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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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NEW MEMBERS AND APPLICATIONS

Bill Levinger – Vote in January

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

What meeting!?!?? We were all partying!! Our December general meeting was held in conjunction with our Christmas Party. If you missed it you missed a good time and we missed you! The food was good and the Glaman's new home is lovely.

We had a very short meeting and then fought over the gift exchange. Dan gave us a update on the building and 501 tax status. It is progressing fast. **We still need (begging) for a co-chair for a fund raising committee.** We need someone familiar with the Tri-Cities and willing to ask for money. The city of Kennewick has the ground laid out and the engineers have sketched and surveyed the property.

Lezlie announced the upcoming training classes which will be detailed below. These will fill fast so email her quickly. Please keep in mind that members in good standing are eligible for ½ price training. Good standing is defined as paid dues on time, having attended at least **two general meetings and volunteered to help or participate in at least one club function.**

We deferred voting Bill Levinger until January as he was not present.

The white elephant gift exchange was a lot of fun. It started off slowly, no one wanted to be “impolite” and steal a gift but once it started the flood gates opened!!! Thank goodness there was a limit of “2 steals”!

Thanks to Mark and Linda for opening their lovely new home to us. I think we left a mess....

Hope Jane Cooper brings her gift to tracking.....

UPCOMING TRAINING

New training classes start on January 9, 2007. These will be held at the fairgrounds in building 3. Cost will be \$40 for members in good standing or \$80 for nonmembers and members who have not met all the criteria for good standing. These are also detailed on the website.

Puppy class – for puppies under 5 months of age before the first class session. Exceptions to the age limit may be made on a case by case basis by Lezlie. You may email her at dancouch@charter.net

Obedience for Agility – work on the obedience skills needed to succeed at agility. This will include some light jumping and course work.

Rally Novice – for all dogs that have a basic knowledge of the exercises required for the CGC, i.e.: walking on loose lead, sit and down stays. A CGC is NOT required for this class. You will learn the rally exercises on leash.

Novice Competition II – this is a continuation of the last session novice competition class. Space is limited and acceptance will be determined by Jo Bott or Lezlie Couch; preference will be given to those that attended last session. Email Jo at k94Jo@aol.com or Lezlie for further info.

Rally(advance/excellent) run throughs – drop in only, no registration required. A practice course will be set up each week. Cost will be \$5 a dog a night. This is great chance to practice for the spring shows.

Tracking – ongoing at various locations. Contact Kathy Woodbury jandkwoodbury@earthlink.net for info.

Agility classes will begin in the spring as soon as it is light enough at night to be safe.

CGC class will be offered in the spring.

BRAGS

New babies at the Harstad's and the Woods'. Babies with fur that is!! The Newfie express landed at SeaTac with two Newfoundland puppies from Holland on board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bobbie Anderson Seminar – Feb 17th and 18th Eugene Oregon. Bobbie is a top obedience competitor and author of “Building Blocks for Performance”.

www.emeralddogobedience.com

Connie Cleveland Seminar – Feb 10 and 11, Spokane, WA. Connie is a national obedience competitor and writes for Front and Finish and the Golden Retriever national publication. See Connie’s website at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com to attend email Pam Furness by contacting the Spokane Dog Training Club. www.spokanedtc.org

Spay Day 2007 will be held on February 24th. Sponsored by POPP, spay day offers assistance on a sliding scale. Please see www.popptricities.org. Donations are needed.

Barb Gordon Workshop – March 31st. – hosted by CBDTC, topic: Games That Train and Competition Obedience. Will be held at Debbie Brower’s home.

CBDTC Obedience Match – April 7th at Flat Top Park. Mark your calendars and pass the info on to all your dog contacts.

Rally Stewards Seminar – originally scheduled for Nov 11, will be rescheduled at a later date.

COLD WEATHER TIPS

Cold weather is upon us for the next few months. Here are a few tips to keep your furry friends safe. Cats too!

-Keep your cat inside if you have one. Not only are they more likely to be injured or die of disease, they can freeze out in the cold -let’s face it – our kitties are no different than our dogs, we have domesticated them and they are no longer equipped to survive outside for long.

-Bang on the hood of your car if it is parked outside. A neighborhood cat may be on the engine block trying to stay warm. They can be injured or killed when the car is started.

-Don’t let your dog off leash during a heavy snow. They can lose their scent under the snow and become lost. Keep their ID tags on collars too.

-Wipe off feet, legs and stomach when your dog come in from a walk or romp outside. Dogs can ingest salt, antifreeze and other toxins when they lick themselves. Paw pads can also freeze, crack and bleed.

- Don’t shave your dog, the longer coat insulates and provides warmth. For the short haired guys, consider a coat or sweater.

-Don't leave your dog or cat alone in the car for long. It can act as a refrigerator and hold in cold air causing them to freeze to death.

-Puppies and kittens have no tolerance for the cold. Neither do seniors. Don't leave them out too long and consider only allowing them out to relieve themselves on very cold days.

-Increase food supply if your dog is outside for long periods. The protein will help keep fur in top shape.

-Clean up any antifreeze or coolant spills immediately. Ethylene Glycol is lethal. Instead use products with Propylene Glycol.

-Give your furry friends a warm place to sleep off the floor and away from drafts. Add a blanket so they can burrow.

TIDBITS

Did you know that the ASPCA was founded by Henry Bergh in 1866? He had a staff of three and they called for humane reforms at the city pound and provided water stations and an equine ambulance for city horses.

PETS has passed!!! The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards act was signed into law by President Bush in October. Pets must now be included in emergency planning and evacuation plans and the American public can be assured that they will not have to choose between their pets and their personal safety.

