

CBDTC March 2007

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NEXT MEETING will be on Monday March 12, 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 FEBUARY GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Tiffani at 7:00. Roll call – 15 members, 3 applicants in process and 3 guests were present. Secretary read minutes of Jan meeting which were approved by the membership present. Brags were presented. Secretary's report was deferred to talk about the match but secretary reminded those present that we still had a few that have not paid dues.

Building committee- Paul Walkup –CBDTC has been reincorporated as a non profit corporation with the state. The 501(c)3 application to IRS for the CBDTA (Columbia Basin dog Training Association) is nearly complete. Bylaws for our new charitable/public outreach organization are nearly completed and should be finalized at the next building committee meeting scheduled for Feb 19th. City of Kennewick has not yet scheduled a meeting to hear our presentation on the building. CBDTC has requested that this meeting take place but the city planners say other pressing business has pre-empted this temporarily. **We still need a fund raising committee co-chair. BEGGING!!!!!!**

Show committee- Jane Cooper – show has been approved by the AKC and judges are under contract, planning is ongoing. Jane and Debbie have found a new company to order ribbons and rosettes from that is less expensive than the company that we have been using. We still need a chief ring steward and grounds person. Kevin said he could be persuaded to do grounds again this year! Jane hopes Dan Couch will help him. Linda Glaman will co-chair the show as Jane will be at the Beardied Collie Specialty at the same time. Jane mentioned we had one judge committed for the 2008 trial already and

she needed some more suggestions. I (Kathy) suggested Richard Lewis as he should be approved for all levels plus rally by then. We will have a test drive with Richard at our match in April.

Training Committee- Lezlie- next session classes will start first week of March. We are planning on a CGC and Rally Advanced class ad an open training (garage group) ring. The open training ring will be available to rent for 15 minute increments over 3 hours. 2 or more people can split the cost and have more time too to help each other. Will have matting and jumps available. Rent will be \$5 for each 15 minutes. We have a long waiting list for the CGC classes so we may run two instead of Rally Advanced. Decision will be made in a week or two. Linda Scannell will be hosting agility movie night at her home on Thursdays. She has excellent tapes by Jane Simmons-Moake, one of the nations top competitors (she won the 20" class at the invitational this year). If interested please contact Linda at Lindascannell6@aol.com.

Treasurers report – Gene - \$4931 in checking, CD's are the same. Insurance and taxes are paid for the year. Gene would like the show committee to purchase trophies a little at a time this year so we are not drained at the same time, wants to spread out the expenditures. Jane will take care of that.

Secretary reminded folks to pay for the Barb Gordon seminar and told those present that the Walla Walla Kennel Club needed stewards for their show on April 28 and 29.

See below for match info!!! Membership voted to pay match judges \$35 and a small gift.

NEWS FLASH!!!!

The Kennewick city council met on Monday February 26th and our building was discussed. Keep your eyes open for a future VERY IMPORTANT update in regards to our upcoming vote!

NEW APPLICANTS

Katie Lockerby – Lab mix

1st Reading- Mary Ellen Thien – Newfoundland
Keith and Kathy Ertell- Sheltie

2nd Reading- Mim Myron – Bouvier and Kerry Blue Terrier

Deferred voting Bill Levinger until March – not in attendance

DUES are really past due!!! There are about a dozen members who have not paid dues for the year. As a courtesy we allow those folks that apply close to the end of the year free gratis for that year, i.e.: if you applied in Oct, Nov or Dec of 2006 and paid your

dues for the current year we allow that to carry over to the next year (2007) as there was only a month or so remaining on the year you joined and the membership application is a 3 month process. Unfortunately anyone else needs to pay full dues even if you joined in August or September. You may send your dues to either Gene Spaulding at PO Box 6932, Kennewick, WA 99336 or Kathy Woodbury at 355 Bobwhite Ave, Umatilla OR 97882. Or you may give to any class instructor or club officer. Please pay your dues - we value your membership and do not want to have to remove you from the rolls!!!! Thanks!

BRAGS

I got no brags for this month!!!

SANCTIONED MATCH APRIL 7TH!!!

Our sanctioned OB Match has been approved by the AKC! It will be held at Flat Top Community Park in West Richland. Flyer and entry have been emailed to all current club members and is also on the website. This match is open to all AKC recognized breeds from all area clubs, please share with any contacts you have in other clubs. I have sent copies to many of the area clubs but that does not mean the info filtered down to everyone. A sanctioned match is more formal than a fun match but less formal than a show. Dogs are scored unless the owner simply wants to exhibition for practice. Placement awards are given but there are no qualifying scores to count towards titles. You may use mild corrections and an occasional treat to work your dog in a "show like" setting. For those getting ready for the spring trials this is a great opportunity and is close to home.

The down side is that we need a committed group of people to put this on. We already have several volunteers but need more. Our greatest need will be for stewards, we need 9 at minimum, prefer 10. We need folks to bring stuff, help haul stuff, put up stuff and then take it all down. A preliminary list was sent out with the entry form via email in February.

