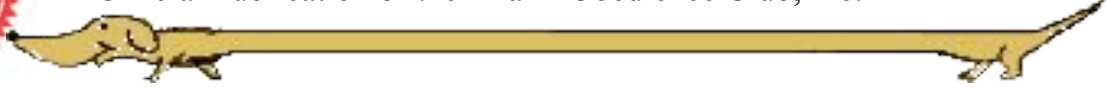




The Scooper

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Next MOC Membership Meeting

July 6th (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30pm >>

Denny's

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

I would like to thank Jill Sidran for the huge success of our recent Obedience Trials held at the Expo Center on Memorial Day weekend. The venue was spectacular! We had four rings set up in an area that could have easily accommodated many times that number, and crating area galore. I can honestly say that it was the nicest venue I've ever competed at.

The comments from the participants were all extremely positive. The judges were all very encouraging and a pleasure to trial under. Thank you Rose and Harold Doan, Bob Withers and Deb Neufeld!

Many MOC members pitched in to help, which of course is the backbone of all dog sports. Perhaps most impressive was the tireless work of non-members, particularly Diane Cort and the Varela students. And without them, the mats and ring gates would probably still be there! Also, a special thank you to Phil Sidran, our photographer!

And of course, a huge congratulations to all those who earned qualifying scores and new titles!

Carol



*Minutes of the General Meeting
June 1, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by acting President Linda Greenfield at the Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166. Carol called roll and brags were shared.

Trina motioned and Gina seconded to approve the Minutes from the May meeting as published in the Scooper. Motion passed.

Committees:

Correspondence – Carol received notices from the AKC that our October agility trial are still pending approval due to lack of fees and judging schedule. Cori received correspondence from the AKC suggesting that we hold a CGC test in the month of September because it is Responsible Dog Owner month.

Treasurer – Nancy gave report.

Obedience Trial – Jill gave a financial report and thanked everyone who helped and of course the Chairs who all worked so hard in putting on such a successful trial in a new venue. The trial was dedicated to Randy Reed who we all missed. Laurie donated toys for all the exhibitors of Beginner Novice, Jill for Rally novice and Barbara for Obedience novice classes. Thanks to Vicki for Hospitality and Raffle; Gina for ribbons and awards; Carol C. for Special awards; Carol Ann for judges and clerks. Thanks to Dave, Tracy, Jane and Ginny, Debbie W., Mylene and Carol C., all who helped role out those mats and put them back in on Sunday. Linda G. for the terrific food and the C match. Trina did a great job with the food and thanks to our show sec Suzanne Ellis who was outstanding. Thanks to our Varela kids. We had a great time and everyone loved Arnold Hall and thought it was so easy to find.

Obedience Training – No report

Agility Trial – Cori gave a detailed account of all the paperwork submitted to and received from the AKC regarding our October trials, and the hotel and travel arrangements for the judges have been made. All 4 classes Thursday thru Saturday, no fast on Sunday.

Agility Training – Nancy A. unofficially recommended with a 2nd by Trina that Debbie R. be chair.

DACOF – Dave reported that we need to bring the MOC banner.

DOCOF – Carol Ann reported that we have one complete team at this time and the final roster is due by July 31st. Please sign up.

Finance – Dave would like to hold meeting electronically due to member's travel plans.

Membership – Amanda DiPerna attended as a guest.

Sunshine – Keith thanked the club for the card he received after his surgery, which went well.

Education –AKC Political Action Committee.report.
MOC brochures are in agility trailer.

Library – no report

Scooper – No report

Website – no report

Equipment – Dave repaired the teeter base. Keith only wants to be the equipment wrangler for agility equipment. Carol Ann stated that the Obedience Trial jumps need some work and possibly some new equipment is needed before our next trial. Carol said the obedience trailer needs to be rewired. Keith will take care of it.

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Old Business – Jill stated that we need to tell Pablo about the condition of the training facility, the arena. We had a problem with the facility the Monday before the horse show.

Behavior Modification Seminar- very successful had 34 people in attendance.

