

CBDTC JULY 2007

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NEXT MEETING will be on Monday July 9, 2007 at 7 PM at the Bellerive Springs Clubhouse. This is off Gage and Bellerive in the Bellerive Springs subdivision. Turn left on Bellerive if coming from the direction of Leslie, turn right on Bellerive if coming from the direction of the mall. The subdivision will be the first left turn and the parking lot will be in front of you.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Tiffani Garner, President.

The meeting started off with brags which will be published in the newsletter. Two visitors were introduced, Teri Welch and Patricia Skirko, both submitted applications for membership.

President's Report – Tiffani noted that tonight was an important night for the club as we would be discussing and voting on fund raising for the Phase I building development. There have been many emails flying around among the membership and this is clearly a sensitive issue for many. Tiffani reminded us that we are all individuals with opinions on this subject and each of them was valid, however, she wanted us to remember that our love of dogs and the dog sport was our common thread and we needed to remain careful of others opinions.

Secretary's Report- May minutes as stated in June newsletter were approved by motion and vote. No new members were voted as Katie Lockerby was not present. Second reading was done on Bill and Brenda Trowbridge and first reading was done on Troy and Chris Thompson.

Treasurer's Report- Gene told us we have \$6214.31 in checking, \$3024.60 in one CD that will roll over soon and he will move it to a higher interest CD. Another CD has \$2107.20. We also have \$821.01 in the new building fund. Our non profit status has been approved

by the state and is pending with the Federal IRS. We can begin fund raising based on this.

Training Committee- Lezlie- Garage Group is on going at Columbia Park on Sat AM with revolving instructors. Last week Eileen did Rally. Agility classes are full and we have a waiting list, however Lezlie wants to continue on with the current group of students at a more advanced level instead of starting another basic class. This won't help the waiting list but she feels we owe the current students that want to have further instruction. She is hoping to be able to add another training night so we can do another basic class. Lezlie also talked about the summer camp program at WSU. She needs folks to sign up for the program that will be held on July 17 and 20. This entails time off work for some people if they can take it and their dogs need to be kid friendly. A sign up sheet was passed.

Kathy presented info to the club about having Ed Presnall a very well known national level tracking expert, come out for a tracking seminar in Nov or Dec. She passed his bio around, described the seminar content and cost. She was very confident we would be able to cover the expense with attendees. The cost would be around \$1200 for the fee and travel. Some discussion ensued about an informal poll of potential attendees. Motion was made and seconded to allow Kathy and Holly Thau to invite Ed out for the seminar. Kathy and Holly will work on setting it up and secure ground. Jane Copper offered the use of the large fields on her property. The Glaman's have volunteered their home if they are not at the Eukanuba Invitational.

Eileen covered therapy and told us that Shreq had earned his E-SV (Elderly-Senior Visits) advanced therapy degree from Love On A Leash. In addition we have 4 new therapy dogs this month. Gail Nowak's Nawdia and Lisa Harstad's Kula have been certified by Love On A Leash and Kris Stennett's Reba and Allison Brendell's Space have passed the Delta test. That brings us to 10 working therapy dogs.

Trial Committee- Jane reported that trial planning was going well. She thanked Brooke Lanigan for volunteering to serve as Chief Ring Steward. As this is the first time Brooke has done this, Kathy will help her. The premium list is at Onofrio and the proof should be back for review and finalization any day. Kevin Davis has found a source for etched glass coffee mugs that we can have the club logo etched into on for judges gifts and trophies. These would be superior to the white mugs with the decal that we have been using for cookie bouquets. In addition these can be sold for profit. Jane made a motion to allow Kevin to spend up to \$300 on the mugs, Kathy seconded and motion carried by vote.

Fund Raising Committee- still needs a co-chair.

Building Committee- Dan is out of the country so Lezlie read the May 2007 building update. This had been previously published so it will not be noted word for word. A basic synopsis of the update was that 2 years ago Kennewick decided to fund a dog park and CBDTC was offered adjacent land for a building. Layout and design of building (draft) is

finished and has been presented to CBDTC. We are still waiting on archeological surveys and other mandated activities by other agencies before final approval. This may happen by Nov 2007.

We have proceeded to found a charitable arm with 501(c)3 status (pending) and will solicit donations and funding for the proposed \$250,000 to \$300,000 building.

