



Canine Chronicle



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KDTC FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND PROGRAM SET

Feb. 4th Meetings

KDTC's Board and General meetings will be held on Mon., Feb. 4th, at King-Westwood School Dining Room, 1100 Nichols Rd., Kalamazoo, MI. The Board meeting and General meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

Guests are always welcome at KDTC meetings and members are encouraged to attend every month.

Feb. 4th Program

Student's Senior Project: Pet Therapy

Jill Cutting, a 17-year-old Mattawan High School senior (perhaps our youngest program speaker ever), will be presenting a program about her senior project that includes visuals of her work. Jill's project, pet therapy, ultimately got her connected with KDTC member Rosemary Moser (see Rosemary's article, **Consider Mentoring a Student**, p. 3 of this issue) and involved in some actual pet therapy work with her dog, Allie. In presenting this program, Jill will be sharing her new pet therapy knowledge and experiences with KDTC.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND TO ENJOY JILL CUTTING'S PROGRAM ABOUT HER SENIOR PROJECT: PET THERAPY.



ANNUAL AWARDS FORMS DUE BY FEB. 15TH

In order to have annual awards trophies and awards ready in time for the April 7th KDTC Annual Awards Dinner, Chairperson Kim Anglemyer must have all completed Award Request Forms by Fri., Feb. 15th. Copies of the form are available at KDTC's class/training site. A copy of the form is also included in this issue.

Those who complete the form so as to receive awards for titles earned, dog-related honors, etc. during the 2007 year are advised that they must complete both sides of the award form. Every member is encouraged to make nominations for both the Founders' and the Committee's Choice awards. Completed forms should be sent to Kim Anglemyer, 61436 Union Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095, or e-mailed to her at k9countryacreas@dishmail.net.

Don't delay! Complete and return your kdte annual awards form today!!



Deadline for the March issue of the *Canine Chronicle* is Fri., Feb. 15th (same as the Awards Form deadline). Brags, news and articles of interest to our members are needed!! Please forward our items to G. Stevens, 1223 Bretton Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49006, or e-mail to kazoodog@aol.com.



Recent Club Actions

In January, there was only a General meeting of KDTC and no Board meeting. At the General meeting, the following occurred:

- Minutes were corrected to reflect that Marcia Johnson volunteered to head a KDTC Show & Go;
- The president asked that members call her with Agenda items prior to KDTC meetings;
- Kim Anglemeyer said she must have KDTC Annual Awards forms by Feb. 15th; Grace Stevens will get forms to training site within a week;
- Mary Law volunteered to check out the cost feasibility of KDTC sponsoring an AKC Rally Seminar;
- Scott Munn moved that we have a 50-50 drawing at the February meeting; motion seconded and carried. Karen Stahr will bring tickets for the drawing (See **50-50 Drawing at February Meeting**, p, 4);
- Two new members, Cindi Kursner and Rob Blakely, were accepted (See **New Members Welcomed**, this page).



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

At the February General meeting of KDTC, two new members were accepted. They are Cindi Kursner, 407 Marigold, Portage, 49002, who has participated in competition and is involved in rescue work, and Ron Blakely, 67659 38th St., Kalamazoo, 49009, who has also been involved in classes. Please welcome both Cindi and Ron to KDTC!

Deadline for the next Canine Chronicle is Feb. 15th.



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CGC test help needed

Cheri Cline needs several people to help in administering the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test on Wed., Feb. 20th, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. The test is done as the final activity of the Advanced Beginning Class and requires several people.

If you can help with this important event, please contact Cheri at 383-3730 or e-mail her at kimbasmom@aol.com to volunteer.



Member Input Sought

Co-Training Directors, Andrea Boucher and Cheri Cline, are seeking information from



members about their teaching of obedience, their training, whether they want to instruct KDTC classes, etc. They will be sending a questionnaire to KDTC members in the hope of

finding ways to keep and develop past instructors and to encourage those who may not have taught any KDTC classes.

Members' cooperation in promptly completing and returning the Member Questionnaire to either Cheri Cline or Andrea Boucher will be appreciated and will be a nice way of thanking both of them for their service as co-training directors.



Directory Updates

There are some corrections and additions to the KDTC 2007-2008 Member Directory.

Correction: Mabel Jorgensen's phone number is incorrectly listed; change it to 344.0434;

Correction: Jan West's late Sheltie Emily should be removed and Lizzie's name added in the appropriate column;

Additions: Add our two new members (see left column, this page) to the Directory; for Ron Blakely, include his e-mail address: harley.FXRRon@aol.com.

Please send other corrections or changes to Grace Stevens. No new Directory? Pick one up at the February meeting. After that, copies will be mailed to those without one.