New Business – Trina introduced the Standing Rules to vote on:

General:

Rule 1. Meeting, time and place – word change - passed

Rule 2. Insurance- 3 policies to be renewed annually - passed

Rule 3. No monetary gifts - passed

Rule 4. Officers and Chairs prepare descriptions of duties no less than every five years - passed

Rule 5. Tiles before dog's name earn crystal bottle – currently being revised – no vote

Rule 6. Trial financial reports – BOD discussion – no vote

Membership:

Rule 1. Remove Scooper subscription fees – previously passed

Rule 2. Application fees – passed

Rule 3. Club year defined – passed

Rule 4. Active member definition – no vote

Rule 5. Members in good standing definition – Needs further discussion.

Rule 6. Board meeting attendance – conflicts with Constitution – no vote

Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn was made at 9:40 pm by Trina, 2nd by Carol.

*Respectfully submitted, Claire Jill Sidran
Recording Secretary*

Minutes not approved until next membership meeting

Minutes of the Board Meeting

June 1, 2011

Board meeting called to order by Linda G, VP at 9:44pm.

Present Kieth, Linda, Wien, Jackie Trina, Carol, Jill, Nancy. Mylene was absent.

Motion made by Nancy to allow Kieth to remain on the Board. Motion passed.

Annalane Harris is 3rd signature on checks.

All officers have to sign paperwork at financial institution, SunTrust 113 ST in Suniland. Still need signatures from Jill, Jackie, Linda and Nancy.

Agility Training Director - motion made by Trina, to appoint Debbie Russell, motion passed.

Ballot being worked on by Julie Palmer, parliamentarian.

Trina motioned to adjourn, Passed.

*Respectfully submitted by Claire Jill Sidran,
Recording Secretary*



Membership Report



June 2011

New Members

There were no new members in June:

Guest

- ***Amanda Di Perna***

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 July:

- *Carola Di Perna*
- *Tracy Hannah*
- *Annalane Harris*
- *Barbara Ilardi*
- *Melisa Peacock*



Sunshine Corner

MOC welcomes Damon, the latest addition to the Kurzban pack. He's not a Rottie, but an Australian Cattle Dog, who will be raised by Jackie and two awesome Rottweilers. Congrats, Jackie!

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Mickey's Tip of the month

My Mom Ms. Carola uses food while training me. Which works as a very valuable reinforce (my paycheck!). Some people express great concern about using food in training, worried they will create a dog who only works for food. I guess it is a valid concern, as it could happen if food is mis-used. The trick is to make sure that food is being used as a reward and not as a bribe. If my Mom Ms. Carola ask me to do something, I do it!, she gives me food, that food is a reward. If she ask me to do something she is sure I know how to do, and then I don't do it...she might ask me again, I still won't do it...she then reaches into her pocket and gets a treat...all of a sudden I spring into action to comply with her request, THAT treat just became a bribe!

When you ask your dog to do something, I can bet ya that the first thing running thru their heads is "what's in it for me?" Behaviors that are rewarded are more likely to be repeated, so if you regularly reward your dogs for a job well done, we will want to keep showing up for work. Understanding what your own dog finds rewarding is an important step in the training process. Keep in mind that rewards can differ from week to week. Make a list of 10 different ways on How you can reward your dog without using treats.

Woof! Mickey-The Schapendoes

SILVER



LININGS

Submitted by Jill Sidran

June 7, 2011 Issue #56 Published by Sue Skiff
A Note From Sue

How's it going?

Last week, I told my landlady that I was writing an article on how to teach your dog that it's in charge. I immediately caught my error. Then, I thought that it would be really fun to write a tongue-in-cheek article on that subject. So, this week, I have written a list of 35 things that you can do to get your dog to be in charge. All of the items on the list are things that people do with their dogs, or allow their dogs to do. Hopefully, you won't recognize yourself in any of the items.

People don't really understand that anything their dogs do is what the people allow their dogs to do. But, it's the truth. A dog can't do anything that it's not allowed to do. So, if you do recognize yourself in the article, you need to figure out how not to allow your dog to do these things. I hope that you enjoy the article that I have included on this subject in this e-zine, even though it's not as tongue-in-cheek as I originally thought it would be. Feel free to use it as a guide on what not to do with your dog.

