

Paw Prints

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TDTC Events – Winter-Spring 2010

Friday	March 5	General Meeting – 7 PM (Note date change)
Friday	March 12	Winter Session Graduation
Friday	March 26	AKC National Agility Trial
Saturday	March 27	AKC National Agility Trial
Sunday	March 28	AKC National Agility Trial
Friday	April 9	TDTC AKC Rally Trial
Saturday	April 10	TDTC AKC Obedience Trial
Sunday	April 11	TDTC AKC Obedience Trial
Friday	April 16	Board Meeting (Note date change)
Friday	May 14	General Meeting – 7 PM
Friday	June 4	TDTC Agility Trial
Friday	June 4	Spring Session Graduation
Saturday	June 5	TDTC AKC Agility Trial
Sunday	June 6	TDTC AKC Agility Trial
Saturday	June 19	TAC UKC Obedience Trial
Sunday	June 20	TAC UKC Obedience Trial

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From the President

Hello, members of the Tulsa Dog Training Club,

The last couple of months we had a UKC Obedience Trial, a UKC Agility Trial and a fabulous banquet. TDTC would not be the club without the hard-working people. Thank you to all who have helped; we cannot put on shows without you.

In this newsletter you will find some reminders of the rules of the Tulsa Dog Training Club. Please follow them; we want to have a safe, clean and beautiful club for all to enjoy.

I want to take this opportunity to specifically thank Kala Evans for pooper scooping the yard after the snow. This lady has cleaned up the yard by herself since the dog owners were so handicapped they couldn't do it. Also, I want to thank Dovie Ryan for cleaning the yard after the Agility Trial. Again, a handicap is hard to live with.

I want to thank Jeri Hajek (always have to look up the spelling) and her assistants for the very nice job she did with the banquet. Good food and good friends is the way to go. Tracy Hendrickson had all the trophies ready and Carol Minden had them all lined up on the table. And Dovie did a nice job handing them out. Congratulations to all the members who received awards. I know it takes a lot of time and patience for these achievements. Again, thanks to all ...

Charles Ree is the new Director of Agility Trials. Thank you, Charles, for taking on this job. TDTC appreciates you.

Looking forward to the future, evaluation is coming up. A new crop of dogs and their handlers will be coming into the club. Please be kind, helpful and courteous.

Ursula

Awards Banquet

Michael V's was the setting for the 2010 TDTC Awards Banquet. Participants enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal with luscious desserts (I'm pretty sure the sugar might have perked up those attendees who had been at the Agility Trial earlier in the day).



Awards recipients standing (only half of room)



Haley Hahn received multiple awards for 2009



Patti Emmons and Jane Tyson received prizes made and donated by Judy Spens and Dovie Ryan for correctly answering the most questions during the dog trivia game. Way to go ladies! Knowing about scissor bites came in handy.



TDTC long distance member, Jill Perry, from Yakima, WA, judged the TAC Agility Trial and also attended the banquet. It was great to see you, Jill!

Thank You

First time ever ...

for me to have the sign-up sheets for a trial completely filled in several days prior to the trial!!! I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the February 6 and 7, 2010, TAC UKC AGILITY TRIAL as follows: Mariann Duca, Linda Reis, Mike Hopkins, Linda Barry, Lorrie Russ, Jenn Patton, Tonya Sims, Bill Spens, Judy Spens, Linda Maxwell, Beth Shiever, Linda Nichols, Andrea Hibbard, Abriana Hibbard, Barb Delozier, Keri Cathey, Susan Barnes, Betty Haws, Emily Russell, Beth Harshfield, Sue Smith, Sandie Wyman, Dorothy Kennedy, Bruno, Phil, Kathy Gray, Ann Morrison, Moira Lawson, Gisella Klindera, Barb Jeleski, Ramona Stanfield, Margery Armstrong, Sammy Stevens, Ray Stevens, Jeff Lowenthal, Nickki Gleason, Hannah Baker, Mike Singleton, Maureen Kelly, Jeri Hajek, and Dovie Ryan. If there were any others of you that volunteered and jumped in at the last minute that I didn't know about, thanks go out to you as well.

