



Scents & Nonscents

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In praise of great ASSISTANTS

The Canine Good Citizen class that recently finished got some lovely praise, for which I was grateful!

It was a fantastic class of teams that worked hard to get their skills up to the level needed to pass the CGC. I was so pleased with the success they had and with the level of skill they achieved.

I wanted to say, however, something that every SDOC instructor will agree with. No matter how talented the humans, or dogs, or Instructor, without our awesome Assistants, we wouldn't see the success we do.

My assistants are my eyes. They let me know about the dog who is staring at the little poodle across the room. They tell me to check out the dog who stiffens every time a human approaches. They bring to my attention teams who are having difficulty or are getting discouraged. They work with teams who need extra help. I can trust them to follow through on my directions. My assistants will often get to know the teams better than I do because they are assessing and helping them as I am giving instructions to the group.

My assistants are the personal cheerleaders for my canine/human teams. They encourage new teams and praise "dumb, hopeless, untrainable" dogs so the owners look at their dog with new eyes. They make sure the owners appreciate the success they have. They listen to the concerns of the teams, give training advice and tips, and bring any issues to my attention.

I was very fortunate to have three wonderful assistants for my CGC class. It was a class of fourteen and I would have simply been unable to work one on one with so many people without help. I divided the class and was able to ask my assistants to work with one group as I worked with the other. I could trust, absolutely, that my assistants were capable and confident enough to act as the instructor and do as I required. It is important that the assistants are not only good teachers, but are dog savvy enough to be safe and smart around dogs, understanding how to work with dogs who may not be socialized, or have a stable temperament.

Thank you, sincerely, to my assistants, TERRI BROWN (week 1 and 2), CHRISTY STERN (week 3 and 4) and Cathy Dunbar (week 1). The success we had was certainly a tribute to your teaching skills and good dog sense.

You have my gratitude and respect.

Lyn Melin

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Send your items and ideas to the Editor. Linda Stephens

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The Editor is deeply indebted to Allie Wimber for copying and mailing, and to Sue Babcock our Webmaster
sue@babcock.com

Instructor Training & Pizza Party

Monday, Sept 23rd, 6:30 pm - 8ish

An Open discussion of how to make SDOC the premier place for Obedience Training. A rough idea of the Topics to cover (subject to change and your input):

An ideal syllabus for General public basic novice class

How to keep students engaged in class

Fun ideas to keep the class interested

Heeling vs walking nicely on leash

How to get people interested in obedience/rally/etc competition.

Whatever happened to intermediate Novice and should or how we fix that?

What can SDOC do to make volunteering more attractive

Feel free to add to this list

Finally - Should we do this again?????

Bring your ideas and come ready to brainstorm. Be ready to share what really works in your classes or feel free to listen and eat Pizza.

Please RSVP to janthes@swcp.com (so we have enough pizza, feel free to tell me your favorite toppings :-)) and feel free to provide your thoughts on the agenda.

