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Club News

Welcome New Members: Roblin, Dawn, and Maya Davis; Kathy Hocker; Claire Ishii; Sherrie Jans; Jeff Mach; Marty and Bill Elliott ; Messick; Jill Sandleben; and, Betty Seguin.

Spring/Summer Practices

Beginning next week there will be 3 nights a week available for practice. Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Harborview School covered playground. Thursday nights will be at Mendenhall River school covered playground. The times for all practices are 6pm till 9pm, the cost is \$10 for the summer for all practices. This does not include the cost for classes or run thrus that will be held here throughout the summer.

Some things we hope to have available are: obedience run thrus, conformation fun matches, agility practice, facilitated prac-

tices, and unfacilitated practices. If you are interested in participating/organizing a special event, please contact me with dates. This is a great time to get outdoors, work your dog(s) and get to know other club members.

Pioneer's Home Visit

On Monday, April 23, six members of CKCOJ and their dogs visited the Pioneer's Home in Juneau. Thank you, Sue Jones, for organizing this event, which was fun for the residents as well as those of us who visited. The group put on a demonstration of obedience exercises, tricks (including some really hideous singing!), weave poles, and an impromptu, totally unrehearsed team heeling demonstration. After the demonstration, the participants took the dogs around to greet the residents. Participants were: Deb Gillis and Strider; Jill Grose and Kenzie; Sue Jones and Sugar; Linda Shipman and Angel; Perry Shipman and Iris; and, Heather Stockard and Kira.

Kenzie really stole the show and Strider was also a real crowd-pleaser. All of the dogs were very gentle and calm with the residents in spite of the distractions of strange smells, sounds, wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. The Pioneer's Home residents and staff seemed to appreciate our visit and we hope to make this a recurring event.

New Conformation Liaison

Barbara Bartoo has graciously volunteered to be the Conformation Liaison. If you have any questions about the Club's conformation activities, contact Barbara at 789-2496 or barbartoo@gci.net.

New Premier Sales Coordinator

And...Jill Grose has generously assumed responsibility for the Club's Premier sales (collars, leashes and other dog supplies). If you need to make a purchase or have a question about what's available, contact Jill at 789-3239 or jillg@gci.net. Thank you Jill and Barbara!

BOARD ACTIONS

- The Board adopted an interim policy that dogs deemed dangerous may not participate in any CKCOJ sponsored class or event.

Volunteers needed:

- Trial chair for September 15-16 obedience trial.
- Public outreach coordinator: retrieve messages from DOG-E-WAG line, contact callers with info, advertise club classes and activities, arrange for photographing club events, maintain club scrapbook.
- Phone person: relay messages to those club members without email when important announcements are posted on ckcoj-announce. Must have email and be willing to talk to people on the phone.



Wags and Brags

Perry and Linda Shipman's golden retriever "Angel" (Mariner Aces High at Chezor, TD, CGC) won Winner's Bitch on March 31, at the Anchorage dog show, for two points, handled by Rebecca Brandon.

Water Dog News

Sue Ailsby and Scuba take Juneau by storm!



If you missed this weekend's seminar with Sue Ailsby and her incredible partner and service dog, Scuba, you missed the best show in town. Sue was highly entertaining, knowledgeable, and a skilled communicator. Scuba was so calm, attentive, and well-trained that no one could believe she was a Portuguese Water Dog. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time and as Sue said, "took a look inside the mind of an alien creature". It was a little daunting though to realize how much training I need to do with my already-pretty-good dog in order for her to live up to her potential!

To all of you who attended some or all of the sessions, a huge "Thank you"! By attending, you not only got a great workshop, but also showed support for the club in a very tangible way. It costs a great deal of money to bring top-notch speakers and trainers to Juneau and your attendance helps the club continue to make these opportunities available. An extra-special thanks goes to

those of you who pitched in and helped wherever help was needed – setting up and moving equipment, running errands, providing rides, cooking hamburgers, providing a great place for dinner! The out-of-town participants commented frequently on the friendly and cooperative attitudes in our club.

Seminars are a lot of work and a big investment for the club. Whether you attended or not, I'd appreciate your feedback on the seminar. If you didn't attend, why not? Was it cost? Subject matter? Scheduling? What would make you more likely to attend a seminar in the future? If you did attend all or part of the seminar, I will email you a survey to solicit your feedback. Be thinking about the things that you liked or disliked about the seminar so we can do even better next time.

