



CLUB NEWS

Welcome New Members... Juanita Reese, Annette Coggins, Brenda Weaver, Erin Oelklaus, Shelby Oelklaus, and Shirley McCoy

Board Candidates Needed!

Several Board Members' terms will end in October and we are looking for candidates. If you are interested in helping to shape the direction CKCOJ takes in the year or two, consider running for one of the Board positions! The election will held at the Annual Club Meeting in October. Contact any of the current Board Members (see page 3) for more info.

Obedience Practices

Saturday practices will begin at Mt Jumbo on October 4th. If you are interested in using the gym for either Obedience or Conformation, please contact Susan Hoffman at 789-3818 or email blackice@gci.net no later than 9/20 to reserve your spot. Practices will be limited to no more than 5 participants and will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$40.00 for 1 hour sessions for 6 weeks.

4-H Volunteer Needed

Gaile Haynes will not be teaching the 4-H Obedience group this year. If you enjoy working with kids, you might consider taking over as the group leader. Gaile is willing to assist if needed. Contact Gaile Haynes for more information, gaile@alaska.net or 789-0694.

Rally-O Class

A Rally-O class will begin in late September. We are waiting to hear from Community Schools about our site, and will probably not hear from them until later this week, so I can't give you the dates and times. For more info, contact Kathy Hocker at alcyon@gci.net or 586-6984

September Obedience Trial

Our next obedience trial will be held September 27-28 at the Armory. If you are planning to enter, remember that entries must be received no later than 5pm, September 12. Contact Alexis Rippe for more info at 789-3746 or muskegm@alaska.net

Our judge will be Tami Worley. Tami sent this brief bio:

"I have been involved with dogs for over 25 yrs now. It has been with Belgian sheepdog. I love them as they are such a versatile breed of dog. I do herding, tracking, agility, therapy dog, and obedience. I have earned several titles over the years and have certainly enjoyed every one of them. But my first love is obedience. Working and training dogs has taught me so much about myself and life. I can say it has been one of the best parts.

I have the philosophy that you give back from what has been given to you, so that is why I became a judge. I so love to watch people and there animals. The team work and emotional connection is sometimes so incredible. Being in the dog world has given me the opportunity to travel and meet so many terrific people and there dogs. I think that is the best part. Life is short and enjoying it to the fullest is what I think should be done, so that is what I am doing.

Thank you for asking me to come and judge I am so looking forward to meeting all of you and seeing your beautiful part of the world."

Possible Conformation Seminar

Gaile Haynes would like to bring Edna St Hilaire to Juneau for a conformation seminar sometime this fall/winter. We would like to get the club's feedback regarding your interest and whether you would consider attending the seminar. Ms St Hilaire's Bio (copied directly from the

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submitted by Gaile Haynes

I suppose, like most show people, I measure how good a show or circuit was by how well I did in comparison to what I had expected. From that viewpoint, I would give the Vancouver Island circuit a satisfactory rating -- after a slow start, Copper ended having earned five points, including his necessary Canadian major.

For anyone looking for Canadian points, it's not a bad choice for the right dog -- nine shows in nine days, three in each location, ranging from 300 to 500 dogs and with obedience the last three days. The breed competition was winnable, but group competition was stiff, with many handlers, including one from Brazil, and lots of champions to beat.

It's about an eight-hour drive from Seattle, including two hours on the ferry. We rented an RV, and there were enough on the grounds that the effect was a sort of slumber party with dogs. One disadvantage to the RV was that it was so large and had so many gadgets to deal with that a trip to town for supplies was a major undertaking and a sightseeing side trip when time permitted wasn't worth the effort. Financially, an RV is probably a better choice than renting a car + motel if there are four or more people, but even four people plus their dogs, with little room to escape each other, can be trying.

All the grounds were spacious. They had sufficient parking with RV hook-ups, a few showers available and some toilets, as well as porta-potties where necessary. There were no chairs for spectators and little shade anywhere, except a tented area at ringside for dogs standing by. If I had taken a car, I would have wanted chairs and a shelter. The other thing I wished I had more of

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Shootin' the Breeze...

The club has several events coming up that are worth your consideration: first, our fall Obedience Trial is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28, at the armory. If you think you might be able to help out (which we always need) please call Gina Vose at 789-0340; we can always use help with ring stewarding and moving equipment!

Second, the club is scheduled to participate in the annual Gastineau Humane Society Pet Festival on October 4th at the Nugget Mall. We'll be hosting our traditional "wienie race" – always a big hit with the crowd and with the dogs as well! If you can help with the wienie race, or with staffing the CKCoJ table at the Pet Festival, please give me a call at 586-3353.

Finally, our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 25, 5:30pm at St. Brendan's church in the valley; call me or another board member if you need directions or other details. At the annual meeting, we'll elect new board members, honor the great accomplishments of our members from the past year, eat, socialize, and have fun – Please join us! It's a Pot Luck, so bring your favorite dish.