CONSIDER MENTORING A STUDENT

By Rosemary Moser

Monday, Jan. 14th's edition of the "Kalamazoo Gazette" featured an article titled "**Oshtemo Senior Makes Pet Therapy Her Pet Project.**" Within the article is mentioned the student's mentor, Rosemary Moser, and dog Vladimir as well as the Kalamazoo Dog Training Club. I write this additional information on my involvement in hopes that others might consider mentoring.

Our first step in Jill Cutting's pet therapy project was meeting to assess if Jill's dog, Allie, met criteria for dog visitations. This meeting also gave each of us an opportunity to see if we were compatible, agreeable to working within my schedule. As this time, Jill also presented her project goals, and explained the Senior Seminar program and requirements. From this I gathered she needed to narrow her final plan and the best way was to observe Vladimir and my involvement at Edison Environmental School where we participate in a READ to DOG program.

In later sessions Jill oversaw the reading to Vladimir segments. This provided an opportunity for me to observe her connection with the children, her implementing of my suggestions, her knowledge of handling a dog, and an awesome proud feeling as Vladimir responded to her commands...all my efforts to learn and train at KDTC with Vladi were coming to fruition.

As the Gazette article relates, Jill fulfilled her required hours at additional facilities with her own dog. These were supervised by other adults and necessitated by time constraints. I attended her oral, juried presentation at Mattawan High School and was wowed by her overall professional presentation as well as hearing what she had gleaned from her observations while working with Vladimir and students.

Undertakings such as these merit acknowledgment of the training accrued at KDTC. So much credit goes to the efforts of the instructors, the sacrifices made by them, their willingness to work within the confines of one's particular goals with a dog and, in my case, the constant encouragement received from instructors, cohorts and members. We all do an invaluable service to our community. AND I THANK YOU ALL.



Have You Paid Your KDTC Dues?

Members are reminded that annual membership dues were payable on Jan. 1, 2008. If you haven't paid your dues yet, here is what you need to know about Annual Dues:

Single - \$20.00 Family¹ - \$30.00 Associate² - \$30.00

Any member who joined KDTC during the last quarter of 2007 (Oct.-Dec.) is not required to pay further dues until Jan. 2009. All other members are expected to pay

their dues on a timely basis. Dues could be paid at the Jan. 2nd Orientation meeting or mailed to the KDTC treasurer, Diane Coles (10823 East G Ave., Richland, MI 49008).

Members are reminded that KDTC membership includes reduced fees for classes and seminars, subscription to the *Canine Chronicle*, annual awards, etc.

Notes:

¹A family membership includes siblings, married couples and/or partners living at the same address.

²A person with an associate membership is not required to attend meetings or actively participate in KDTC; associate members are not eligible for all membership privileges (i.e., reduced fee classes, club awards, candidacy for club offices, etc.).



SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE SET

In setting up KDTC's spring class schedule, Cheri Cline and Andrea Boucher provided an overflow time as well as some member training time, one of which might also be used for an overflow class. Here is the spring class schedule, which begins on Wed., Mar. 12th, with Orientation:



Tuesday:

- 6:00 pm: Beginning – Russ Holroyd
UDX – Marcia Johnson
- 7:00 pm: Beginning – Kiirsa Pokryfke
Fundamentals – Brenda Zielinski
- 8:00 pm: Rally – Ellen Wilson

Wednesday:

- 6:00 pm: Skill Building – Sue Nemedi &
Lynn Thomas
Intermediate Utility – Elly Burke
- 7:00 pm: Puppy 1 – Joan Hines
Open – Marcia Johnson
- 8:00 pm: Advanced Beginning – Becki
VanderWeele
Puppy 2 – Cheri Cline

Thursday:

- 6:00 pm: Beginning – Steve Stahr
Beginning or Puppy Overflow –
Scott Munn or Karen Stahr (?)
 - 7:00 pm: Clicker – Jim Croteau & Melissa
Olvitt
Member Mat Time
 - 8:00 pm: Member Mat Time
- In reviewing the schedule, members may wish to volunteer as class assistants.

A business card for 'Bark's 5th Avenue'. The top part has a black and white checkered border. Inside, the text reads 'Bark's 5th Avenue' in a stylized font, followed by 'Pet Bakery & Gift Boutique' and 'Oakwood Plaza'. Below the checkered area, on a tan background, is the address '3015 oakland dr kalamazoo, mi 49008', phone number '269-383-8334', email 'storemail@barks.biz', and website 'www.barks.biz'.

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50-50 Drawing at February Meeting

Bring some pocket money with you to KDTC's Feb. 4th meeting so you can take a chance or two in a 50-50 drawing. Half of the amount in the 50-50 will benefit KDTC and the other half will benefit the lucky holder of the winning ticket. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



If the 50-50 drawing is a success, KDTC may decide to continue to hold them at monthly general meetings.



