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Next MOC Membership Meeting

April 6th (Wednesday)

<< Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

Denny's

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Miami, FL 33166
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The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

Last chance – Bring copies of your 2010 titles and your plaques to the April meeting!

Dog Training 101 – When a behavior is rewarded, It is more likely to reoccur. We all know this, but what, exactly is the criteria that our dogs see?

Every time my husband, David clinks ice into a glass, my dogs go running into the kitchen, and of course they each get an ice cube. I, on the other hand, do not arbitrarily hand out ice. They only get it from me if I happen to drop any on the floor.

Sitting at my computer in the den one night, Boo, Lucy and I heard the infamous clinking and they both bolted for the kitchen. Later, I called David into the den and asked him to sit there for a minute while I went into the kitchen. Neither one of us told the dogs to stay – I simply walked out.

I got a glass, and filled it with ice. The question is, did the dogs respond? Are they so conditioned to the sound of ice from sixty-five feet away that they went running?

Or did they “reason” that it wasn’t David getting ice so there was no point in going?

Carol



**Minutes of the General Meeting
March 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Mylene Arza at Denny's Restaurant located at 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166. Carol called roll and brags were shared. Mylene read the minutes of the February 2011 meeting. Corrections to the minutes February 2011 were as follows: **(1) Keith will provide a current inventory of agility equipment for the October trial. (2) Sally did not offer to email the information to the membership to contact the state regarding mandatory euthanasia of fighting dogs. (3) Trina will contact those who have books out instead of publishing them in the Scooper.** Carol motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Ginny seconded. Motion passes.

Committees:

Correspondence- Carol received notification from the AKC that the agility trials and obedience trials have been approved. Nancy received a note from Maite thanking the club giving her a refund for the January agility trials after it had closed.

Treasurer – The treasurer presented her report.

Obedience Trial – **Jill to supply the report.**

Agility Trials – Cori discussed how the classes might be scheduled to include the new agility class called "Time to Beat" to the January trials. She has asked Tracy to work on a tentative trial schedule. Nancy A. suggested that the schedule be published in the trial premium to aid in answering any questions that might be posed by the exhibitors. Edie Allyn has agreed to judge the January trial. Mike is in the process looking for a second judge.

Obedience Training – There were 28 new obedience class registrations in February. Jackie held a very successful CGC class.

(minutes continued)

Agility Training – Jackie has asked for volunteers to take over as chairperson of the agility training committee. Nancy B. suggested that a class be created on Monday nights called "Obedience for Agility" that could help generate more interest for the obedience students in agility training.

CGC – In February, there were eight people participated and passed the test.

DACOF- The club roster has been submitted. The deadline for completed agility titles is April 4th.

DOCOF – DOCOF 2011 has been scheduled for September 4th.

Membership – No report

Sunshine – No report

Education – Jackie clarified the dangerous dog policy in Broward County and explained some of the laws concerning dog aggression in Palm Beach County.

Library – No report

Scooper – No report

Web-site – Please e-mail brags and titles. to Laurie at Alabdog@aol.com.

Equipment – No report.

Old Business – Nancy B. reported that the Greater Miami Walk for the Animals was very successful. The club raised \$1,886. Marilyn would like suggestions for what should be written on the plaque in honor Randy. Carol Ann presented May 21st and June 18th as possible dates the dog aggression seminar. Nancy A. delegated the membership rabies certificates to Linda to maintain. Jill determined that PODS will not be an option for mat storage at the expo center because the trailer containing the mats cannot be driven directly inside the facility. (minutes continued on page 3)

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New Business – Nancy A. motioned to change the standing rule that requires mandatory obedience trainer’s meeting attendance in order to be reimbursed for seminars. Pat seconded. Discussion followed. Nancy A. withdrew the initial motion. Nancy A. motioned to revise the standing rule regarding seminars to the following: Seminars – Total reimbursement for the cost of the seminar(s), \$75 per class taught up to a maximum of \$300 per year, for active instructors who attend the required 2 MOC trainers’ meetings per annual year. Carol Ann seconded. Motion passes. Trina motioned those who met the teaching qualifications after verifications of the fiscal year 2010 can apply for reimbursement. Sally seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned – The motion to adjourn was made at 9:24 PM by Trina. The motion was seconded by Mike.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Acting
Recording Secretary*

****MINUTES NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING****

***Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 2, 2011***

Board meeting called to order by President Mylene Arza at 10 pm. Present were Linda , Nancy, Jackie,Carol,Trina and Jill. Non-Board members in attendance were Cori and Vicki. Absent were Keith and Wien.

Mylene stated that she had received a letter from the member about the late submission on Jan. 26,2011. Motion approved to accept.

Check signers need to be bonded-what does it take.

Discussion on club member who will be 3rd signature.

Mylene will bring guidelines to the meeting about newsletter criterion;general disclaimer; spirit of the newsletter.

Nancy will email members about banquet.

Nancy provided profit and loss stement for January. Need March statement.