Remember, even in the rain your dog still needs exercise – so get out and get wet!

DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda, CKCoJ Board Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2003; 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: TBA

1. Call to order
2. Consent agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of new members
 - c. Approval of August minutes
 - d. Acceptance of treasurer's report
3. Action items
4. Discussion items
 - a. Jr. Handler class
 - b. Doggie dollars
 1. distribution and use
 - c. Annual meeting; update
 - d. Spring trial; update (if any)
5. Routine updates
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Next meeting date; annual meeting
6. Adjournment

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting -- August 28, 2003

1. **Call to order:** 6:50 pm. present: Chicory Eddy, Sue McGregor, Camille Stephens, Susan Hoffman, Barb Deyell, Juli Lucky, Marty Messick, Jill Grose, Gina Vose, and Gaile Haynes
2. **Consent agenda**
 - a. Approval of agenda. Approved, with the addition of 4e and f.
 - b. Approval of new members Erin and Shelby Oaklaus, and Shelly McCoy, approved
 - c. Approval of July minutes. Approved
 - d. Acceptance of treasurer's reports. Reports from March through July. Motion to accept as ammended - Chicory, S/Camille
3. **Action items**
 - a. Club mugs. Cost is \$300 for 50 mugs. Club will purchase mugs of the discussed design and sell them for \$10, or 2 for \$16. M/Chicory, S/Juli
- b. Purchase of UKC title pins. Motion to allow Camille to replenish stock of pins - Chicory, S/Juli
4. **Discussion items**
 - a. Jr. Handler class. Sue McGregor would like to teach a Jr. Handler's class this fall. Will need to call a meeting of Instructors Committee since this is a new class. Sue will put together an outline and email the other instructors.
 - b. Purchase of ring mats. Have we met the criteria yet? Yes, will purchase 4 rolls of mats next time the free shipping is offered.
 - c. Doggie Dollars. distribution and use: much discussion, will continue at next meeting
 - d. Annual meeting. Gruening Park not available, will try to get St. Brendan's Episcopal Church hall for the evening.
 - e. Spring obedience trial. Do we want 2 or 4 trials this time? Unanimous consent for 4 trials.
 - f. Other classes. Need a puppy class: Gina and Marty agreed to co-teach a class
5. **Routine updates**
 - a. Correspondence. none
 - b. Next meeting. Thursday September 18th
6. **Adjournment** 8:30 pm

RALLY-O!

Rally Obedience is a sport that aims to build positive, fun working relationships between people and their dogs. In Rally-O, handlers and dogs navigate through a course that consists of a series of signs. Each sign directs the team to perform a maneuver, such as "left turn," "sit/stay dog, and handler walks around," "figure 8" and "360 degree turn." Teams are judged on completing the exercises, and on their attitude. Handlers are allowed to talk to their dogs, encourage them, pet them, and even give them treats during the course. The only no-nos in the sport are harsh corrections.

There are two levels of Rally-O. Rally I consists of beginning exercises, and dogs must be on leash. In Rally II, exercises are more difficult (including jumps) and dogs work off-leash.

For those looking for a fun sport to compete in with your dog, this is a great opportunity. But Rally is also a great way to train and practice basic obedience, using positive methods, in the presence of other dogs.

For more information on Rally Obedience, see the Association of Pet Dog Trainers website at www.apdt.org

Newsletter Contributions are Appreciated!

Review a book; share a joke or a favorite training tip; brag on your dog's new trick....

Send your submission to Camille at
cstephens@gci.net

DIRECTORY

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Sue McGregor
Vice President: Camille Stephens
Secretary: Chicory Eddy
Treasurer: Juli Lucky
Member at Large: Aaron Felker

OTHER POSITIONS

Facilities Coordinator: Jill Grose
Agility Liaison: Jill Grose
Conformation Liaison: Susan Hoffman
Mt. Jumbo Class Coordinator: Susan Hoffman
Newsletter Editor: Camille Stephens
Premier Sales: Jill Grose
Club Librarian: Aaron Felker
Club Historian: Sue McGregor
Club Webmaster: Barb Deyell

TRIAL COMMITTEE (September 2003 trial)

Trial Chair: Gina Vose
Trial Secretary: Alexis Rippe
Chief Steward: TBA

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CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Club Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. The location varies and is specified in the draft agenda published in the newsletter each month. All members are encouraged to attend. As members your vote is counted when the Board acts on a motion.