Several people have commented to me that they'd like to have Sue come back in a year or two for a follow-up seminar. She had a great time and I think she'd be very willing to come back if we can find a place on her busy schedule. She also offered help via email if any of the participants had specific questions. If you have questions for Sue, let me know and I'll give you her email address. You can reach me at h-stockard@gci.net or at 586-2838. ✨

MINUTES

CKCOJ Monthly Board Meeting

Downtown Library, 6:30 PM, May 3, 2001

I. Call to Order-6:35 PM, Present: Heather, Susan, Vickie, Don, Jill, Aran

II. Approval of Agenda-add Susan's email and Jill's club logo expenditure, defer insurance liability. Approved with changes.

III. New Members considered for approval-8 new members, 8 pending memberships. M/Susan to approve 8 new members, S/Aran, A/UC.

IV. Approval of Minutes - March 22, 2001 minutes had several corrections as noted by Linda Shipman via email to Aran. The corrections are in the Volunteer Coordinator report: Perry's new title is Education Chair (not coordinator) of the Gastineau Humane Society's Building Committee, Perry will give Cindy Newton the CKCOJ library, Heather will send new members an information packet.

V. Correspondence - Notes from club members, insurance bill, email from Susan reviewed. (Notes and email attached).

VI. Treasurer's Report, attached. A/UC with no objections.

VII. Committees

1. Volunteer Coordinator – Perry reports that he is currently behind in making new member contacts.

2. GHS Liaison – Perry joined GHS board as Education Chair and reports that GHS is currently in the process of hiring a new director, that Perry is exploring possibilities of using their training room, and he encourages our members to be licensed as this money directly supports GHS. We will review licensing as a CKCOJ policy.

3. Training committees – Update on classes: a new class

"Handler Skills" to be offered by Linda and Perry. This will be a follow-up class on the CGC class which focuses on the dog's skills. Immediately following the Puppy Class will be a Puppy Kindergarten in June. Heather is looking for a co-teacher for a Clicker Basics in June. Vickie will set up an instructor get-together to plan future classes. Agility report - Premium list going out in newsletter and is on web site. Jill would like to purchase some stop watches for the upcoming trial. M/Susan, S/Don to purchase stop watches. A/UC. Chris and Bob will fix the slats for the trial. Agility classes starting in June.

4. Obedience Trial Report - September 2001 Trial Chair - Heather has volunteered but would very much like a co-chair. Jill suggests breaking it down into tasks and putting it out on the CKCOJ announce. Discussion on 2002 trials - Heather noted that we've had declining attendance at the trials and a difficult time recruiting volunteers. Perhaps eliminate one trial and support the Whitehorse trial in lieu of sponsoring a second local event?

Heather recommends a membership survey in the near future to discover the level of support our membership will provide for obedience trials.

5. Ailsby seminar report – The seminar was successful and there was lots of positive feedback. Picked up new members, lots of good feedback.

6. Newsletter/web page - Perry reports that we have our own domain name. Specialized email groups are possible. Perry also recommends that all classes be required to fill out a registration form and he can put a notice when the class is full.

VIII. New Business

1. Dangerous dog issues - Sue Ailsby asked if we have a first aid kit at all events/classes. She said we should not allow dogs deemed dangerous in class. Dangerous dogs should go through private instruction and be evaluated by a different instructor before being allowed into regular classes. This is another policy to

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be considered for the October annual meeting. M/Aran, S/Don for an interim club policy that any dogs deemed dangerous may not participate in any club class or event. A/UC. Don suggests that we redo our registration forms to include these policies like dangerous dogs, refunds, fee schedules. He will work on revising the registration form.

2. Possible Purchases- Club logo expenditures - \$85 for logo setup, M/Susan, S/Don, A/UC . Clickers - 500 clickers with club logo and tab will be looked into by Heather. Jill will take care of premiere collars except at trials. First aid kits - Sue Ailsby strongly recommends this purchase for our classes and events. Work with GHS and Chicory on this. Perry will talk to them. Perry recommends we purchase a portable PA system for classes. Perry will research and bring a proposal to board.

3. Potential changes to training coordinator duties. Vickie is looking for someone to handle doggie dollars.

4. Club planning and priority-setting retreat. Heather suggests setting a time in late summer.

IX. Old Business

1. Update on replacement for public outreach coordinator (Gabrielle's position). Jill suggests that we consider discontinuing this position.

2. Keys – defer until Bob Shaw is present.

X. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, 6/28/01, Valley Library, 6:30 PM.