We also need food and beverages for the potluck!!!! We need a large coffee maker, coffee, and cups if anyone has any one, can we use it?

UPCOMING TRAINING AT CBDTC

Our new training sessions will start on March 6th at the fairgrounds. There will be two CGC classes as we have a long waiting list and want to whittle it down a bit. Many members of the general public need classes and we want to accommodate them. Cost is \$80 for nonmembers and \$40 for members in good standing.

We will also have a “garage group” training session taught by the apprentice instructors, these will be free of charge for anyone that wants to train. Your dog needs to have at least basic obedience skills.

Ring Time will be offered for 3 hours weekly. The building will be divided and a full size obedience ring will be set up with jumps and mats. Any one may come to practice with their dog at any level. There will be group stay exercises offered at established times through out the evening. Cost for this will be \$5 per 15 minutes. You must sign up in advance. You may split the time with another person i.e.: 2 may pay 10 for 30 minute but it still only cost an individual \$5. You can act as “judges” for each other and help proof the dogs.

Tracking will continue. Those that have been tracking regularly are welcome to continue with us and we will lay tracks for each other and work together. There will be about 4 spaces for new trackers that are interested in trying this out. The new trackers will be asked to pay a fee for this class which will run for 20 weeks (10 sessions every other week). The cost for this new session will be \$100 for non members and \$50 for members in good standing.

For all classes and ring time sign up with Lezlie Couch at dancouch@charter.net
Trackers sign up with Kathy Woodbury at jandkwoodbury@earthlink.net or
Kathleen.woodbury@umcd.army.mil

WHAT ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR DOG?

The trend these days is to go homemade or raw. Many of us do not have the time or desire to prepare homemade or raw diets for our dogs. Many vets warn about the dangers of raw. I am no expert but I want to feed my dogs the best food I can afford. I don't know about your breed but German Shepherds have cranky tummies, we call it “grimy gut” at our house. I subscribe to a publication titled “The Whole Dog Journal”, this is a monthly publication that is not very big but it is full of great stuff about behavior, training, socializing, new products, - and feeding. This past month WDJ published the annual dog food issue. WDJ rates dry and wet dog food based on their criteria which may not be the same criteria you use or your vet uses.

The following foods were determined BEST to feed by WDJ: (alphabetic order)
Artemis, Azmira, Back to Basics, Bench and Field, Blue Buffalo, Burns, By Nature Brightlife, California Natural, Canidae, Canine Caviar, Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul, Cloud Star Kibble, Drs Foster and Smith, Eagle Holistic Select, Evolve Natural, Flint River Ranch, Foundations, Fromm, Go! Natural, Hund N' Flocken, Innova, Karma, Lick Your Chops, Lifespan, Limited Diets, Merrick, Millennia, Natural Balance, Natural Choice Ultra, Newman's Own, Organix, PHD Viand, Pinnacle, Premium Edge, Prime Life, Royal Canin Natural Blend, Showbound Naturals, Timberwolf Organics, Verus, Wellness, Wysong.

The following foods were NOT RECOMMENDED and in some case warned against:
(alphabetic order)

Benefel, Cycle Adult, Dad's Bite Sized Meal, Diamond Premium, Excel Lamb and Rice, Gravy Train, Happy Tails (made for Albertson's), HiPro (made by Purina), Iams (including Eukanuba), Kibbles 'n Bits, Nutro Max, Maxximum Nutrition (made for WalMart and it made my GSD's SICK AS DOGS years ago!!!), Natural Choice Adult Lamb (made by Nutro), Nature's Recipe, Nutra Nuggets, Ol' Roy, Pedigree, Purina Dog Chow, Purina One, Science Diet Adult Original, Science Diet's Nature Best with Real Beef Adult Food.

If you don't see your food, don't worry. You can go to the WDJ website and check out the criteria used and measure your own food against it. It is impossible to rate all the foods out there and WDJ does a list each year.

See the website at www.whole-dog-journal.com The Whole Dog Journal is published by Belvoir Media Group in Norwich, Ontario. This is an excellent publication and I recommend a subscription to it. Money well spent. GSD's are currently doing well on Flint River Ranch, no grimy guts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yakima Valley Kennel Club – Rally and Obedience Run Throughs – Wednesdays at 7:30 to 8:15 PM \$5 a dog. 730 N.16th Ave, Yakima (NW Warehouse Bldgs) Mapquest for directions. Yakima will have obedience classes starting in Feb and Mar as well.
<http://groups.msn.com/YakimaValleyKennelClub>

The Games Seminar-How To Play, Strategy, Snookers and more (Agility)-March 17. Sponsored by Yakima Valley KC. Learn the new AKC FAST class! Joan Guhlke (509) 453-3291.

Canine Reproduction/Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar – Myra Savant Harris Mar 3, 2007. Sponsored by YVKC call Casey Gilbert for info (509) 307-7460 or email karisma@nwinform.net

Obedience/Rally Fun Match –Mar 18, held at Spokane Dog Training Club. This is sponsored by Inland Empire Golden Retriever Club. Will send out flyers when I get them.