Lead by Janice Anthes

Comments from ▀

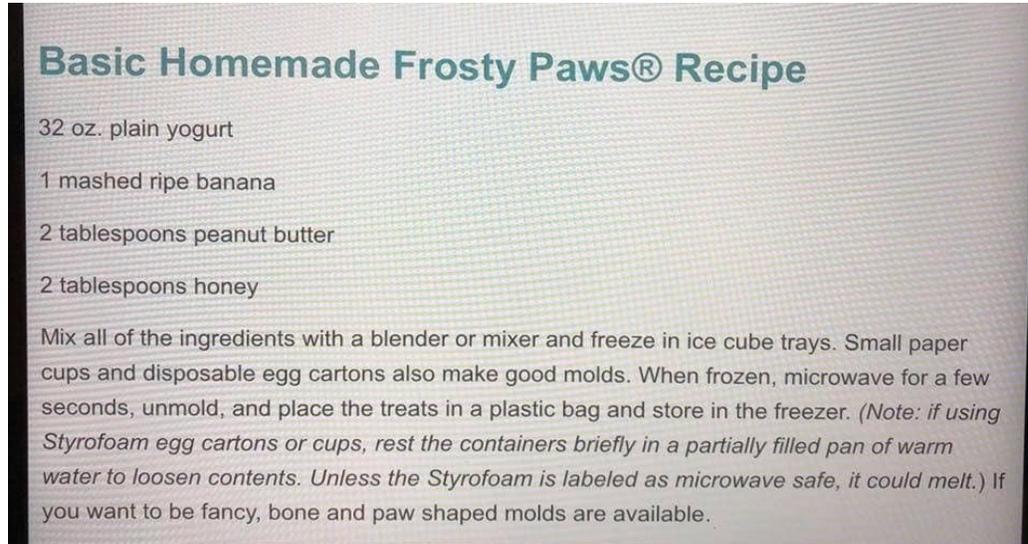
Your Editor

Please sign up to Steward at the 8/25 Fun Match and the Labor Day Trials at the Sheriff Posse Arena. Sign up sheet in on the bulletin board in the training room.

QQ Agility News

I was eating an ice cream cone last night, trying to stay cool and the four dogs were staring hard, hoping I'd drop something. Nice try, boys.

I found this dog-safe recipe quite a while ago and haven't made it yet but it looks pretty good. If you've made it, would you give me some feedback?



The new Agility equipment is in with the exception of the new A-Frame. That will be in the next couple of weeks. For the Agility Trailer – there are two new tunnels, a double and a triple jump. When these go in, the replaced items come out to the Field. Yeah, new old tunnels, as some of the old tunnels are feeling their age.

If/when you bag the tunnels, keep the same O shape. The other week I went to the field and the tunnels resembled ovals versus Os. This tends to bend the wires inside the tunnels and shortens the life span.

Don't forget the Fun Match on Aug 24 at the Sheriff's Posse. All instructors and students are welcome to come play (and set a bar or two).

Happy Trialing and talk to you next month.

Peggy Chandler

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www.sdocnm.org

Be Sure to Check the Website for complete class information, class applications and special updates.

Training Year
(per the SDOC
Training
Regulations)

For these purposes, the training year will be from December 1 to November 30 of the following year. The total hours of any class which begins on or before December 1 will be credited to the following training year.

Over the Rainbow Bridge

SDOC Board
Meetings are held
on the Tuesday
prior to General
Membership
meetings at the
SDOC Training
Building. Minutes
are available for
review by
contacting the
Recording
Secretary at
k9dance@comcast.net
or at any General
Membership
meeting.

Jeff and Cathy Robb's Collie Chloe passed away suddenly on July 17th.

She was like a firework - Brief, loud, beautiful, then gone forever.

"We need to remind the members to please lock their cars!!

I received a warning notice from sports and wellness .. that car break ins are on the rise so please lock your cars and do not leave anything of value inside or insight from the car window. "

AKC Community Canine Advanced Test

What is an Advanced Canine Good Citizen title (CGCA)?

Most of us have heard of the Canine Good Citizen test (CGC) offered by AKC. It demonstrates that your dog knows how to act politely within a social situation and has good manners. While the CGC test mimics situations you might encounter at the veterinarian's office i.e.: grooming, paw, ear and teeth check, petting, walking near another dog and among people, sits and downs, being away from mom and dad with a stranger such as a vet tech), the CGCA is a more challenging test to showcase our dog's ability to manage, not only outside in small groups, but in a social situation inside or amongst large groups of dogs and people. The CGCA is more applicable to going out into the community. The test is done with the dog on a long line or leash.

