



# The Scooper

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## Next MOC Membership Meeting

April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)

<<<< 7:30 pm >>>>

Shorty's BBQ ~ Doral Restaurant

2255 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(305) 471-5554

## Watering Hole

*Sherry Simon*

There are angels living all around us. How do I know this you ask? I've been blessed to encounter angels at just the right moments in life. One encounter occurred just a few weeks ago. This special angel answered a call for help, dropping everything to assist my friend that rescued a one week old kitten. This angel goes by the name of Maria Harrison. Maria doesn't even know my friend but without an ounce of hesitation offered to take the kitten to nurse with a mother cat she had just rescued that day in hopes to give this little soul a chance to live. Maria offered to meet my friend that very evening to pickup the kitten and take on another rescue. Maria was the perfect angel with such a huge heart that touched us all. The kitten surprised everyone by eating and drinking on her own and has become a permanent member of my friend's family. In such a difficult and fast paced world it is comforting to know there are angels amongst us.

Happy Trails,  
Sherry



## *The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.*

### **Officers:**

President: Pat Kopco  
Vice President: Peter Liu  
Recording Secretary: Lynn Proe  
Corresponding Secretary: Cori Gacusana  
Treasurer: Nancy Atkins

### **Board of Directors:**

Randy Reed, Carol Ann Klein, Mike Orloff, Jackie Kurzban

### **Training Directors:**

Obedience: Nancy Atkins & Cori Gacusana  
Obedience Assistant: Carola DiPerna  
Agility: Peter Liu

### **Committee Chairs:**

Agility Trial: Peter Liu, Mike Orloff  
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Education: Jacqueline Kurzban  
Library: Trina Chicvara  
Membership: Wien Yu  
Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran  
Sunshine: Debra Willey

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## Happy Birthday!!!

**Five MOC members will be celebrating B-Day's in April:**

- Nancy Bloom
- Myndi Rosenfeldt-Christie
- Ron Simon
- Sherry Simon
- Debra Willey

Please join us to celebrate April Birthdays & enjoy some delicious cake! **Happy Birthday to Nancy, Myndi, Debbie, Ron & Sherry, Happy Birthday to you!!!**

**Minutes of the General Meeting  
March 5, 2008 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Pat Kopco at Shorty's BBQ Restaurant in Doral. Cori called the roll and brags were shared.

**Committees:**

**Correspondence** – AKC invited the club to join and donate to the Political Action Committee. A card was received from Peter thanking the club for sending flowers to his mother's funeral

**Treasurer** – Checking account and Merrill Lynch account balances were reported.

**Obedience Trial** – A deposit was sent to Barry University for the obedience trial.

**Agility Trials** – The paper work was sent to the AKC for the Sept Trial and judges have been secured. Mike asked for suggestions for judges for the 2010 trial.

**Obedience Training** - New classes have started. Keith is teaching a puppy class. Linda Greenfield has resumed teaching on Monday nights. A new class called "Introduction to Open/Utility" starts on March 10, 2008. A six-week Rally Novice class has started, which will be followed by a four week Rally Novice class. This should help encourage some of our Monday night students to enter our May Obedience trials.

**Agility Training** – Training has resumed.

**CGC** – A test was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**DACOF-** The membership roster has been sent. The title cut off date is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Atkins advised that members keep her informed as to whether anyone's status to attend has changed. Nancy Bloom is negotiating with the local hotels and will keep us informed of rates and availability.

**DOCOF** – N/A

**Membership** – We received a membership application from Linda Greenfield.

**Sunshine** –N/A

**Education** – Club brochures were displayed at the Humane Society of Greater Miami Walk for the Animals where the club had the agility demo. Jackie advised that we all keep an eye the active legislation concerning mandatory spay/neutering and the banning of specific breeds that have been deemed as dangerous.