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web):

- Years in Showing/Breeding Since 1965
 - Years Judging Since 1980
 - Breeds Bred Chihuahua S.C.
 - Breeds Owned & Exhibited Chihuahua S.C., Min Pinscher, Chihuahua L.C., Rough Collie, Springer Spaniel, Am Cocker Spaniel, Smooth Fox Terrier
- In addition to Canada, I have judged in Australia, Colombia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, USA I am willing to judge Rare Breed Shows Seminars & Presentations Chihuahuas (both varieties) Conformation - All Breeds Handling

If you think you would be interested in attending the seminar, please respond directly to me at <mailto:blackice@gci.net> to let me know. If we get enough club members interested in attending, we will consider working on bringing Ms St Hilaire to Juneau. If there are specific dates you cannot attend, please let me know them, so we can hopefully plan another time.



Wags and Brags

Cayenne, Rico and I headed off to Palmer, Alaska for the Cook Inlet shows the first weekend in August. We had a great weekend.

The weather was lovely until almost the end. Nice big puffy clouds, bright sunlight and a steady breeze. Just perfect for both humans and dogs. On Friday, Cayenne took Best of Breed and earned her first qualifying score in novice B with a score of 187.5 and a second placement. On Saturday, it was Rico's turn to be picked for Best of Breed and garnered a group 4 under Judge Geraldine Taylor. Unfortunately, Cayenne chose to do a bit of tracking on our heel free exercise and I gave her multiple commands, squishing our chances of a qualifying score. Sunday was also a great day for us when Cayenne went Best of Breed again and earned her second qualifying score toward her CD with a score of 181 and a third placement. We lost the majority of points on no sits :(It is a tough venue to work in and less than 1/4 of the entries qualified on any day. I had wonderful compliments from Sandy Rowen top Alaskan obedience guru on how lovely Cay and I worked in the ring and all the judges were in awe over her stunning recall. I am so very proud of Cayenne, who can go directly from the breed ring into obedience and change almost instantly from beauty queen to working dog with only the change of a leash. *Submitted by Susan Hoffman*



Apollo and Badger did very well at the Whitehorse Agility trial. Apollo got a Qualifying score in the Elite regular class, a 10

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point run at that! He successfully navigated some really difficult obstacle discrimination challenges. Badger had some really nice runs, very graceful and smooth, and no fear of the dog walk this year, but couldn't beat the clock. Even though we only got one Qualifying run out of twelve runs, I'm very happy and proud of my "boys" performance. *Submitted by Chicory Eddy*



Angel, Am-Can CH Mariner Aces High at Chezor, TD, Can CD, R1-MCL, CGC, earned a NADAC Novice Standard leg in Whitehorse, August 23rd, with her handler, Linda Shipman. This was the first time in an agility trial for both of them! *Submitted by Linda Shipman*



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was cash in Canadian money -- there were times when nothing else was acceptable.

The weather varied from hot (in the 80's) to really chilly, especially at night and early morning. It rained once, briefly.

The shows were well-arranged, with the order of judging altered daily so that no breed always showed at some awful time -- except for junior handling, which was relegated to the noon hour. Obedience was indoors, but in a stable -- I don't know how satisfactory it was. A touch of real class was that the show day began with the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Oh, Canada." Hearing that was inspiring and reminded me that I was a guest in the country and my nation would be judged in part by my behavior.

Speaking of judging others, the Canadian customs were stinkers. I had what their documents say is acceptable -- driver's license and voter registration -- and they fussed at me, wanting me to have a passport instead. If you are taking children, you need not only their birth certificates but a letter from any parent not with you, giving you permission to take them. And although there is no guarantee that they won't ask, no one in either direction asked to see any paperwork on the dogs -- which was lucky as Copper had eaten a hole in the middle of his health certificate. Other than that, I found the Canadians generally incredibly nice and kind.

With the right dog this is a circuit to consider for next year. 🐾



Agility

Levels/ Cost/Dates

Practice/class \$40

Sept. 14, 21, Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 2003

Time: Details will be announced on ckcoj-announce after registration closes.

****DEADLINE*Sept. 7, 2003**

contact Jill at 789-3239 or jillg@gci.net for any questions.

People in the advanced class are encouraged to make suggestions on excercises.

Registration Form

Name			
Mailing Address			
email	Phone	<i>Days</i>	<i>Evenings</i>

Dog's Name	Class (check one)			Cost
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginners	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginners	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	

PAYMENT AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS Make check payable to Capital Kennel Club of Juneau Please enclose Doggie Dollars or other credit vouchers with your registration Mail to: Jill Grose, 9174 Glacierwood Dr., Juneau, Alaska 99801	Subtotal	
	Subtract Discounts and Credits	
	Payment Enclosed	

CAPITAL KENNEL CLUB OF JUNEAU WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I hereby release the Capital Kennel Club of Juneau, the City and 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

Any handler under age 18 must have the permission and signature of a parent or guardian. Capital Kennel Club reserves the right to reschedule or adjust any class without notice. However, every attempt will be made to contact you in this event

Transport & Tranquilizing

by Christine Wilford DVM

(from the August 2003 AKC Gazette)

Nearly half of all dog deaths associated with air transport are attributed to the use of tranquilizers. This statistic becomes even more tragic when a recent study revealing that sedation does nothing to decrease transport stress in the first place is taken into consideration.