Here are the test items, put into my language:

1. Dog calmly hangs out with human while human eats or fills out paperwork. Goal: dog does not become lap dog or feather boa, not decide to go for a walk-about without human.
2. Dog walks politely while out and about doing left, right, and about turns, fast, slow, and halt. Goal: human and dog walk together, dog is NOT taking human for walk. No yanking, screaming, or swearing accompanies this exercise.
3. Dog walks on a loose leash through a crowd, at a fair, airport, busy hallway, dog show, etc. Goal: See above. Look up definition of loose leash.
4. Dog walks past calm and disinterested distraction dog. Goal: obvious... dog neither pulls nor attempts to visit- or eat- distraction dog. This item may be tested with item 3 if there are dogs are in crowd.
5. Sit-Stay in small group with at least three other humans and their dogs. Goal: this is not a formal Obedience sit/stay. This is in a circle or square and is not an invitation for a party or rumble.

Brag, Brags and More Brags

Last month at the VVKC agility trial Donna Faulkner's Amber earned her Novice Standard Title and her Open Jumpers Title. Thanks to the VVKC for a smooth running trial.



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questions

AKC Community Canine Advanced Test Cont.

6. Dog allows a human to approach, put a parcel, bag, or backpack on the ground, and pet dog.
Goal: dog needn't bark at, nor chew on the package or approaching human.

7. Leave it- dog walks past food and follows human's directive to "leave it". Thanks to Jeff and Cathy for Halloween recall over hot dogs. We've got this! Goal: dog should be able to walk past food on floor (dead squirrel) without pulling human's arm from socket to go see.

8. Down or Sit stay on 20 ft. line. Human walks away with back to dog, picks up a backpack, training bag, clipboard, folder etc. at distance and returns to dog. Goal: As long as human isn't picking up a potato chip bag, dog is expected to wait calmly for human's return.

9. Recall with distractions present. Human is off side at 20 ft. There is a distraction off the path. Both 8 and 9 are done on long line. Goal: dog comes directly to human without a detour to check out the distraction. The distraction will not be a potato chip bag.

10. Sit/stand and wait while human goes thru doorway or passageway. Then human will call dog through door to him. Goal: human has coffee cup in one hand and dog doesn't end up wearing it. This is what we at SDOC call polite waiting at a doorway.

OR Human sends dog through doorway ahead of him to wait

OR dog may accompany human through the doorway

Goal: Dog must not pull human and be under good control. Think entering and exiting ring gates.

SO- this is a certificate with a \$10. donation to AKC, or a title you can add to your dog's formal name for \$20. It is fun to train and a fun test to take. And if you have a dog that isn't great at all these things, time to make him great again. Fortunately, there is no item for testing stealing food from a counter.

If this interests you, call Betty and ask to be put on a waiting list for a CGCA class. As soon as we have eight or nine teams on the list, we will set up a class and test. Awesome!

Want to become
a member? Get
an application in
the lobby at the
Club building,
or download
from the SDOC
web site!

Prez Sez

By Betty Pearson

To register
for any Agility
class, contact:
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August is coming like a fast-moving train. I have no idea how we are there so fast. As a child I remember being told how time goes faster when you grow up. I thought they were really dumb. Nope they were right on the mark. Both Obedience and Agility have fun matches the end of the month at the Sheriff's Posse grounds. Agility on 24th and Obedience on the 25th. Come out and practice for the trials which will be held there later in the fall in the same venue. Please step up and help if you are asked It is not an all-day commitment and will not stop you from be-

ing able to run your dog(s).

REMINDER:
Drills cost \$10
per dog per
session.

Please remember this is an all-volunteer club and while we all enjoy the activities if there is not help, they cannot happen. You can learn a lot by helping in any part of the club and meet new people who have a common interest...dogs.

Drills are going on. If you are looking for agility drills check the temperature. If it is too hot, they will not be held. The Fri night run thrus are happening. Come and play and help out as needed. Rally drills start up for everyone to come and practice before the matches and trials

To register
for any
Obedience
class, contact:
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hotmail.com
505-898-
2706

There are new classes coming up. Check the website to see what interests you, and get your applications in to the appropriate registrar

The ice cream social meeting last month was great fun. Thank you, Stephanie Boutz for organizing it.

