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Next MOC Membership Meeting

June 4th (Wednesday)

<< Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

La Carreta Restaurant

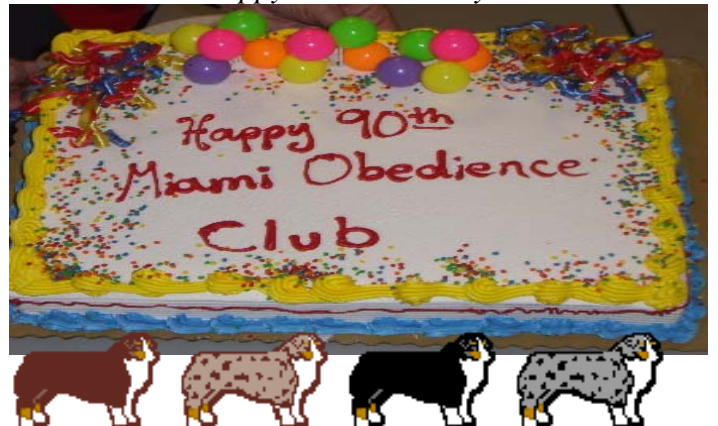
8650 Bird Road
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Watering Hole

Sherry Simon

What makes Miami so Hot Hot Hot??? Okay, the weather is the obvious response, but so are the people and wonderful venues. I'm talking about venues such as Tropical Park's "Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show" and MOC's 90 & 91st AKC Obedience Trial. Enjoy Randy Reed's article about the Tropical Park event under Club Notes. One word to describe the weekend "fun". It was like a family picnic; tasty food, entertainment and good company. Then on May 24th and 25th MOC held AKC Obedience and Rally trials in the air-conditioned gym at Barry University. Titles were earned and competition was exciting with a few special moments captured in pictures from Jane Davidson. A special thanks to Randy and Jane for their Scooper contributions. There is no excuse to not enjoy your family and dogs with so much to do in Miami, especially when you're a member of Florida's best non-profit dog club MOC!

Happy Trails ~ Sherry



The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Jane Davidson
- Miriam Lipsky
- Gina Reed
- Keith Staub
- Ted Stein

Join us to celebrate June Birthdays & enjoy some delicious cake!

Minutes of the General Meeting
May 7, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Pat Kopco at South Garden Restaurant in Kendall. **Cori motioned to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 2, 2008 meeting. Erin seconded the motion.**

Committees:

Correspondence – Cori received a thank you note from Harry Posen for the donations that the club contributed to the University of Florida oncology department. The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs sent a renewal notice of membership fees.

Treasurer – No report.

Obedience Trial – Workers are needed for the Friday night match of our obedience trial. Workers will get priority ring time. Keith will be transporting the obedience trailer to the trial site. Toys will be given for all dogs in Novice A classes. The obedience show will be dedicated in memory of Betty Chambers.

Agility Trials – no report

Obedience Training A new system is in place for run thrus. There will be 2 groups, the first starting at 7:30, conducted by Wien, will set up. A second group will start at 8:30, conducted by Carol Ann, will tear down There will be group sits and downs at 8:30 sharp for both groups. Following that will be individual runs for those that set up and didn't run yet, and then the second group will start.

Agility Training – There are 3 classes remaining. During the summer, classes will continue. If it is raining on a training night and if there is enough interest, the trailer will be moved into the arena for run thrus.

CGC – Cori will determine when the next test should be scheduled.

DACOF- Nancy is recruiting novice dogs. Donation of dog related items are needed for the raffle basket.

DOCOF – No report.

Membership – No report.

Sunshine – Jackie made a motion that the club donates \$200.00 to Take the Lead in honor of Betty Chambers. Motion passed.

Education – No report.

Library – No report

Scooper – No report.

Website – Dave generated a report that illustrates which pages of the website are clicked on frequently.

Equipment – Randy received 2 new tunnels and the A-Frame has been repaired.

Old Business – Randy is planning to have a picnic for club members during The MOC agility demonstration at Tropical Park on May 17th & 18th. Cliff approached Jackie with some suggestions that might make the meeting more comfortable when held at Shorty's BBQ. **Cori made a motion for the meetings to be held again at La Carreta. Peter seconded.**

Motion passed.

New Business – No report.

Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn made by Dave 8:49, seconded by Erin.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary

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





Membership Report

April 2008

Guests

- Sandra Kurzban
- Philip Sidran
- Antonio & Amanda Di Perna

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) 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!



Minutes of the Board Meeting May 7, 2008 Meeting

A special plaque was made for Cliff McBroom for his generosity to the club that had not been voted on by the board. **A retroactive motion was made to reimburse Pat ad Cori for purchase this plaque. Motion passed.**

The agility trailer as well as obedience trailer must be moved to the lake in preparation for the event at Tropical Park on May 17th and 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary

Dr. Erin's Web Picks



The first month, my Website Pick is a fun blog written by a local Florida Veterinarian, Patty Khuly. Her site chronicles the daily grind of a small animal Vet. There are short articles on Veterinary topics, legal matters, and ethics. It is written in a fun style that is quick and easy to read. I encourage you all to check out.

www.dolittler.com

Sunshine Corner

Debbie Willey

Sunshine Chair

Sometimes No News is Good News!



Club Notes

Tropical Park – Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show

This event at Tropical Park was a lot like the fun days that MOC enjoyed a number of years ago. The difference is that it was free and at the same time provided the public an opportunity to see the training our Club provides. We had many, many people asking questions about how they could get involved with their dogs. They majority had no idea that we have weekly classes at the equestrian center.

MOC had a great turn out. We parked our vehicles right next to our tents and the rings. No walking necessary here. We had two completely different courses to run each day, with novice and excellent nested in each one.

What a great way to proof your dog in real ring conditions. We could use food and minor corrections if necessary. There were the normal distractions of families right next to the ring gating and of course with the families came interesting food smells. There were also new sounds from the pig racing...yes; some of us got to watch pig racing, loud speakers and music.

All of the dogs seemed to enjoy the two days of fun. Each day Tropical Park filled our pool with water. The dogs that like to swim went into the lake for a dip. The Club members brought a variety of food for us to share.

Next year Tropical Park would like to see us show more of the Miami Obedience Club's dog skills. We could add an Obedience/ Rally ring. The other thing we could add is retrieving skills on land and in the water. The possibility of dummy launchers and popper guns could be included.

The Club members in attendance were Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff with Flea and Zappa, Peter and Wien and their pack Niki/Queenie/Jody/Wilma, Nancy Atkins with Bentley, it was nice to see Sherry Simon with Charlie and Murphy running agility again, Gina and Jerry, Linda Greenfield came out to help us and brought Hops, Cori with Lavender Brown and Marley, Carol Clark and her grey dog Boo, Nancy Bloom and Annie, Mylene Arza with Amy and Oakley, Jonathan Jans and Sara, Betsy Arellano and Stubby, and Jan Shad with Cassie and Busy. Thanks you for supporting Tropical Park! It is this type of support that allows us to continue to use their facilities. I hope next year we can have more activities and participants.

Randy and the pack of Grey Dogs

MOC Brags:

Submitted by: Jane Davidson - Taz got her RN title at our trial. Taz took Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex at the Greater Fort Meyers Show. Xi got her second Open leg at our Trial.

Submitted by: Carol Ann Klein – Itzie got an open leg. He is named after the great violinist, Itzak Pearlman (although Mr. Pearlman might not be pleased to have a Dachshund named after him.)

A “Brush” of Humor

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre.

After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else. I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.

~ Something to Bark About ~

MOC Obedience & Rally Trials 2008 - Congratulations !!!





There might be a breed that's right for you!

The following breeds are now recognized by the AKC - NOT!!!

*Collie + Lhasa Apso

Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.

*Spitz + Chow Chow

Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot.

*Pointer + Setter

Poinsetter, the traditional Christmas pet.

*Great Pyrenees + Dachshund

Pyradachs, a puzzling breed.

*Pekingese + Lhasa Apso

Peekasso, an abstract dog.

*Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel

Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as mountain air.

*Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever

Lab Coat Retriever, the dog of choice of research scientists.

*Terrier + Bulldog

Terribull, a terror and bully of a dog.

*Bloodhound + Labrador

Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly.

*Malamute + Pointer

Moot Point, owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway.

*Collie + Malamute

Commute, a dog that travels to work.

*Deerhound + Terrier

Derriere, a dog that's true to the end.

*Bulldog + Shih Tsu

Bull****, a dog you can't believe at all.