Would you like a heart warming book to read while house bound in the cold? Try out "From Baghdad with Love" by LTC Jay Kopelman. This is the story of a puppy named Lava that was rescued by an American soldier. Lava's escape from war torn Iraq is a story to compare to the best spy thriller!

DOG SPEAK

Guarding or defense?

Check the nose – where is it oriented? Same direction as eyes? When guarding the dog will look at you with hard, staring eyes but his nose may be lowered.

Where are the eyes? When guarding the dog will look AT the TARGET. When the dog is in defense she will LOOK AWAY.

How about the pupils? Dilated pupils are a response to adrenaline and are physiological, which means the dog has no control over this reflexive action. This can be caused by stress, anger, fear, excitement.

Blinking or not? Blinking is friendly. Not blinking is staring and confrontation or threat.

Stillness is the calm before the storm. Stillness can be a freeze or a pause. A pause can happen when the dog play or prey bows and is deliberate. Freezing is a fear reaction and any movement will most likely be explosive!

Knowing some dog speak can help you intervene when needed.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Jo Bott

My first show dog was a Dalmatian, Tess, and she survived all my mistakes and was patient enough to put up with a very young handler/trainer. She was my first CD.

I bred her and now owned my second Dalmatian, Preacher. He was a great teacher, together we obtained a tracking certificate (not a title) and High in Trial with a 199.5 needless to say I was floating for some time. Preacher met an untimely death with a brain tumor and had to be put down.

Not able to find another Dalmatian that could possibly fill his paws I purchased a Springer Spaniel that I named Megan.

Megan finished her show career with an overall average in Open and Novice of a 196 and was the only Springer in the Northwest and one of 5 in the US with a Tracking Degree. She was recognized by the Puget Sound ESS Association being the highest scoring ESS in Washington state and by the Parent Club with having obtained her TD and was Nationally ranked in the top five in Novice and Open. Megan's big secret in obtaining these titles was that she was totally deaf.

Magic repeated Megan's record and added to it a TDX and again the Parent club gave a special award for being the first ESS on the west coast to obtain the newly introduced TDX. Magic was obedience Springer of the year.

Kermit is my current EES and is a guy who just when you think you have the obedience thing down he will humble you and make you laugh.

He managed to repeat Megan and Magic's records and added to them with multiple High in Trials in both Novice and Open at all breed shows and Specialties, He received First & Foremost awards from Front and Finish and is nationally ranked in Canada also.

Now I am looking forward to becoming the proud "life manager" of an English Cocker Spaniel in April.

BREED OF THE MONTH

English Springer Spaniel

The ESS is a gun dog used for hunting and retrieving game. Spaniels came from Spain to England most likely with the Romans, and then diverged into two types, land and water spaniels. Then they were developed into separate breeds. Pups in a litter of land spaniels were divided by size and became the cockers or woodcock dogs, the medium sized pups became the Springers; which hunted by flushing or springing the birds for the hunters. The larger of the land spaniels became the setters of today.

Originally the Springer flushed birds for hunting hawks and hounds but when the flintlock was invented the dogs readily adapted to the further reach of the gun. Today's Springer will range a long way to flush and retrieve.

The earliest known stud book was in 1812 and the first breed club in England was founded in 1880s. The ESS was recognized by the Kennel Club in 1902. The ESS was recognized by the AKC in 1910. Not long after clubs began judging the dog in show the breed became a divergence between field dogs and show dogs. Unless you are familiar with the breed you may have difficulty realizing that the two types are the same breed. The show bred dog is heavier, stockier and has more feathering and coat whereas the field bred dog is leaner and lighter weight with far less coat. The two lines are not interbred.

The ESS is generally about 19-20 inches at the shoulder and tips the scale between 49 and 55 pounds. The Springer is a moderate dog and he works with his head carried high. His topline slopes gradually from withers to base of the tail, which is docked in the US. Oh and that tail, it wags constantly!

The show line dog is generally black and white or liver and white. The standard requires the dog to have a strong working gait which should reflect a balanced conformation.

The ESS is merry, affectionate, alert, playful and eager to please. He makes an easily trainable family companion and his attentiveness make him an ideal hunting dog. Either the show or field bred dogs are wonderful family pets but the field bred dog is more active and will require more exercise. The ESS is not suspicious of strangers and gets along well with other animals.

The Springer is generally healthy but can be subject to hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), hemophilia and Von Willebrand's disease. In addition there are some poorly bred Springers that can be aggressive, hyperactive or timid and fearful. You must do your homework and do not buy from a pet store where the parent's temperament

cannot be determined. Likewise beware the breeder that cannot or will not tell you. Aberrant behavior can also be caused by epilepsy.

As all dogs, the ESS should be obedience trained especially to come when called. As a hunting dog he is bred to range a long distance after game birds. As he is so eager to please, starting his training early will help control this desire.

The ESS excels at all dog sports as well.

WHAT DOGS DO FOR US:

Catch Frisbees.

Keep a lonely night from being truly lonely. Keep our homes safe.
Get us outside on beautiful fall days.

Listen to our singing.

Treat us like celebrities when we come home.
Warm up our beds on cold nights.

Star in our home videos.

Make our hearts more vigorous. Take us outdoors on snowy winter days.
Alert us to the arrival of the mail.

Help us to live longer.

Make us smile. Agree with everything we say.
Warm our knees with their chins.

Provide us use for old tennis balls.

Signal when a thunderstorm is coming. Pull sleds.

Help lower our blood pressure. Test how fast we can run.

Keep the squirrels from overtaking our yards.
Teach us the meaning of unconditional love. Take us out on rainy days.

Teach our children about responsibility.