A BOOK REVIEW

Anyone who has a dog or two as a family member will thoroughly enjoy It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump by John O'Hurley. A humorous and quick read, the book nonetheless offers some serious observations of the lessons our dogs teach us. O'Hurley tells us how his first dog, a dachshund, taught him that "...compassion is best expressed by listening..." while his Maltese (who lived to be 15 years old) taught him to "...always bark the truth, to be grateful for every meal and every moment, and to never miss a nap." Every chapter will cause even the most serious reader to laugh aloud while others have such poignancy as to move the reader to a few tears

It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump is a Plume Book, published by Penguin Group, NY, NY, 2007. It sells for \$12.00, but can be borrowed from Grace Stevens.



WE ARE GLAD...

...that Marv Dage is out of the hospital and making good progress at home. We hope his heart-related problems will be left behind for good!

...that Karen and Steve Stahr stepped up to help Nancy Dage with night driving so that Nancy can make it to KDTC meetings.

...that we have such caring, fantastic KDTC members!

Please take a minute to nominate members for the following two awards!

Founders' Award

First offered in 1995, the KDTC Founders' Award honors one member who, in the opinion of the Awards' Committee, best exemplifies the goals, expectations and aspirations of the founders of the Kalamazoo Dog Training Club. The committee bases its selection on nominations submitted, in writing, by KDTC members in good standing. In particular, the committee looks for:

Service to the Public: Examples of service to the public include teaching classes, public demonstrations, nursing home/school visits, participation in 4-H activities.

Service to the Club: Examples of service to the club include holding office and serving on various club committees.

Service to the Fancy: Examples of service to the fancy include the display of excellent sportsmanship at all times, promoting the proper care and maintenance of dogs, assisting KDTC or other clubs with their dog-related events.

Positive Attitude: The committee expects nominees to be members who encourage and help their fellows, take a realistic approach toward their canine partner, primarily enjoy dog training for the bond it develops between handler and dog, and who generally exhibit a positive, cheerful attitude toward the club, its members and the fancy in general.

Nominees must be members of KDTC in good standing. Nominees will be expected to have demonstrated the desired characteristics over a number of years, indicating a continuing involvement with KDTC. The previous winners: Grace Stevens, Jan West, Beth Schroeder, Elly Burke, Marcia Johnson, Mabel Jorgensen, Steve & Karen Stahr, Becki VanderWeele & Brenda Zielinski. *ie.* (DEEMAR award winners were: Denise Vavla, Carole Watson, Jerrie Lee Jarvis, Barb VanEseltine, Ellen Wilson, Joan Hines, Jan West).

Use additional pages as needed.

Nomination: _____

Comments: _____

Committee's Choice Award

Members are encouraged to nominate individuals who deserve recognition for their contributions to KDTC.

Use additional pages as needed for comments.

Nomination: _____

Comments: _____

Upcoming Seminars in 2008 (Contributed by Cheri Cline)

Interested in learning new things and new perspectives of dog training and behavior? Listed below are opportunities to do just that. Most of these seminars are within a three hour driving distance.

March 1 and 2 – Pawzitivly Positive, LLC Presents Brenda Aloff

Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contact is Terry Jacobus 734-751-0061 (chauby2@aol.com)

April 5 & 6 – Heaven on Arf – Midland, Michigan – Brenda Aloff

“Get Connected” A clinic based on Brenda’s newest book demonstrating the new protocols to become connected to your dogs. These protocols work on ALL dogs, confident, shy or dogs with behavioral problems. Contact: dogbiz@brendaaloff.com

April 6 – Narnia Pet Behavior and Training, Inc. presents Pia Silvani “Play Time: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly.

10143 Clow Creek Road, Plainfield, IL 60585, Phone: 630-904-0895. E-Mail:

info@narniapets.com

April 19 – Barks 5th Avenue – Mini seminar. Pet Grooming. No other information available yet. Contact is 383-8334.

May 17 – Barks 5th Avenue – Mini Seminar – Play Behaviors – Recognize Trouble Before it Starts – Presented by Camp Fido. Contact information is 383-8334. (Bark’s Seminars are usually 6:30-8:30 in the evening and are only a \$10 donation to a rescue organization. They are reservation only due to space limitation.) If this is like the previous one of the same title and speaker it was a very fun and informative seminar.

September 20 & 21 – Narnia Pet Behavior and Training, Inc. presents Sue Sternberg and John Rogerson – contact information is the same as above for the same facility.

A little further but worth the trip is:

October 15 – October 19 – Association of Pet Dog Trainers – Annual Conference. The whole agenda and schedule will be out in February. This is a conference designed for every type of trainer. They present a large number of topics and speakers usually divided into three categories which can be mixed so you get concentration on one area or a variety. Dr. Ian Dunbar is a constant at the conference. Brenda Aloff has been booked and possibly Chris Bach. If it relates to dogs it will be represented at this big event. This year it is in Louisville, Kentucky.