As soon as approval is given by Kennewick the dog park is going to begin a Phase I and it has been recommended that we also do this. If we decide to do this we need to begin fund raising immediately to raise the high estimate of \$40,000 for Phase I which would include ground clearing, sprinklers, grass, fencing and storage shed. The high estimate is if we contract out all of it. If we solicit labor it will be greatly reduced.

Lezlie noted that the club has grown a lot in 2 years and this is wonderful but we need to continue to feed our growth by providing good training. To provide good training we need to mentor new instructors. New instructors come from new members that also want training. Without a place to train in all weather all year we will have trouble maintaining that growth. We need a building soon. Growth and future training are linked.

The motion was made by Lezlie to vote on the go ahead for fund raising for Phase I of a future building for CBDTC. Seconded by Bernie. Motion is as follows: "Under the leadership of the CBTCA and Building Committee, the Club will proceed with fund raising for Phase I of the building project. Phase I will include preparing the land for planting grass (final dirt work), installing sprinklers, planting grass or sod, erecting a fence, and constructing a storage shed for training equipment. No funds will be committed or spent until funds have been raised specifically for the project."

Floor opened for discussion prior to vote. Tiffani asked that each person with question or comment please raise hands and wait to be called.

Question – can we use compressed bark instead of grass? Less cost, no irrigation, no mowing. Possible if Kennewick would approve it.

Outside electricity-can it be run off dog park's? Would have to ask PUD.

Have we exhausted ALL local rental opportunities as we do not want to continue to pay the high fee at the fairgrounds? Some lengthy responses were given here by several members. Lezlie remarked that she had been working with a realtor for 2 years looking at commercial property that was affordable. No results, no one wants dogs. Tiffani talked about the 6 months she spent looking at properties, calling businesses, etc and she finally gave up in exhaustion. Linda Glaman remarked that they did find a place but the dogs had no place to relieve themselves. Gene commented that he did find a building too but it was rat infested and the owner was going to tear it down. Paul said RKC has been looking for YEARS with no luck and they would love for us to do a building so they can rent space.

At this point, a visitor who has applied for membership, Teri Welch, volunteered the use of a building she owns in Richland near the Port of Benton (Richland Airport). She said

there was gravel area in back that we could fence for our use as well. Teri stated that this was ours at no cost provided the profits from classes was put toward the building. She felt moved to make this offer because the Tri-Cities NEEDS an active training club to provide training for local dogs and people. Teri received an ovation for this very generous offer.

Bernie Beldin volunteered labor for Phase I and had a few questions about the wording of the motion which were explained and resolved, the motion remained worded as read above. The motion was re-read by the secretary and Tiffani called for a vote. Tiffani physically counted as hands remained raised and called the count to the secretary who noted 22 “Yes” votes and 2 “No” votes. There were 24 members in attendance and 2 guests. Funding for Phase I of a training building for CBDTC passed by a majority vote and will commence.

Unfinished business – None

New business- Margie Beldin asked permission to fund repair of some of the agility equipment. This would include small parts and pieces for jumps, painting etc. She needs a small committee to work with her to determine what needs to be done and what the minimal cost estimate would be. Margie brought the motion to the floor, Kathy seconded and it was voted to allow Margie to proceed with determining repair need and cost for the agility equipment.

Tiffani made motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy, motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

NEW APPLICANTS

Teri Lin Welch – Boxer

Patricia Skirko and family- Papillon, St Poodle, German Spitz

First Readings:

Bill and Brenda Trowbridge- Mini Schnauzers

Troy and Chris Thompson- Australian Cattle Dogs

Voted:

Deferred voting Katie Lockerby – not present.

BRAGS

Tiffani’s wirehaired dachshund needs one more major to finish! We will be keeping paws crossed for the little sausage and will be waiting news.

Brooke Lanigan and Papillon, Jack, earned another RA leg with a score of 96 for a second place ribbon. This is Jack's second leg.

Paul and Pat Walkup got 3 majors on their Tervs, Turq and Tisselle at Yakima!! And... they were owner handled!! That is great news! Even just as wonderful the pups went to the Terv Nationals and although they did not win they did place in their very large class. That is pretty darn good for the Nationals.

Lisa Harstad reported that Woods' Newfie, Cedro, took Best of Winners at Puyallup.

Linda Scannell and Biscuit have earned another Novice Agility leg at Puyallup. One more leg will equal a title for the very fast lab!!

