

CBDTC NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2007

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NEXT MEETING (CHRISTMAS PARTY) WILL BE ON MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2007 AT 7 PM AT THE HOME LINDA AND DAN KENNEDY (directions below). PLEASE NOTE THAT 2008 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY JAN 1, 2008.

CANINE CURRENCY

The final Canine Currency list and guidelines have been completed and are forwarded with this newsletter. The canine currency points will be compiled on a quarterly basis. The start date for collection of points was Sept 1, so please print a copy of the canine currency list, mark your points, and turn it in at the Dec 10 meeting. Points for the final calendar quarter of 2007 will be turned in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS (note – this is not a comprehensive list of trials and shows. Please check the AKC website for a complete list)

-December 6th, Building Committee meeting at Kennedy's home at 7:00 pm (2720 S 38th Avenue, West Richland).

-Dec 10 Club Christmas party at the Kennedy's home, 2720 S 38th Avenue, West Richland. We will have a white elephant gift exchange (dog related items at a value of approximately \$10), at which you may only steal another gift one time. Please bring finger food, hors-d'oeuvres or desert to share. To find Kennedy's house take Bombing Range Road to Mt. Adams Drive (top of hill by Fire Station) and turn East. First stop sign (gravel road) turn right on 38th Avenue. First house on the left is theirs. Please call Dan Kennedy if you get lost - 947-5610.

Click on the below link for a map.



Map of 2720 S38th Ave West Richland, WA by MapQuest.mht

-Jan 5&6, Portland Agility Club agility trial, Ridgefield, WA

-Jan 11-13, Puyallup Valley Dog Fancier show, Puyallup, WA; agility, obedience, and conformation

- January 12th, February 9th and March 8th Agility Fun Runs will be held on at the Kennedy's house 2720 S 38th Avenue, West Richland. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation per dog at the door. 100% of this money will go to the CBDTC building fund. Beginning dogs to run from 9-10:30 and more advanced courses will be set up from 11:00-1:00 on these days. So mark your calendars and plan to come, run and have fun... If weather is prohibitive on that day, we will try to reschedule these to another Saturday in that month. If you have any questions, you can reach Linda Kennedy at 438-0020. All attendees are expected to help with setup and takedown of equipment.

-Jan 18-21, Portland Dog Show, Portland, OR; obedience, rally, agility, and conformation

-Feb 9, Agility Fun Run. See above information.

-Feb 23 and 24, 2008 – Steve White VST Tracking Seminar; Eugene, OR Steve teaches the Hydration Intensified Tracking method and is on staff with Karen Pryor's Clicker Expo. This seminar is sponsored by the Mid-Oregon Performance Clicker Club. It is \$250 for a working team for both days and \$80 to audit per day. Contact Adienne Schartz at 541-746-8919 or email Kathleen Monje at cognitivedog@epud.net for more info.

-March 8, Agility Fun Run. See above information.

BRAGS

Laney and Holly earned UKC CDX legs 1 and 2 at Lilac City DTC's trial on November 3rd and 4th. Laney got a first place both days, the second day winning a run off for the blue ribbon.

DOG STUFF

FREE to good home- 2 each rolled black nylon snap around slip collars. 13 1/2 and 14 inches. These have a snap that attaches to either the live or dead ring and are designed to fit high around the dogs neck not over the head and would fit dogs with 12 1/2 to 13 inch necks. If interested please email Kathy Woodbury at jandwoodbury@earthlink.net

Brand: Midwest i-crate

Condition: brand new and still in box with tags attached!

Type: black wire, folding, two doors (great for cars!), with a plastic pan

Size: 36Lx23Wx25H

Price: I paid \$48+ a lot of shipping and tax. I'm asking \$48, which I thought was a good price and the buyer can save a lot of shipping and tax.

Contact Info: Call Mandy at 360-870-9133 or email amandakbott@gmail.com

2008 Winter Training Session

We are offering a variety of classes this winter to help you achieve the doggy goals you set for you and your dog on New Year's! If you have not yet registered, please do so right away by contacting Lezlie Couch. We want club members to have a chance to register before the public. These classes will be at the Fairgrounds.

Tuesday Night Training

5:30- 6:30

Puppygarten classes-Debbie Brower and Jane Cooper

\$80 for 8 weeks

This class is geared for puppies about 4 months old. The focus will be on socialization, manners, puppy problems, and familiarization with walking on a leash, "sit", "down", "stay" and "come". We will practice useful dog communications such as "leave it", "check it out", "find it", "stand" for grooming or petting, "OK". Communication and confident leadership for a puppy will be emphasized.

