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Next MOC Membership Meeting

January 4th (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

Denny's

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

Congratulations to everyone who earned new titles at the Greater Miami Dog Club trials this weekend. The trials went smoothly, the judges were great, and only the weather was uncooperative. What an ominous task to have Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Agility in one weekend. Kudos to GMDC!

And don't forget to get your entries in for MOC, January 26-January 29, 2012! Oaklines.com is easy and fast, and nobody has to decipher your handwriting!

Carol



Minutes of the General Meeting December 7th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Gina Reed at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1630 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold an abbreviated meeting. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and brags were shared.

Committees:

Equipment: Keith has picked up MOC's new rubberized teeter.

Old Business: Carol Clark was elected in the runoff election for Corresponding Secretary. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to correct the minutes from November 2, 2011 to include the election of Nancy Atkins as Treasurer.

New Business: The Board of Directors meeting was cancelled. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm and the holiday party ensued.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson,
Recording Secretary*



Membership Report

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New Members

There were no new members in December.

Guests:

Sandra Kurzban
Janet Perales

Submitted by Wien Yu
MOC Membership Chair

Note from Membership Chair

In order to have correct information of our members, please forward your new address, new phone number, and/or new email address to Carol Clark (Teach2Ride@aol.com) as soon as you know about it. **THANKS!**

Happy Birthday!!!

The following MOC members will celebrate B-Day's in January:

- [Sylvia Arango](#)
- [Brigette Bednar](#)
- [Laurie Zisman](#)



Sunshine Corner

We send our thoughts and sympathy to Sally. Sally lost Muffin to kidney failure.

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Mickey's Tip of the month

It is true that everything you really need to know you can learn from your dog(s)...

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- Run, romp and play daily
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
- Be loyal
- Never pretend to be something you are not
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently
- Avoid biting when a simply growl will do
- When you are HAPPY, dance around and wag your entire body!

"Dog training is a journey, not a destination. If you think you have arrived, you have already missed out"

Wishing You all a Happy Holiday!
Mickey-The Schapendoes

From the archives:

The following was written by Randy Reed. I think it's appropriate as we clean out our closets and desks as we head into a new year.

Carol

We create many hazards in our landfills and one of the recent additions is our obsolete office equipment. What else can we do with these electronic items besides put them in the trash? If you want to find a place to recycle old items such as computers, monitors, cell phones, small appliances, video tape, toner cartridges, paints, etc., go to www.earth911.com. I found an Office Depot that I go to frequently that takes these environmental hazards. All you have to do is click on the site shown above, select the item you want to throw away and enter your zip code. A list of locations will follow and you will probably find a store that you use too.

Greater Miami Dog Club Obedience and Rally Trials
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Holiday Decorations That Pose Dangers to Your Dogs

American Kennel Club Warns of Holiday Decorations That Pose Dangers To Your Dogs

Tis' the season to deck the halls and trim the tree, but the American Kennel Club® warns pet owners of the dangers that lurk among many of the season's shiny ornaments and festive decorations. To keep your holidays free from emergency visits to the vet, the AKC offers the following tips to dog-proof your home from potential hazards.

- Avoid using food, such as popcorn or cranberry strands, as decorations. When eaten, these tasty trimmings can cause blockages, which often require surgery to remove.
- Stay away from shiny ornaments, such as tinsel and glass bulbs. Use plastic ties instead of wire hooks to attach ornaments and place items that sparkle, or could be swallowed or broken high up on your tree. Larger, less intriguing ornaments can go near the bottom.
- When decorating with holiday lights, remember that exposed indoor or outdoor wires could electrocute a curious canine that chews on them. Tape wires to the wall or sides of the house.
- Real Christmas trees pose numerous threats to dogs, so consider an artificial tree. If you do buy a natural tree, make sure your pup doesn't swallow the pine needles. Dogs also find the tree water tempting, so be sure to use pet-friendly preservatives in the water.
- Plants such as poinsettias, holly and mistletoe can be poisonous to pets and should be kept out of reach.
- Dispose of all wrapping paper, bows and ribbons as soon as presents are opened. If played with and swallowed, yarn, ribbon or string on gifts can cause intestinal obstruction that often requires surgery.

Additional tips on how to keep your dog safe during the holidays can be found on the AKC Website at www.akc.org.

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