I have also started to get controversial in this issue. I have written the first of a series of articles which kind of trashes the pet food industry. Hopefully, this will get you folks sending in your opinions. I look forward to hearing from you on the subject.

I want to share [this link to a video](#) of a blue healer (Australian cattle dog). It is absolutely amazing! The link was sent to me by a reader and old friend. Yes, it is the same link that I shared on Facebook and Twitter. Just making sure that people get to see it.

Please remember to [send in your comments and questions](#). I really enjoy hearing from you!

Enjoy!

Sue

34 WAYS TO TEACH YOUR DOG TO BE IN CHARGE

Dogs like to know where they fit in the pack. If they don't see anyone else taking charge, they will take the lead, even if they are not comfortable in that position. Here is a list of things you can do to help your dog feel like the leader of the pack:

1. Give your dog attention when it barks at you.
2. Give your dog attention when it is whining.
3. Give your dog treats to get it to stop barking.
4. Have your visitors give your dog treats to get it to stop barking at them.
5. Allow your dog to growl at you when you try to move it off of the couch or bed.
6. Let your dog have its way when it growls at you.
7. Feed your dog when it begs from you.
8. Feed your dog when it “tells” you that it’s feeding time.
9. Take your dog for a walk when it “tells” you that it’s time to go for a walk.
10. Let your dog mount you.
11. Be inconsistent in your training.
12. Don’t insist that your dog always come when called.
13. Make it okay for your dog to choose when, and if, it will obey a command.
14. Reward your dog for following a command when you have had to repeat the command more than once to get it to obey.
15. Teach your dog to only obey a command if it sees a treat.
16. Allow your dog to pull you on a walk.
17. Stop walking whenever your dog wants to stop to sniff.
18. Choose not to do any training with your dog, because it is small, or because you want your dog to be an equal.
19. Treat your dog like it's a baby, instead of treating it like it's a dog.
20. Kiss your dog on the mouth or chin (not to be confused with allowing your dog to kiss you on the mouth or chin).
21. Chase your dog when it won’t bring a fetched toy all the way back.
22. Chase your dog when it runs away.
23. Allow your dog to mouth you in play.
24. Wrestle with your dog, and allow it to get on top of you.
25. Allow your dog to sit on you.
26. Roll over onto your back in front of your dog.
27. Allow your dog to “tell” you to play with it.
28. Let your dog out if it’s whining when you have it locked up.
29. Bribe your dog to get it to let go of items that it shouldn’t have.
30. Act submissive around your dog.
31. Make excuses for your dog’s behavior.
32. Wait until your dog is a certain age before beginning training.
33. Allow your dog to bark at you while you are preparing its food, then feed it.
34. Reward your dog for inappropriate behavior.

There you have it; 34 sure-fire ways to teach your dog that it’s in charge. Hope you learned something.

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2011 MOC Obedience Trial

WOW, we did it. Three trails, new venue. Thank you to all the MOC members who teach in our classes and further encourage them to enter. We got lots of compliments on our site, how easy it was to find and drive to, spacious and especially friendly host. Special thank you to Laurie, Barbara and Jill who gave toys to all who entered the Beginner Novice class, Obedience Novice, and Rally novice!!!!

Thank you to all who helped unload the trailer and load at the end of the trial. Thank you to Carol who hauled the trailer and also collected all the Special awards. Dave and Tracy set up and measured the rings, Mylene, Carol, and Debbie W. helped so much. We were able, with the help of the Varela kids to finish set-up at 4:30!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That's a first.

Thank you to Linda G for the great C match, awesome food for the workers. Gina as always was terrific with the awards and ribbons. Trina did a fabulous job with hospitality. Vicki with the rffle and the Judges Hopitality was amazing. Carol Ann did so much, thank you. Suzanne Ellis is the best Show secretary. Phil did parking lot duty and took great pictures. Thanks to all our great judges!