XI. Adjournment - M/Aran, S/Don, 8:45 PM.



Summer Classes

Conformation

For those of you who are interested in preparing for the summer shows, CKCoJ is fortunate to be able to announce 3 more sessions with Mike Boyd. The dates are: Thursday evening, May 31st; Tuesday evening, June 5th; Tuesday evening, June 12th. Exact times and location TBA. Cost will be an initial \$10 for the use of the reserved playgrounds plus an additional \$5 for each class you participate in. If you are interested in participating, please send me a check by Monday, May 21st. Please make the check out to CKCoJ and send it to: Susan Rasmussen, 3857 Melrose Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Please include the dates you are interested in and the dog you will be working with. For more information, contact Susan at 780-3818 or blackice@gci.net.

Puppy Kindergarten

Perry and Linda Shipman will offer another Puppy Kindergarten class beginning June 6, Wednesdays, in the evening. The time and place are still being negotiated. For more information, contact Linda at Linda.Shipman@chezor.alaska.com or 790-4321

Agility

Beginning Agility II and Advanced Agility classes will begin _____ . For more information, contact Jill Grose at 789-3239 or jillg@gci.net.

Email: counsel@ptialaska.net

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2001 Calendar of Events

May

26-28 Conformation/Obedience (AKC), Fairbanks

June

2 Herding Instinct Test, Chugiak
9-10 Agility (NADAC/ASCA), 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
28-29 Agility (NADAC), Juneau

August

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

September

1-2 Agility (ASCA), Chugiak

October

20-21 Conformation/Obedience (ASCA), Chugiak

If you know of an event that might be of interest to CKCOJ members, contact Camille at cstephens@gci.net

FOR SALE

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Trial Results

Saturday, March 10

HIGH IN TRIAL

Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)

UTILITY B

No Qualifiers

OPEN B

No Qualifiers

OPEN A

No Qualifiers

NOVICE B

1. Hisaw's Red Sky at Night (C. Stephens)
2. Apollo (C. Eddy)

NOVICE A

1. Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)
2. Badger (C. Eddy)

Sunday, March 11

HIGH AGGREGATE

Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)

HIGH IN TRIAL

Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)

OPEN A

1. U-CD Hisaw's Mika (C. Stephens)

NOVICE B

No Qualifiers

NOVICE A

1. Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)

Titles Awarded:

U-CD Zennor (M. Marshall, handled by daughter Jo)



HUMOR

Mr. Smith took his dog to the vet and the vet told him his dog was dead. In disbelief Mr. Smith argued with the vet and asked for more tests. So the vet brought his cat in who walked up and down in front of the dog and looked up at the vet and meowed. The vet again told him his dog was dead. Then the vet brought in his Labrador who walked up and down in front of the dog and bow-wowed. "Sorry Mr. Smith, your dog IS DEAD," insisted the vet. Finally believing the vet, Mr. Smith asked for the bill. It was \$250.00. "How could it be that much?" said Mr. Smith. "Well," said the vet, "the regular visit is \$50.00 but the Cat Scan and Lab report are \$200."



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Recommended Reading

If you're planning to compete in obedience, you need **Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act** to teach, motivate, and proof obedience exercises from Novice to

Utility. Describes how to move from training to showing with a wide variety of breeds; methods presented reflect experiences with training dogs that have different personalities and temperaments. Thoroughly readable, well illustrated with line drawings and photos, useful for instructors as well as those training their own dogs.

Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act Judy Byron & Adele Yonck, 1998 #D10200... (pbk) \$29.95

Available from DogWise through CKCOJ Online

<http://www.ckcoj.org/shop.htm>

WHERE TO BURY A DOG

By Ben Hur Lampman (Originally published in *The Oregonian*, 1925)



A subscriber of the Ontario (Oregon) Argus has written to the editor of that fine weekly, propounding a certain question, which, so far as we know, remains unanswered: "Where shall I bury my dog?" It is asked in advance of death. The Oregonian trusts the Argus will not be offended if this newspa-

per undertakes an answer, for surely such a question merits a reply.

It distresses (the writer) to think of his favorite as dishonored in death, mere carrion in the winter rains. Within that sloping canine skull, he might reflect when the dog is dead, were thoughts that dignified the dog and honored the master. The hand of the master and of the friend stroked often in affection this rough, pathetic husk that was a dog.

We would say to the Ontario man that there are various places in which a dog may be buried. We are thinking now of a setter, whose coat was flame in the sunshine, and who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or an unworthy thought. This setter is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season, the cherry strews petals on the green lawn of his grave. Beneath a cherry tree, or an apple, or any flowering shrub of the garden, is an excellent place to bury a good dog. Beneath such trees, such shrubs, he slept in the drowsy summer, or

gnawed at a flavorful bone, or lifted head to challenge some strange intruder. These are good places, in life or in death.

Yet it is a small matter, and it touches sentiment more than anything else. For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, questing, asking, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps at long and at last. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pastureland, where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained, and nothing lost - - if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog. One place that is best of all.