Private Ring-time Instruction. Jo Bott- 15 minute segments

\$10 for 15 minute segment

Eight weeks of private instruction to use for individual coaching, problem solving or whatever you need one on one with a high scoring obedience competitor and experienced trainer. Jo will gear the 8 weeks to accomplish goals you wish to achieve with your dog. Sessions will be 15 minutes of individual time, or 30 minutes for two people with the same goals. Preference may be given to dogs which do not have another class available to them.

WINTER GARAGE GROUP-

Free for CBDTC members, \$5 for drop-ins-

Novice Obedience and Rally Practice for dogs led by our trainers and apprentice trainers.

socialization, practice with other dogs, distractions, and variety. AND LOTS OF FUN! Come any weeks you can. (No very beginning dogs or dogs with behavioral problems)

6:30-7:30

Canine Good Citizen Class- Dan Couch and Brooke Lanigan

8 weeks- \$80

Basic behaviors, such as walk on a loose lead, sit, down, stay, come, being still for grooming or petting, being left with a stranger, and other good manners are taught. This is a great place to start training your dog! All 10 of the required Canine Good Citizen requirements will be practiced, and the test is given free of charge by certified evaluators on the 8th week.

Conformation Handling Class- Kristi Gutierrez

Handling Techniques in the Conformation Ring

Kristy Gutierrez

8 weeks- \$80

This class is going to be run similar to a seminar, where part of the time it will be discussion and demonstration, and the other part of the time is the practice. This is all about handling and techniques in the ring, not necessarily training for the dog, although younger dogs are welcome as long as they are able enough to stand still. This is for people who want to perfect their ring presence and look more professional while learning how to show off the dog's best qualities.

7:30-8:30

Canine Good Citizen Class – Kathy Woodbury

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Advanced Obedience- Lezlie Couch-

8 weeks- \$80

For dogs who are competing, or ready to compete in novice or open. This class will offer an opportunity to proof, polish and work in a ring setting at whatever level you are at. The class will be adapted to the students that sign up.

Saturday Shivers

The cold weather is usually much harder on the trainers than the dogs- but for those outdoor training diehards, we have outdoor winter sports through the coldest weather!

Tracking- Rain, sleet and snow- only the US Postal Service can compete with the trackers as far as dedication – and toughness (although we have already seen some coats on Papillons and Dobermans....) Contact Kathy Woodbury if you want to be on the tracking email list.

Awfully Chilly Agility- Contact Linda Scannell or Linda Kennedy for more information

January 12, February 1, March TBA

At Linda Kennedy's home. \$5.00 donation to the building fund for all the runs you can stand... \$10 for non members.

Agility Training Videos. An excellent series of training videos including Jane Moak Simmons and Barb Davis for those interested in armchair agility. Great company and an inspirational evening so you can use the “mental imaging” to perfect your performance until formal obedience begins again! Inside Kennedy's WARM comfortable home in front of a big screen TV-friends, snacks and agility- who could ask for more!

Saturday Precision Obedience-(tentative) This is for Advanced Obedience Dogs in Open and Utility only if there is enough Interest. Interested dogs who are competing in novice may also be included in this class. Please contact Lezlie if you are interested.

United Kennel Club Obedience - Try it! It's Fun!

by Holly Thau

Hank and I have been participating in United Kennel Club (UKC) obedience for almost a decade. We stumbled on it at a match in Portland and have been hooked since Day 1. The informal, laid back atmosphere, day of show entry option, smaller numbers of competitors and potluck lunches or dinners were major draws. As we progressed from Novice to Open and then to Utility, I also found myself really enjoying the exercises and their little interesting "twists." In addition, the UKC All Star and U-OTCH titles are non-competitive accomplishments, unlike the AKC OTCH. For handlers who enjoy training more than competing, the UKC venue is especially appealing.

That said, in many areas, the top AKC obedience teams routinely "cross over" to UKC, and at show and go matches in Portland and Spokane, for example, you can usually tell the "judge" whether you want to do the AKC or UKC exercises for your class. At least one actual obedience judge in our region is licensed to judge in both venues, and Front and Finish magazine carries a UKC obedience column.

I hope that after learning more about UKC obedience, some of you will try participating and will find yourselves as enthusiastic as I am about it.

UKC Novice

The on and off-lead heeling exercises, stand for exam and long sit are the same as in AKC but the recall is performed by calling the waiting dog over a high jump flanked by stewards. The long down is performed similarly to the AKC Rally Excellent honor - the dog does a stay in the ring while another dog and handler heel. However, the handler of the dog on the long down is watching from across the ring, as in AKC novice.