Motion made by Trina to adjourn,approved.

*Respectfully submitted by Clair Jill Sidran,
Recording Secretary*

Sunshine Corner

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Nothing to report this month!

Happy Birthday!!!

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

✦ Nancy Bloom

✦ Ron Simon

✦ Sherry Simon

✦ Debra Willey



Mickey's

Tip of the month

It takes THINKING, it takes COMMUNICATION, it takes COORDINATION and builds great TEAMWORK between handler and dog...I am talking about TREIBBALL (tribe-herd/drive + ball-ball) which is a "new" dogsport for any energetic dog of any breed and size. There is a few different levels and many ways to play this game, but basically the dog gathers and moves a "flock" of 8 large fitness type balls into a net or some other large enclosure within a 15 minutes time limit by using his nose or shoulders. It usually takes a dog 2-3 minutes to gather all the balls into the net. It is what one could call Urban Herding. The playing field is the size of half a soccer ball field. The handler stays either to the left or to the right of the net and directs the dog with a whistle and basic obedience commands and herding cues. One way to set up the 8 fitness type balls are to put 4 of the balls in a horizontal line, closest to the net and handler, then 3 balls, and on top a single ball (Point Ball)making a triangle shape similar to billiard/pool. At the sound of a whistle the timing starts, the handler directs the dog to the point ball and the fun begins! Check out <http://americantreibballassociation.org> , there are also a bunch of TREIBBALL clips on YouTube.

Woof!

Have a pawesome Day!

Mickey - The Treibballing Schapendoes

PS. The length of a full size soccer ball field is between 100 yards (90 meters) and 130 yards (120 meters), the width between 50 yards (45 meters) and 100 yards (90 meters). The field is not allowed to be square.

Humane Society of Greater Miami



The 2011 Humane Society of Greater Miami Walk for the Animals was a big success.

MOC'S participation was very much appreciated. We raised \$1911.00, and the agility demonstration was a lot of fun for everyone, spectators and participants alike.

It was a beautiful sunny day and MOC members came together, as they always do. Photographs from various sources will be emailed under separate cover

Many thanks to Keith, who, with Nancy A's help, got all of the ring gating in the agility trailer, and brought it to Bayfront Park Fri. night. Of course, he took it back Sat. afternoon. Keith also met with the organizers at the park to plan out our area the week before.

Peter designed a fun course to fit the area which we were given and supervised set up.

Agilitizers and pack members who participated: Wai-Han, Debbie Willy (brought bagels and cream cheese), Dave and Lynn, Nancy Atkins, Ginny, Jane, Jackie, Sally, Mike and Patty Lieb, Mylene, Cecilia, Vicki, Carol Ann, Sherry Simon (led the walk and carried the pack sign), Cliff and Lucille, and me, Nancy B. Additional pack members, Jill and Marilyn, were absent.

Gina and the Reed Family pack came by (see photo) and Gina tried the course with Strike.

Then came a highlight and the most poignant moment of the event when Gina and her family were brought up on the stage while the emcee spoke about Randy and his invaluable service to Humane and the dog world.

They presented her with a framed, signed and numbered, Mark Tetro serigraph.

I received a nice note from the walk chair thanking us for our help and fundraising.

Thank you MOC for making this such a memorable event. We should all be very proud as I'm sure Randy would be.



Your walk chair,
Nancy Bloom



FINAL REMINDER

Miami Obedience Club, Inc. Application for MOC's AKC Title Plaque

To be presented at 2011 Annual Awards Banquet

(Note: one form per dog. If you wish to apply on behalf of more than one dog, please copy this application and send materials in separate envelopes.)

Hurry! **Deadline is Wednesday April 6, 2011 at the MOC Membership meeting.**

Owner's Name: _____

Owner's Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Owner's Phone Number: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Title(s) earned during calendar year 2010, with date each title was completed (Do not include CGC title)

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Is this a new plaque? Yes _____ No _____

(If No, please remember to return current plaque to Cori before the deadline for engraving)

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return application PLUS copies of AKC title certificates and existing plaque (if applicable) either in person or mail to:

Cori Gacusana

MOC Annual Awards Banquet Chairperson

2385 Coral Way

Miami, FL 33145

Send it now! Deadline is April 6, 2011. Verification and engraving take time. No extensions can be allowed. Plaques are for AKC titles ONLY. Plaque recipients **MUST be members in good standing and MUST have attended a minimum of FOUR membership meetings during the year.**

Brag

Bentley is now MACH Forever Ears Your Chance, CD, RAE, NA, NAJ, MXF!!!! He earned his 20th Double Q with plenty of points to spare at the Treasure Coast Kennel Club in Vero Beach on February 26, 2011. Many thanks to Judges Blair Kelly and Terry Culley for their great courses. We finally broke the 19 1/2 Double Q pattern that was developing. After four "almost MACH's" we got over the hump and did it!!! Go, Bentley!



Amazing Dance



She's airborne!



She's leveled off at cruising speed.



We can only imagine the look on Dave's face!