We can't put on a trial without all the requisite volunteers, and we enjoyed seeing Jill Perry again. We'll be having our AKC 3-day Agility Trial the first part of June, 2010, and I hope you will have the sign-up sheets filled as quickly for that trial as you did for this one!!!! Thank you all again for your help. 🐶

Gwen Grandell
Chief Agility Trial Steward

The UKC Obedience Trial was held on January 16th and 17th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who volunteered to work the rings. Dovie Ryan, Maureen Kelly, Haley Hahn, Sue Smith, Emily Russell, Nikki Gleason, Dianee Ree, Charles Ree, Gwen Grandell, Mariann Duca, Gisella Klindera, Barbara Jeleski, Ursula Ling, Judy Spens, Bill Spens, Ann Morrison, Sara Jane Jednacz, and Doris Gary. You who volunteer your time at the trials always amaze me. You are willing to give your time, whether or not you are showing, to make sure the trial runs smoothly and showing is an enjoyable experience. Kudos to these people who are always willing to lend a hand at our trials.

Lorrie Russ, Obedience Chief Ring Steward

Announcements

Rules to Live By

1. No dog will enter the TDTC premises without leash and handler connected.
2. No dog will exercise in the side yards without supervision by a human.
3. Dogs' human will pick up after dog eliminates.
4. Human will pick up after him/herself.
5. Human will cover my crate if I am crate aggressive (I don't want to scare any new dogs).
6. There will be no posting on front and side doors. For announcements use the information boards.

Lost and Found

At the end of each month any items left unclaimed in the lost and found bin will be discarded or donated to Goodwill.

Building Key Applications

As per TDTC standing rules, the following requirements must be met to obtain a key and code to the building:

Criteria for Regular Members wanting to purchase keys:

- a) Regular members are eligible to apply for a building key or associate members may apply if they have accumulated 12 points and have been actively training for 1 year or more at TDTC (2 sessions a year).
- b) Must be actively training in puppy, obedience, rally or agility classes at TDTC. (2 sessions a year).
- c) Members shall present a Key Request form with money or check attached (\$3.00) to the second VP, who shall bring the request to the Board; the Board shall have 90 days to reply.

NEEDED PUP INSTRUCTORS

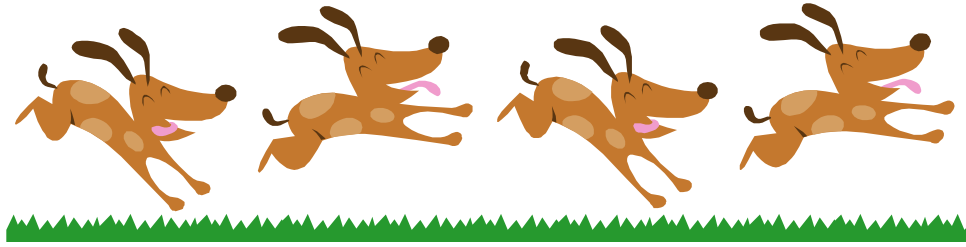
Do you like to play and have fun with all breeds and varieties of puppies, but don't want to put up with the mess and every day care of having one? Then being a pup instructor is for you! If you qualify (see following) contact Steve or Scott Malone at TDTCpuppies@cox.net.

F. Puppy Class Instructors

1. To qualify to be a Puppy Class Instructor:
 - a) Must have successfully completed a TDTC's Novice II Class and/or obtained one leg toward a CD or U-CD.
 - b) Be a regular member in good standing.

Leads and Collars

As of January 8, 2010 no IOU will be taken for merchandize in the leads and collar room.



On the Lighter Side

Submitted by Gisella Klindera

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food.

Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it and become 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. Racing 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-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort, however. 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 on the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is no 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, meow, and try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years – canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, and then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND 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, they are animals. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

Remember, 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 smoke or drink,
7. don't want to wear your clothes,
8. don't have to buy the latest fashions,
9. don't need a gazillion dollars for college and
10. if they get pregnant, you can sell their children

"Let me tell you a little story. (Email from Jim Tyler to Chris Hatchett, Submitted with permission by Chris Hatchett)

For the past year, it has been evident to me that I was getting older, for it was taking longer and longer to recover my normal breathing after an agility run. I attributed it to old age catching up.