UKC Open

Here is where the fun truly begins! The heeling exercise is performed with a "walker" passing by the working team, from the opposite direction. The drop on recall is performed as in AKC Open except the handler is permitted to give BOTH a verbal command and a signal to drop the dog. In addition, there is a walker who leaves the handler's side and walks towards the judge, passing near the dog AFTER the drop but before the second "come" command. The dumbbell retrieve is identical to that in AKC Open. The broad jump is also performed as in AKC but again, the handler may use both verbal command AND signal for the dog to jump. All finishes also may include verbal and signal commands. This feature of legal "double" commands makes UKC Open a wonderful transition from the Novice world to AKC Open.

The long down is performed exactly as in UKC Novice, while another team works, but now the handler goes out of sight. Note that the down command must be given quickly and the dog must down immediately, unlike in AKC where the handler can hold the signal until the dog eases himself onto the ground. Finally the long sit is a group exercise as in AKC Open.

UKC Utility

This is the most interesting of the three classes, with the most differences from the equivalent AKC class!

The heeling and signal exercises are performed as in AKC Utility except the jumps are absent from the ring. No more double commands are permitted, and as in AKC, the heeling and signal exercise commands must be strictly non verbal.

The scent discrimination exercise uses only 5 metal articles, and there is thus only one retrieve. However, unlike in AKC, the dog and handler must have their backs turned when the articles are set out by the steward.

There is no utility moving stand and exam; and VERY different from AKC utility, the dog is required to perform an Open and Novice recall in that sequence, one after the other, without any double commanding for the drop or finishes.

There are two glove exercises and they are performed using the entire ring, without any jumps set up. The gloves are put out in a ^ pattern, with Glove 2 centered near the back barrier and Gloves 1 and 3 at the midpoint of the ring, as far apart as the ring is wide. Dog and handler face Glove 2. When the judge identifies the Glove to be retrieved, the handler and dog will either pivot to #1 or #3 or the dog will be sent straight out to #2. The upside of this is that the dog and handler do not make the wide pivot required in AKC. However, on the downside, the dog is faced with the temptation of all three gloves simultaneously, leading many dogs to rush out to #2. The second or "directed signal" glove retrieve entails a go out for 20', a sit command and a cast to one of the three gloves (i.e., a left, right or back command and/or signal.) For handlers and dogs who have field work background, this exercise is "a natural!"

Finally, for the last UKC utility exercise, the jumps are brought into the ring, and the go outs and directed jumping are performed exactly as in AKC.

Other

UKC Obedience includes a veterans classification which is quite different than AKC's. In the UKC world, once a dog turns 7 years old, it can continue to compete for titles in the regular classes, but at a lower jump height. In other words, the older dog who needs to reduce jumping impact is not relegated to separate classes and titles as in AKC Preferred Agility or limited to only Novice exercises, as in AKC Obedience. This is one of the many "user friendly" features of UKC. Another is that deaf dogs can participate!

Finally, the U-OTCH is a non competitive title, unlike the AKC OTCH: the requirements are 5 "double Qs" (5 combined qualifying scores in Open B and Utility B at the same trial) and 100 points from the Open B and Utility B classes, which points are based on scores, not on placements and/or numbers of dogs defeated.

The UKC Novice, Open and Utility titles all require 3 qualifying legs, as in AKC; however for any title, 2 of the 3 legs may be earned under the same judge. This is helpful because the same individual will often judge all classes at a two day trial. In addition, UKC clubs often hold 4 trials in 2 days (using multiple judges) so that in ideal circumstances, a team can complete a title in a single weekend!

Clubs

There are several UKC clubs in our region: Lilac City DTC in Spokane and Monroe DTC in the Seattle area; Mutty Paws DTC, NW Oregon DTC and Canine Action Pack in the Portland area. There are also breed specific UKC clubs that on occasion have held all breed obedience trials.

Upcoming Trials

There is a 2-day obedience trial in Hillsboro in December, a 2-day, 4 obedience trial event in Bothell WA in late January, and another 2-day 4 obedience trial event in Hillsboro in early February. All upcoming UKC shows and trials can be found at the UKC website, UKCdogs.com.

Getting Started

Your dog must be registered with UKC. The forms are at the website UKCdogs.com. The process takes a little time - you will need to send a copy of your AKC registration and a 4-generation pedigree. In addition, if your dog has an AKC Limited Registration, UKC requires that front and side photos accompany the application. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming trial, you can obtain a temporary registration while waiting for

the "real" one. Again, the forms are on the website and in some cases the temporary listing can even be obtained right at the trial!

Questions? The UKC website also has copies of the obedience rules online.