If you bury him in this spot, the secret of which you must already have, he will come to you when you call - come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they should not growl at him, nor resent his coming, for he is yours and he belongs there. People may scoff at you, who see not lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper pitched to fine for mere audition, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them then, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth knowing.

The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master.



NOTABLE QUOTES

"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise" — Unknown

"Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant." — Unknown

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies." — Gene Hill

"In dog years, I'm dead." — Unknown

"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs." — Aldous Huxley

"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down." — Robert Benchley

"Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives." — Sue Murphy

"I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves." — August Strindberg

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation." — Fran Lebowitz

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul — chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!" — Anne Tyler

Part One

Cheryl May's Quick Fixes for Obedience Scores

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Note from the author: I first prepared this as a handout for a workshop I did for a group of advanced 4-H dog handlers.

Successful obedience showing is the result of many hours of solid work with your dog. But there are a few things you can quickly fix that will help you get better scores. These include improving footwork; fixing handler errors; and decreasing your own nervousness in the ring.

How to improve heeling

Be consistent. Keep moving. Stay out of the way of your dog. You are the team leader and must give timely and correct signals to the dog. Practice correct footwork without the dog. Then, when you are working with your dog, your improved footwork will come naturally. Correct footwork gives the dog a better chance to be right because he "sees" a signal before the change of direction. There are several methods that work very effectively. The important thing is to select one method that works well for you and your dog and stick with it for now. Some modifications might need to be made as you and your dog progress in the training process due to how fast the dog works and the size of your dog. Practice walking in a straight line by walking on lines in a parking lot, or lining yourself up with floor tiles in a long hallway.

The first step of heeling

Starting on the left leg: Probably best for the slower or less attentive dog.

Starting on the right leg: Probably best for the fast, ready to go dog. This start has a tendency to keep the dog in more of a straight line when beginning to heel and avoids a bump on the first step.

Modifications: The length of the first step of heeling depends on how fast the dog works and the size of the dog. Don't leave your dog behind because you took too big a step!

Halts

Feet: It is best to teach the dog to stop whether you plant the left foot and bring the right foot up or vice versa. (Note: the "plant" of the foot should be a soft one.) The length of the last step as you plant your foot depends on the size and speed of your dog.

The signal: What happens naturally when you stop walking? If you are clipping along in a hurry to get somewhere and must suddenly come to a halt, your upper body leans back just before you stop. In training, exaggerate the lean as you plant your foot so your dog "sees" a definite signal before you stop. As time goes on, drop the exaggeration and just

have the slight natural lean.

Change of pace

Just as in the halt where there is a natural backward lean to slow your forward motion and change your center of balance in order to change to a slower pace, so too is there an opposite natural lean in order to speed up. When you start to go faster, there is a natural forward lean to change your center of balance and collect yourself as you move out briskly. Exaggerate these leans in practice. Then gradually wean the dog off the exaggeration to the natural.

Left and right turns

Round off your corners slightly. Rounded corners are much more smooth and natural looking than military style 90-degree turns.

You can signal the turn on either your left or right foot by swiveling your foot slightly before you actually begin the turn. Practice both because sometimes the dog will dictate which signal works best for your specific team.

Keep in mind that you must signal the dog before you actually turn, so you must initiate the turn in a straight line, then turn. Shorten your stride slightly through the turn and gradually move back to a normal pace.

Figure 8

The dynamics of this exercise dictate the footwork. You must maintain a consistent pace and distance around each post. Your dog should do the work changing pace - not you. There are things you can do to help your dog: Make sure you walk a straight line through the middle of the figure eight. In training, teach your dog "easy" and "hurry." Exaggerate these speeds in your training session so your dog learns and understands the pace changes he will have to make.

About turn

This is the most difficult turn to execute well. You must be able to maintain your consistent pace through the turn while staying out of the way of the dog. Teach this exercise by luring the dog around the turn with a treat. Treat when he reaches heel position, if he has executed the turn quickly and accurately. Make a game of it. A very fast turn earns the dog a bite of cheese or liver. A good turn earns the dog a bite of kibble. A slow turn earns nothing. You might say, "too slow, too bad." I do not believe that corrections or pulling the dog around the turn are effective in speeding up about turns. Keep training positive and make it fun for your dog. 🐾

(Part II will appear in the June issue)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

17 Regular Monthly Meeting

June

28 Regular Monthly Meeting, Valley Library, 6:30pm

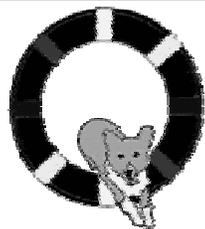
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