B/OB Sanctioned Match – Mar 25 in Colfax sponsored by Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers. Flyer was sent out via email or see www.phdf.net and follow the link. .

Barb Gordon Workshop – March 31st. – hosted by CBDTC, topic: Games That Train for Competition Obedience. Will be held at Debbie Brower's home. Flyer is out and is available on the website. There is 1 working space left and several observer spaces.

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

Rally Stewards Seminar – April 14th. Presented by Pat Knepley, AKC judge, at Spokane Dog Training Club Info to follow as available.

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** is scheduled to speak. I'll post further details as they come available.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Eileen Michals

Animals, my life has always had animals in it. The first pet was a gopher that lived under the front porch and he used to come out for treats from my hand, I was 5 years old. As I grew up in North Idaho, where there were no leash laws, no fines, no collars, no fences; we never thought anything of letting the dog out for the day, "he knew where home was".

After marriage a long, long time ago, I was moved to a ranch in Southern Idaho, where there were lots of animals. My pigs learned to sit up and roll over; the favorite cows could be ridden; and I had not a clue that by tying a GSD bitch outside, she could be bred while in season, season? What is a season? Where did that Dalmation come from?

Moving from town to town as Al's job positions moved up the ladder, I was always able to work at a library and with 4-H. Gradually learning more about dogs, breeding, showing, obedience, food bills, vet bills, etc. Raising two children and working as a Reference Librarian filled up 20 or so years.

Working as an artificial inseminator for Select Sires, raising Guide Dog puppies, filling my yard with beef cows, dairy cows, horses, sheep, pigs, ducks, geese and 300 birds (parrots – budgerigars – Rollers – finches) kept me busy every day. We taught our domestic geese to fly, just didn't think to film it as someone else did later on.

After 14 years in Wyoming, driving 2 hours every week to buy groceries, and traveling all over the West on the weekends showing Maine Coon Cats, we settled on Kennewick area for retirement. Albertson's is just down the road, library is a block away and U of I is close enough to attend the home games.

Now our lives revolve around dog training, competitions, grandchildren (4), genealogy, occasional trips out of the country, NASCAR, PBR and football games on TV. Thanks to the Irish Wolfhounds, Belgian Tervurens, German Shepherd Dogs, and others that have passed through my life – Anonymous and Shreq benefit from all I have learned.

BREED OF THE MONTH

Doberman Pinscher

Also known as the Dobermann, is originally from Germany. The Dobe is an intelligent, alert and loyal companion. The Doberman was once used extensively as a guard dog or watch dog but is less commonly used for that role today. Careful breeding has improved the Doberman's disposition and he is an energetic family companion today.

The Doberman Pinscher was bred in Germany around 1890 by Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann. The word Pinscher was dropped as it referred to "terrier" in German and it was not an accurate reflection of the breed. Herr Dobermann was a tax collector who traveled through bandit infested areas and needed a protection dog to guard him. He set out to breed a new type of dog that would be the perfect combination of strength, loyalty, intelligence and ferocity. The breed was developed from several different breeds that had the characteristics Dobermann was looking for. This list included the Pinscher, Beauceron, Rottweiler, Greyhound, Great Dane, Weimaraner, German Shorthaired Pointer, Thuringian Shepherd Dog and German Shepherd Dog. The exact mix is not known but experts believe at least four of these breeds were used. The single exception is the documented cross with the Greyhound. It is also believed the German Shepherd Dog gene pool was the largest single contributor to the breed.

The Doberman Pinscher has been used as a protection dog and military dog. The US Marines used Dobs exclusively in WWII. There is a war dog memorial to the 25 Doberman Pinschers that died on Guam in 1944. The Doberman can inspire fear in its role as protector and unfortunately has been stereotyped in movies as vicious. A well bred and socialized Doberman is an excellent pet and companion and gets along well with other dogs and pets to include cats. There are variations in temperament but a well adjusted Doberman will only aggress if its family is in danger. Today's Doberman is far less sharp in temperament than his forebears but still requires intelligent handling.

The Doberman is a medium sized dog with females standing about 24 to 27 inches at the shoulder and males about 26 to 28 inches. They have deep, broad chests and a powerful, square body. Although many modern breeders are breeding a more sleek and slender dog for the show ring many owners still favor the more traditional body type.

The most recognizable color is black and tan but there are actually four color types based on color dilutions and dominant or recessive black genes: black, red, fawn and blue. There is a white mutation that has gained popularity but these dogs may have abnormal development of the retina and have increased risks of cancer. The AKC recognizes the white but it is a disqualifying color.

The tail is very long in a natural state but is traditionally docked to give the dog the sleek appearance that Louis Dobermann envisioned for his breed. The ears are also cropped to

aid in sound localization and prevent them from being grabbed and held by unsavory characters.

The Doberman is relatively healthy and should live about 10 years. Some common problems are Wobbler's Disease, Von Willebrands, Cardiomyopathy, Hypothyroidism and cancer.

DOG PHILOSOPHY

To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run. I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, or try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember:

In many ways, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a "gazillion" dollars for college.

And finally,

11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.