**Library** – N/A

**Scooper** – Sherry has agreed to temporarily take over as the Scooper editor.

**Website** – The results of the January agility trial are displayed on the web site.

**Equipment** – N/A

**Old Business** – Randy thanked the club for their participation in the Humane Society of Greater Miami Walk for the Animals. Randy provided information concerning the Agriculture and Cattle show to be held at Tropical Park. An agility demo is being planned for the event on May 17th or 18th.

Pat spoke to Dr. Nick Bacon from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine Oncology Department and they are having a fundraiser to collect monies to finish building a state of the art oncology building in Gainesville at the University of Florida.

He advised Pat that the department would be willing to send someone from Gainesville to talk to us about cancer in pets and humans.

**Mike made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the fundraiser for the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Oncology Department. Seconded by Gina. Discussion followed.**

**Mike changed his motion to donate \$1000.00 to the fundraiser for the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Oncology Department. Seconded by Jane. Motion passed.**



## Membership Report

March 2008

### Application

The following prospective member has submitted her application for membership at the March meeting. If there are any objections, please notify the Membership Chair, Wien Yu ([wyu@miami.edu](mailto:wyu@miami.edu)), before the next meeting on April 2, 2008.

- **Linda Greenfield**

### Guests

**Linda Greenfield; Kevin, Bryce, and Lexington Harrison**

### Note from Membership Chair

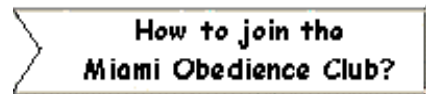
In order to have correct information of our members, please forward your new address, new phone number, and/or new email address to Wien Yu ([wyu@miami.edu](mailto:wyu@miami.edu)) as soon as you know about it.

**THANKS!**

Submitted by Wien Yu  
MOC Membership Chair



Wien Yu, Membership Chair



How to join the  
Miami Obedience Club?



- 1) Attend two meetings (Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month).
- 2) Fill out an application and have two sponsors (MOC members) sign it.
- 3) Pay annual dues of \$20 individual or \$30 family (two adults in the same household).
- 4) Be in good standing with the AKC.
- 5) Be willing to pitch in and help!



### General Minutes Con't.

**New Business** – A location is needed for the awards meeting as well as an alternate location for the monthly meeting. Tony Romas in Kendall is being considered as well as Steak and Ale. The April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held at the restaurant that Carola recommended. A notice must be posted in the Scooper announcing the exact location of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:55 motioned by Dave Proe, seconded by Nancy Atkins.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*  
\*\*MINUTES NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING\*\*



### Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 5, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM by President Pat Kopco at Shorty's BBQ Restaurant in Doral.

In attendance: Pat, Nancy, Cori, Lynn, Jackie, Peter, Randy and Mike.

There was a discussion concerning whether to give Sydney Messett an engraved decanter for earning her MACH. Sydney was a club member at the time she earned her MACH and the board agreed to award her with the decanter.

A letter that a club member presented to Cori was read concerning the web site about how it should be updated and revamped professionally. A discussion followed and it was decided that the board members should visit dog club web sites to determine what direction the web site should take.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40pm

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary*

## Sunshine Corner

Debbie Willey

Sunshine Chair

MOC members send their condolence to Peter and Wien on the passing of Peter's mother in February.

# Club Notes

## "Walk for the Animals"

By: Randy Reed and Nancy Bloom

Well Miami Obedience Club did it again. We made a motion to form a Pack and fund up to \$1,000.00 if the contributions didn't reach the goal. For the second year in a row we didn't have to ask Nancy Atkins to write a check for the difference. This year there was a mix up in the accounting at the Humane Society of Greater Miami and we will never know the total amount of the contributions attributable to MOC. The known amount was \$1,929.00! We not only met our goal, but we doubled it.

The volunteers who helped with the agility demonstration and the "Interactive Agility" for the public were Debbie Willie & Joe Serafy, Nancy Bloom, Jackie Kurzban, Jane Davidson, Ginny Guin, Sherry Simon, Keith Staub, Jonathan Jons, Vickie Philips, Carol Clark and Randy Reed, not to mention the ten agility dogs. Some of the others that contributed to MOC were Nancy Atkins, Carol Ann Klein, Peter Liu, Wien Yu, Commissioner Dennis & Margaret Moss, Marsha Daker and spouse, Ellen Grossman, Maki Nieto Menendez and Yvonne Nobile.