Have a good month and good luck to all of you who are trialing in any venue. Be safe if you are traveling Stay cool. I don't know about the rest of you but a little cooler would be okay. The next meeting is 30th August. Hope to see you there...

Betty





Officers, Board of Directors & Others

Members of the Board:

Officers:

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Thank you one and all!

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Metz

Stay warm or
be cool, in
style!

Has your dog
accomplished
something
new? E-mail all
the details to
the Editor.
AND—if
there's a "CH"
or "X"
anywhere in
that title,
please include
a picture of
your dog!



July 2019 General Meeting Minutes Draft by Stephanie Boutz, Recording Secretary

SDOC Board
Meetings are
held on the
Tuesday *prior*
to General
Membership
meetings at the
SDOC Training
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Minutes are
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review by
contacting the
Recording
Secretary at
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or at any
General
Membership
meeting.

In Attendance:

Officers and Board Members: Betty Pearson, President; Estelle Metz, Corresponding Secretary; Stephanie Boutz, Recording Secretary; Sue Babcock, Treasurer; Christy Stern, Board Member

Directors: Barb Mitchell, Obedience/Other

Absent: Annie Newsted, Tracking Director; Cathy Dunbar, Board Member; Peggy Chandler, Board Member; Stephanie Kouretsos, Board Member

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Pearson at 7:00 PM on July 26, 2019 in the training room of the SDOC facility, 7050 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque.

The Minutes of the June, 2019 Membership Meeting were approved with the following correction: The addition of Kay Nordeen's comments in support of helping RGKC at the May Shows.

Actions/Motions: Sue Babcock moved, Estelle seconded. Motion carried.

Officers' and Board Members' Reports:

Treasurer:

The June Profit and Loss and Year-to-Date Profit and Loss reports were reviewed. The club's income from class tuition is down. If anyone can teach a class, it would be helpful.

Corresponding Secretary:

A woman who is in the process of rescuing a Cane Corso contacted Estelle. If you know of anybody who is in the position to foster a dog of that type please let her know.

Training Directors' Reports:

Tracking: Annie sent in her report. The dates for the tests in 2020 are set. The TDX will be February 2, and the TD will be February 23.

The US Forest Department is reworking and improving the trails in the Big-foot Tracking area, and reviewing the availability for activities. Annie wrote a very nice letter explaining what the people who train for Tracking from SDOC do, the areas we use and would like to use, and the impact we have on the area.

Annie is going to step down from Tracking Chair and asked some of the more experienced people to take her place. Rich Cummings said that they



are considering forming a committee to run the program like the Agility program has.

Obedience/Other: Lynn Melin had a fantastic CGC class. 10 participants passed the CGC test. Some of the participants enjoyed it so much that they are going to look into taking more classes.

New classes are starting in Obedience and Scentwork. Please check schedule for class listings.

Board Members:

Christy Stern: We are going to raise entry fees for next May show to match Rio Grande Kennel Club. The entry fees for May will be \$31.

Lisa Ellis is joining the Rally team.

New Business:

Shannon Tabor: Head Chair for the Fall Fun Match. They still need one judge for Agility Open. Terri Brown offered to judge.

She also needs someone for hospitality, and will be posting a volunteer signup for stewards.

Ann Newbauer: Saturday, July 27 is the annual Sporting Dog Fanciers' picnic. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nancy Norem: Please sign up to sponsor trophies for the fall Obedience and Rally Trial. A signup sheet is going around, or contact Nancy.

Old Business:

Membership Readings: Welcome Michelle Vachon and Shelley Baquet, Kristen and Dave Madden, and Natalie Cabral who were voted into membership after a second reading!

Actions/Motions: Deb Tabor moved, Shannon Tabor seconded. Motion carried.

First Reading for Dana Freebury.

Brags: There were many brags by the membership! Congratulations! Remember to give Linda Stephens your brags for the newsletter!

Hospitality: Thanks to all who contributed to hospitality!

