary Neary  
**Rocky** (Rat Terrier) and Callie Neary  
**Sterling** (German Shepherd) and Deb Gillis  
**Sugar** (German Shepherd) and Sue Jones  
**Zennor** (German Short-Haired Pointer) and Moira Marshall  
**Zoe** (Bichon Frise) and Roxanne Bash

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## Capital Kennel Club Class Prices (Revised 2/3/01)

	Weeks	Class Time	Total Hours	Non Mem. Rate	Member Rate
<b>Puppy</b>	6	1 hour	6.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
<b>Basic</b>	6	1 hour	6.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
<b>Conformation</b>	6	1 hour	6.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
<b>Sub-Novice/Novice</b>	6	1 hour	6.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
<b>Open-Utility</b>	6	1 hour	6.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
<b>Agility</b>	6	TBA	-	-	\$40.00
*Note:	4 or less				\$7.00 per class
<b>Unfacilitated Practice</b>	5	1 hour	5.00	-	\$35.00
	6	1 hour	6.00	-	\$40.00
	7	1 hour	7.00	-	\$45.00
	8	1 hour	8.00	-	\$50.00
<b>Unfacilitated Practice Drop In</b>		1 hour		-	\$8.00
<b>Conformation Drop In</b>		1 hour		\$11.00	\$8.50

- 10% off of regular non-member rate for shelter dog for one time only. For Puppy or Basic class only. Does not apply to advanced classes or practices.
- Mt Jumbo gym will be rented for 1 full hour for classes/practices that are scheduled for 45 minutes. This gives time for set up/break down and time for hourly transitions.
- Prices for practices are based upon 4 participants. If there is less than 4 participants the difference in price will be made up by those participating in the practice. Practices are limited to 5 participants unless it is a practice used strictly for conformation.
- \*Note: For those attending four or less agility classes above the beginners level may pay for classes attended @ \$7.00 per class with prior notification to instructor or agility liaison. Participants at the Beginners level must attend all scheduled classes.
- For those wanting to enroll in other classes but unable to attend the total scheduled classes, reductions in class prices may be granted and left up to the instructors discretion.
- There must be at least a total of 4 participants for any class scheduled.

## Spring Session Obedience Practice at Mt Jumbo

**When:** Session begins on March 17, 2001 for a period of 9 weeks. There will be no practice on the weekend of the Sue Alisby seminar (April 28th). Practices will resume on May 5th and run through May 19th.

**Where:** Mt. Jumbo Gym (exact time will be announced)

**Cost:** \$60.00

**Schedule:** March, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19.

Please make check payable to Capital Kennel Club of Juneau and send to Vicky McLaughlin, P.O.Box 020411, Juneau, Alaska 99802. For additional info call 780-6558 or email: mclaughv@jsd.k12.ak.us. Obedience Practices are limited to 5 participants and will be registered as received. Deadline for sign up is Thursday, March 8th.

## REGISTRATION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog/s's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby release the Capital Kennel Club of Juneau, the City & Borough of Juneau and any associated entity of any and all responsibility for damage or personal injury that may occur as a result of attending this activity. I also certify and represent that the registered is not a hazard to other dogs or persons, is current on all vaccinations, including rabies, is clean and in good health. I understand that registration fees are non-refundable.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2001 Calendar of Events

### March

- 10-11 Obedience (UKC), Juneau
- 23-24 Stuart and Patti Mah Agility Seminar, Ketchikan
- 31 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Anchorage

### April

- 1 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Anchorage

### May

- 26-28 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Fairbanks

### June

- 9-10 Agility (NADAC), Chugiak
- 15-17 Conformation/Obedience (CKC), Whitehorse
- 23-24 Agility (NADAC), Whitehorse
- 23-24 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Anchorage

### July

- 13-15 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Kenai
- 22 Tracking (ASCA), Chugiak
- 22-23 Agility (NADAC), Juneau

### August

- 3-5 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Palmer
- 16-17 Conformation/Obedience (ASCA), Chugiak
- 18-19 Herding (ASCA), Chugiak

*If you know of an event that might be of interest to CKCOJ members, contact Camille at [cstephens@gci.net](mailto:cstephens@gci.net)*

Don't miss our upcoming

## Obedience Trials

March 10-11

Centennial Hall

Judging begins at 9:15 am

Entries will be accepted on the Day of Trial (both days)

Spectators are welcome! Come out and support your fellow club members!

***Mike Boyd class***

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### March

10-11 CKCOJ Obedience Trials  
15 Regular Monthly Meeting, Mendenhall Mall, 6:30 (see p. 3 for agenda)

### April

19 Regular Monthly Meeting  
27-30 Sue Ailsby Clicker Seminar, Juneau

### May

17 Regular Monthly Meeting

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# Good Luck at the Trials!

**Special thanks to CKCOJ "CHAMPION" members for their generous support:**  
*Perry and Linda Shipman; Gabrielle LaRoche and Thom Wylie; Chris and Heather Stockard*



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