CBDTC has several new therapy dogs. Lisa Hastad and Kula and Gail Nowak and Nawdia have been certified by Love On A Leash. Kris Stennett and Reba and Allison Brendel and Space have passed the Delta test. In addition Eileen Michals and Shreq have earned a higher therapy rating for elder visits from Love On A Leash.

Bonnie Primus, friend of CBDTC, of Arbeitshiem Papillons took majors on 2 of her dogs! Great news for Bonnie. Brooke's Jack is Bonnie's breeding as are the Couch's Freckles and Joy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barb Davis Agility Seminar – July 5 and 6 Novice/Intermediate; July 7 and 8 Advanced/Masters www.gryphonranch.com

Susan Perry Agility Seminar – August 4- Novice/Intermediate; August 5- Advanced/Masters. www.gryphonranch.com

Sept. 15 & 16, 2007; Barb Davis agility seminar in Finley. More to come.

APDT Conference and Trade Show (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) will be held in Portland, OR this year. This conference is held once a year in a different city each year. This year's conference will be Oct 24th through the 28th. **Suzanne Clothier, Jean Donaldson, Dr. Ian Dunbar, Trish King, Pia Silvani**, and many more high profile trainers and behaviorists are scheduled to speak. Details, speaker biographies, registration and travel details are posted on the APDT website at www.APDT.com

WHAT IS AN OBEDIENCE TITLE?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores: a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as

anything in this world can remain. And, though the dog himself doesn't know or care that this achievement has been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. In addition, a title says that you love your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few: that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An Obedience title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received, and recorded permanently.

- Author Unknown

SPOTLIGHT ON

Jann & Tom Ibsen

Tom and I have been married for 31 years. For thirty of those years we have had the honor of owning two Brittany Spaniels, one English Springer Spaniel and three Icelandic Sheepdogs.

We came across the Icelandic Sheepdog 16 years ago when our first Brittany Spaniel, Kelly, passed away. We had never heard of the breed before, so we went and saw and fell in love with the breed. Our first Icelandic, or Icie as they are fondly called by their owners, was Koli. She died unexpectedly when she was only five. It was devastating to our family at her passing. I worried because since there were not many Icies around that maybe a health problem had been interbreed into this rare breed. After a lot of soul searching we decided to get another. The only one we could find was from a breeder in eastern Canada. This is how we got Shilo who is now 11 years old. Almost three years ago we got Loki from an American breeder back east.

BREED OF THE MONTH

The Icelandic Sheepdog

The Icelandic Sheepdog has a very interesting history. It is one of the oldest breeds in the world. They were even mentioned in William Shakespeare's play "Henry V".

Viking settlers brought the Icelandic Sheepdog with them when they settled Iceland more than 1,100 years ago. The dogs were used to herd livestock. They are descended from the ancient Nordic Spitz dogs, like the Norwegian Buhund.

In the early 1900's distemper almost wiped the breed out. They came close to becoming extinct. In 1969 a group of Icelanders afraid their national dog would indeed become extinct formed the Icelandic Kennel Club to make sure this didn't happen. Currently there are approximately 600 Icies registered in the United States, 100 in Canada, 400 in Iceland, and 4000 worldwide. These numbers are estimates given to me by Jamie Hansen, one of the head people running the Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America in the United States. The numbers are always changing especially during the breeding season. Jamie wrote in his email "When you consider the number of Labs and others popular breeds born every year and their total registration numbers, the Icelandic Sheepdog's numbers are extremely small".

As of February 9, 2007, the AKC Board of Directors approved the eligibility of the Icelandic Sheepdog (a Foundation Stock breed that meets certain criteria) to compete in AKC Companion Events, this will be effective January 1, 2008.

The Icelandic Sheepdog has a double coat, the outer coat being either long or short and the inner coat always thick and soft. Both types are extremely weather-resistant. The coat can be any of several colors, but one color should always be predominant. The most common colors are various shades of tan, ranging from cream to reddish brown, chocolate brown, black and grey. White always accompanies the main color, but should not be the predominant color. The dog should have dew claws on all legs, preferably double ones on the hind legs. The color of the breed's nose should be either black or dark brown, depending on the color of the dog's coat.

These dogs are very loyal to their owners, and if you like a dog that wants to be with you everywhere you go then the Icelandic Sheepdog is the dog to own.

Coming in the August newsletter.....

A warning about "dog show crud".

Report on the status of the nominating committee for next year's officers.

Show update.

Annual picnic info.

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made" -- M. Facklam