Announcements/Other Items: The next SDOC Membership meeting will be held on August 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31

Daniel Metz moved, Sue Babcock seconded. Motion carried.

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DOG TALK

We all know that dogs talk, but do we listen? Really listen? The sounds that we are most familiar with are the whimpers, growls, barks and howls, but what about their silent words? They speak in tail wags, eye contacts, and various body movements. They also communicate with odors and taste (more to other animals than to us). More on ‘peemail’ a little later. They even comment on status and what they think of other dogs or animals by touching another animal in certain ways.

Your puppy will start learning to talk to you and the other animals in your household early on. Hopefully he has had a good mom and several others in his litter to teach him beginning language and good habits, but it’s up to you to continue and to broaden his language on several fronts. Begin by picking him up, holding him gently and whispering or even whimpering into his fur. Even feeding him is a form of communication. Give him good tasty wholesome food at regular intervals, and even gently make him sit before putting it down. This is the beginning of good manners and also of learning behaviors from you. Use his name often so that he will recognize it and respond to it and to you. Don’t forget to praise him when he looks at you and comes to you. Petting and praising him helps him learn your language. Reward appropriate behaviors with treats as well as praise, but remember that over time you need to use more praise than treats. Dogs love to hear the words, “Good dog!”.

No matter his age, you can speak to him in ‘dog’ by various body movements. To say ‘hello’, sniff toward his nose. That is how dogs say hello to each other. When you come home and he bounds to greet you, tail wagging and body wriggling that is his joyous greeting. You need not do the exact movements back to him as you may escalate his greeting into a rambunctious near attack. Instead, give him a hug or some pats and petting and let your voice be happy. Some rubs and petting is also appropriate at bedtime along with a gentle ‘go to bed’ command.

When leaving him home as you go to work or just ‘out’, give a swish of your hand downward and back just as a dog might swish his tail. If he still follows, stand tall and repeat the command/movement. I often tell my dogs to be good and I’ll see them later. If you need to emphasize the “I am boss” idea, you can lean over and either take his muzzle in your mouth or your hand as his mother would and gently shake it telling him to stay and ‘be good’.

Often when your pooch meets another, especially when they are young, they will put a paw on the other dog’s shoulder or hang their head over the other animal’s neck. He may try to jump up on the other dog or even you! Don’t let him do this either to the other dog or to you. Go to the ‘I am boss’ conversation and let him know this is not polite. You needn’t be harsh about it but should get your point across. Remember, making yourself tall and straight is a way of showing that you are the ranking officer.

One don’t for owners is lying down on your back to invite play. This is a submissive position, and your dog should do it, not you. It is not necessary for you dog to completely submit in this position, but if he does, it is acceptable. Kids in particular should not do this. It invites him to dominate the child.

Dogs that want to play often give a ‘play bow’, going down on their elbows in front and wagging madly. To respond to a large dog, you can clap your hands, hunch down somewhat and invite him to play or chase. Watch out though; if you get too low, you may end up under your leaping friend.

You’ve heard people comment that their dog is ‘reading the peemail’ when they are sniffing fences and trees, etc. It’s true, they can tell a great deal from the scents left in pee on a post or just on the ground.

Checking out the peemail can tell them the sex, size, mood, what he's eating, and even what his mood is. You can even interpret some of that peemail by reading your dog's tail. If his tail is at ease, it's pleasant news, but tail down hints at worrying messages. Females may not normally pee on posts or fences although I've had a couple dominant bitches who did, but they will often read the males' posts. Male dogs often avidly read the bitches' messages.

You can talk to your dog with your eyes, and he will answer back. A soft loving look will often elicit a softly wagging tail and a soft look in his eyes. A stern look, even without words will tell him of your disapproval almost as clearly as saying 'no' or scolding him.