Despite the frequency with which dogs travel by air, little was known about the common effects of transport stress on dogs until a recent study published in the Canadian Journal of Veterinary Research. Most information about transport stress in dogs had been extrapolated from studies of other species. The authors of the study set out to scientifically characterize the dog's response to the stress of air travel and to evaluate the effects of sedation on stress.

In the study, nonsedated dogs were compared to dogs given acepromazine, the most common drug used for air transport sedation. Multiple indicators were measured and monitored to evaluate stress levels in an objective way. Outward behavior was evaluated visually, Heart rate and stress indicators in the blood were measured at multiple points during transport. When the results were examined, investigators concluded that sedation did not alter any parameter being monitored—that is, sedation with acepromazine did not reduce stress.

The authors concluded that undergoing ground or air transport was clearly stressful for dogs, a fact that may seem obvious but has not been objectively studied before. Of greater interest, perhaps, is that evidence revealed the most stressful periods of travel appeared to be during the loading and unloading procedures. During the majority of the remaining time during transport, dogs were inactive and lying down. To the unsuspecting eye such behavior may be misconstrued as “resting comfortably” but is more likely a conservative withdrawal response to stress. Overt signs of stress, such as digging, barking, or shaking were rarely detected.

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the International Air Transport Association recommend not tranquilizing dogs for air transport. Owners concerned about their dog's stress during transport may be better off with a little sedation of their own!

Christine Wilford received her doctorate of veterinary medicine from Texas A&M University. She practices in Seattle, where she lives with Caddie, her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



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DOG EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2003

27-28 CKCOJ Obedience Trial, Juneau

October

4-5 Herding Trial (ASCA), Chugiak
11-12 Agility (NADAC/ASCA), Palmer (Butte)
25-26 Conformation (ASCA), tentative

November 2003

1-2 Conformation (AKC), Anchorage
15-16 Obedience (UKC), Whitehorse

If you know of an event in Alaska (or Whitehorse) that might be of interest to CKCOJ members, contact Camille at cstephens@gci.net

Part Two

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.

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.

Footwork for the about turn

Step 1. When judge calls "about turn," place your left foot in a "T" with your right foot.

Step 2. Pivot with your right foot.

Step 3. Small dogs. Bring your left foot around and step out in the new direction. Your step must be shorter for a small, or a slower moving, dog.

Step 3. Large dogs. Bring your left foot around and step out in the new direction. Use a larger step for a large dog, or one that moves very quickly around the turn.

When I learned that I was going to be making the presentation to the 4-H group, I asked other members of obed-teach, an e-mail list comprised of obedience instructors, for their "quick fixes." Here are their tips.

Handler nerves

Practice deep breathing exercises (away from your dog) and repeat this mantra: "I am having fun; I am doing this for fun; this is what I do for fun; this is fun." *Bev Watson*

A friend of mine has a mantra she repeats to conquer "ring nerves." She's even set it to a cadence that matches her heeling.

"I will float around the ring like smoke." *Jill Morstad*

Arrive in plenty of time. Keep track of when you show. Prepare to warm your dog up with a little heeling just before it is your turn in the ring. *Mary Jo Gallagher*

Getting into heel position to start

Always line up to start an exercise with a half or full circle to the left with a sit command as you come to a halt. Follow with praise. This gets the dog into the correct position with a minimum of fussing, gives you a chance to praise your dog, and makes you both feel more confident at the beginning of the exercise. *Margie English*

Recall

When you leave your dog for a recall, walk away with confidence and mentally mark the place at which you will stop and turn, not on a dime, but close to it. *Bev Watson*

Stand for exam

Make sure you have your hands off the dog when you say "stay." Lots of people do this and fail for a double command. *Edell Marie Schaefer*

Be sure to leave the dog from heel position and return completely to heel position after the exam. *Mary Jo Gallagher*

Heeling

Keep moving at a brisk pace. Don't look back for the dog. Keep your feet together and keep moving on turns. Command, pause, move. Watch the heeling pattern and know it before you go in the ring. Don't overtrain the night before the trial. Concentrate on your dog. *Roger Greenwald*

And a final few words - Have fun. Be a good sport. If you win, don't gloat. If you lose, don't complain (at least not in public.) Appreciate your dog.



Don't Forget....

The September 27-28 Obedience Trial are pre-entry only.

Entries must be received by 5pm, September 12

For more information, phone Alexis at 907-789-3746 or email: muskegm@alaska.net

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September

18 Regular Monthly Meeting, see agenda on page 2

October

25 Annual Meeting, Board Elections, Potluck and Awards

November

20 Regular Monthly Meeting

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