In addition to our agility demo, we set up a couple of jumps, a tire, a tunnel and a dog walk on cement blocks. It was a big hit with the dog walkers, both adults and kids, and a terrific way to tell people about MOC and teach people about agility!

Thank you, to all of you who participated by collecting money and helping at the walk. The event raised approximately \$155,000.00 for the animals who need our help. We look forward to an even bigger participation next year.

## Tropical Park - Demonstration

The MOC dates are Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. We would set up at 8:00 AM and run the dogs from approximately 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Take a break and start again around 11:30 AM for about one hour or more. Please notify Randy if interested in participating at [hreed@gate.net](mailto:hreed@gate.net). This event will be advertised and Miami Obedience Club will be a part of the advertised event. Randy will be signing on behalf of MOC so please commit to participate. Pablo will fill the dogs' pool each day and provide an amplifier and microphone to announce the dogs and handlers. This is a unique opportunity to educate our community about the sport of agility and provide information about the various obedience classes MOC has to offer.

# MOC Brags:

**Submitted by:** Nancy Atkins

Bentley and I entered the DOCOH Agility Trials at Davie March 29 and 30, 2008. We were entered in 12" Novice B for the first time and got our first two Standard legs with a first place Saturday and a second place Sunday and our first two JWW legs with a second place each day. Go, Bentley, my little buddy!

**Submitted by:** Peter Liu

Queenie earned two double Qs at the Hollywood show, her very first time to have all clean runs for a weekend. She got all first places too because most of the Border Collies are at the AKC Nationals. J Niki only got one and a half double Qs this time and of course all second places, just right behind Queenie.

**Submitted by:** Wien Yu

Jody finished her MXJ title at the Hollywood show, even before her AX title. I think there is something to do with a curse... J Wilma, first time in Open, earned her first JWW leg.

## ~ Something to Bark About ~

From: Jan [jan.marie@yahoo.com](mailto:jan.marie@yahoo.com) (at yahoo.com)

Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2008 10:18:52 -0700 (PDT)

MARSHALL, MO - New group of 20 mill survivors need your help

### PERMISSION TO CROSS POST

It was just one week ago that I sent out a post asking for placement assistance for a group of 13 puppy mill survivors relinquished to the Marshall Missouri Veterinary Clinic. Some have since been spoken for thank you, but most either remain at the clinic waiting for transport or are still waiting for placement.

The new group of 20 puppy mill survivors arrived at the clinic just yesterday. It seems they keep coming and coming! This is a prayer from heaven for these sweet little survivors, but the clinic is now literally bulging at the seams, and they are pleading for your help once again!

All dogs will be spayed/neutered with rabies vaccination before release. Other very rescue friendly veterinary services are available upon request. It is very strongly recommended that all puppy mill survivors be tested for Bruscellosis before release to rescue or adoptive homes

[http://agr.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit\\_1210/43/31/60503769Canine%20Brucellosis%20Kennel%20and%20Owner%206-13-06.pdf](http://agr.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/43/31/60503769Canine%20Brucellosis%20Kennel%20and%20Owner%206-13-06.pdf) The cost for testing is minimal at \$17.50.

If you or anyone you know can help these very deserving survivors find their way into rescue foster homes or forever homes, please contact Amy at the clinic ASAP! Transportation assistance may be available via a very rescue friendly OTR truck driver friend of Dr. Waller. Please inquire with Amy at the clinic for further details.

### MARSHALL MISSOURI VETERINARY CLINIC

1845 West Arrow

Marshall, Missouri

660-886-2231

Please ask for Amy

Monday thru Friday 8:00-5:00

Saturday 8:00-Noon

(Central Standard Time)