The clearest talk is vocal as is ours. He whimpers to tell you all kinds of things which you can read just by the tone. Most of all he tells you how much he loves you with a whimper accompanied by that bright loving look and wagging tail. A whimper can also indicate pain or fear, and the tone is what says it. Barking can be an alert to intruding people, animals or even a plastic bag. Learn his language and you'll know whether to jump up and go to the door or window or not. Naturally he has a series of barks and growls, and by paying attention you can learn to talk 'dog' quite well.

There are entire books on how to read your dog and speak his language. They give you greater insight into your hound and make your relationship even closer and the human/dog bond stronger. Much of the more specialized information in this article came from my own experiences and from a children's book by Jean Craighead George titled How to Talk to Your Dog. I recommend it for any children in your household and found it useful myself. Enjoy!

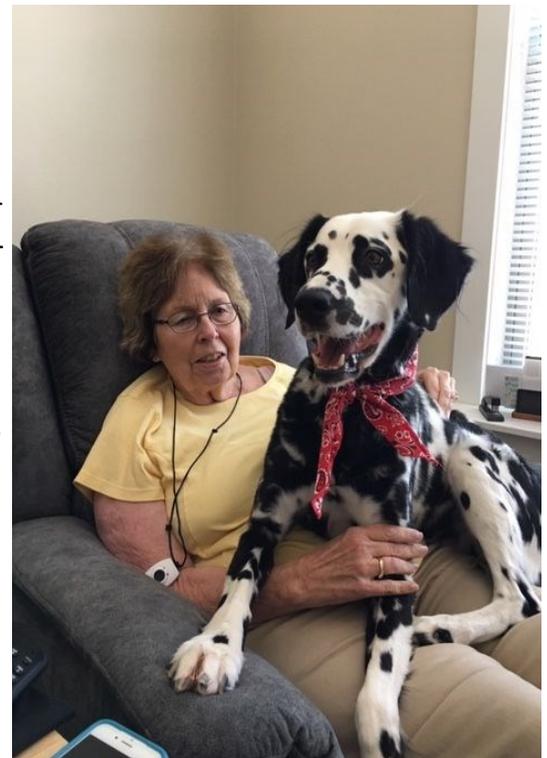
---Laurel Drew

Vicki Wilson by Lyn Melin

Vicki Wilson would like to let you know she is still on Planet Earth. She now lives by herself, at MorningStar Senior Living. It is on 8051 Palomas Avenue NE, east off Wyoming, one block south of Paseo del Norte.

Many of us have benefited from Vicki's excellent training advice, both related to Obedience and good manners, and from her friendship. Now we have the opportunity to play it forward. Morningstar is a lovely facility but Vicki is not able to participate in many of their social events. She is wheelchair bound and can't push herself so she spends too much time in her room. She LOVES visits from friends, old and new, and their dogs. The dogs need not be Therapy dogs to visit, only have a current Rabies and a love of being swarmed by old people!! My KC thought he had gone to heaven because he got to get limitless pets and many compliments acknowledging he is the most handsome of dogs (as he already knows and is happy to hear again and again).

Vicki's husband, Lynn, manages her schedule of MD visits, so knows of her availability. Vicki is having some difficulty handling her phone, but if you are interested in visiting, her phone # is 505-710-4424. Lynn's is 884-9095.

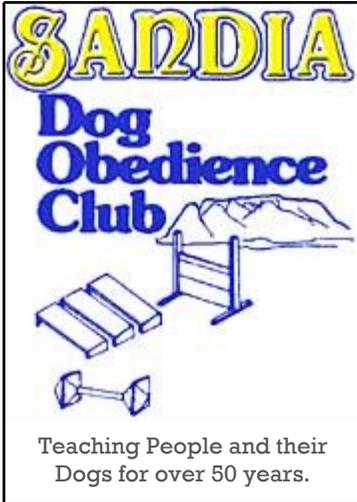


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Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

Future Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.

January 22

February 19

March 26

April 23

May 28

June 25

July 23

August 27

Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.

January 25

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May 31

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August 30

Remember: see <http://sdocnm.org/class-calendar> for local events.