Robbie and I went to Wichita Falls the first week in DEC for a 3 day trial. The first run was a good one. We Q;ed with a great time coming second to a Mach border collie, the one that the gal, I think it is Sherrie from Edmond, runs. At any rate I ran my ass off the last 100 feet because I knew it was close for the blue. But, I really had trouble getting my breath and got quite dizzy on the way back to the crate after the run having to stop on the way for a couple of minutes. It took at least 30 minutes to recover to normalcy.

Now here is the point of my story. About 2 hours later we entered the ring to run JWW. I had determined that I was going to take it easy with no big bursts of speed (LOLOL). so we took the first jump, a tire and Robbie circled around to face me. I mean he came to the front of me within 10 ft or so. I gave him directions to take the next jump which he did slowly then returned to face me again. With this I decided that Robbie was telling me to get the hell out of the ring.

After thinking about it, we loaded up early the next morning, Sat, and came home. I saw my doc. the next Thurs and he sent me to the cardiologist. We failed a stress test and wound up with the treatment I told you about.

What do you think about Robbie's action in the JWW ring? He had never done it before.

Jim."

My reply to Jim:

"Hi Jim,

What do I think of Robbie's action in the JWW ring? Robbie loves you so much that even when you tell him to do something, if he thinks you shouldn't do it, neither will he! I have that same relationship with Zoe. She is my "soul" dog and when she holds back, I can almost bet there is something wrong with ME....she has done this same thing that Robbie did. The only thing is, I've watched Robbie do this same thing, maybe not stop completely, but slow down for YOU. He is so in tune to you that when something is wrong, he senses it! Zoe does the same thing with me, and believe it or not, Ziva is learning it from her! Dogs are so smart and loyal but this is their senses taking over. I know you've had other borders.....but if you had another Robbie, you were really lucky. I've had several shelties but none like Zoe. I loved them all dearly but they always went to anyone with food or toys, etc. Zoe is food motivated but will check with me before committing to anyone. And to just give you my opinion on Nationals, I think Robbie would rather WALK around the ring with YOU than run with anyone else! He doesn't care that it's Nationals. And I will gladly run him if you absolutely can't. But I'd be willing to bet your doctor will let you walk.....and I guarantee we will ALL cheer no matter how long it takes you! And the most important thing is that you and Robbie will be together, just like you got to this point, together. This may be Zoe's last Nationals but if I couldn't run, I wouldn't expect her to either....and if I couldn't run, I would walk very proudly with my "soul" dog! Just my opinion. You guys are a TEAM. CnZnZ"

The next story was from Bill Spens. He is talking about his standard poodle, Wendy.

"Another dog story about Wendy and me. I had a bleeding ulcer and lost lots of blood internally. Wendy came over to me as I was relaxing on the sofa and kept pestering me until I stood up. It was then I noticed how dizzy and weak I was. She didn't need to go out because we have a doggie door, but she wouldn't let me lie back down on the sofa. Then in the ER they gave me 2 units of blood and said if I had lost another I would probably not been able to wake up."

It's amazing to me how incredible ALL of our dogs are! Would love to hear more stories like these!

OKLAHOMA TRIALS

Name	Location	Event Type	Event Date	Event Closing
Companion DTC	Tulsa	UKC O & RO	3/13-14	3/03
AKC National Agility Championships	Tulsa	AKC Agility	3/26-3/28	1/20
OKC Obedience TC	OKC	AKC O & Rally	4/3-4/4	3/17
TDTC	Tulsa	AKC Rally	4/9	3/24
TDTC	Tulsa	AKC Obedience	4/10-4/11	3/24
Bartlesville KC	Grove	AKC O & R	4/15	3/31
Northeast OK KC	Grove	AKC O & R	4/16 & 17	3/31
Tri-State KC	Grove	AKC O & R	4/18	3/31
Kay-9 DTC	Ponca City	AKC O & R	4/24-25	4/7
Mid-Continent KC	Tulsa	AKC O & R	5/28-31	5/10
TDTC	Tulsa	AKC Agility	6/4-6/6	5/21
TAC	Tulsa	UKC Obedience	6/29-6/20	

For more information on trials go to:

TDTC Events www.tulsadogs.com

AKC Trials

www.akc.org – This website has an “Events and Awards” section that allows you to search for all obedience, rally and agility trials in the states you specify.

UKC Trials – www.ukcdogs.com-- Go to “Dog Events” then “Upcoming Events.” Search by state or month.



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