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Next MOC Membership Meeting

October 5th (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30pm >>

Denny's

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

What a great experience I had, once again, in going to Orlando for DOFOF. The atmosphere was exciting, and the camaraderie was evident throughout the weekend.

We all wished the best for our teammates and whenever possible, we watched each others runs, offered each other run-thrus, and in general had a great time as a team.

Thank you, teammates!

Carol



Minutes of the General Meeting September 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166 by President Mylene Arza. Carol took roll call and brags were shared. Ginny motioned, Jane seconded to accept the Minutes from the August meeting as written. Motion passed.

Committees:

Correspondence – No report

Treasurer - Nancy A. gave report

Obedience Trial – Discussion was held concerning next year's trials. Motion was made and passed to hold four shows over two days, to be held at the Expo Center.

Obedience Training – no report

Agility Trial –

Cori reported all is ready for trial. They are renting from John Courtney two sets, one dogwalk, two teeters, of rubberized contacts. Two rings rubberized. Committee decided to spend additional money.

Motion made by Sally, Keith 2nd to postpone any further purchases of rubberized equipment. passed.

DACOF – no report

DOCOF - Carol Ann reported that MOC's team came in 24th and had a good time.

Finance – Dave gave report of our current financial status, and made suggestions to improve use of funds and increase revenue.

Membership – no report

Sunshine – Nancy A announced that Lily's (former member) dog, Umo, is very ill.

Education – no report

Library – no report

Scooper – no report

Website – has been updated

CGC -

Equipment – Discussion was held about rubberized equipment, and postponing purchase if it is financially more sound to rent.

Old Business - Nancy B. suggested the Club have a dedication to Randy after the last agility trial class on October 22, 2011.

New Business – The floor was opened for nominations of Club Officers and Board of Directors.

Officer positions:

Gina and Jill were nominated for the position of President and accepted.

Dave Proe was nominated for Vice President and accepted. Linda was also nominated and declined. Nancy A. and Laurie accepted nominations for Treasurer.

Carol C. and Cori were nominated for Corresponding Secretary and accepted.

Lynn Proe accepted the nomination for Recording Secretary. Carol Ann was also nominated and declined.

Board positions:

Wien, Linda, Keith, Sally, Trina and Nancy B. were nominated and accepted.

Carol Ann and Debbie R were nominated and declined.

Carola asked if seminar credit applies to online courses related to dog training. Linda motioned to include online dog training courses. Gina 2nd, Motion passed.

Carol Ann announced that Florida East Coast Dachshund Club is holding a B-OB match on October 2nd, 2011, with Obedience and Rally open to all breeds and mixed breeds.

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Continuation (from June meeting) of Standing Rules that need to be voted on, amended or revisited:

Treasury:

3. Reimbursement –

Trial Dinners – Jill motioned, Ginny 2nd to change Committee Chairs (3) to Committee Chairs – passed.

DACOF/DOCOF – Jill motioned, Carol Ann 2nd for the Standing Rule to read: Reimbursement will be determined by the BOD each year...(remainder unchanged). Motion passed.

Seminars – Linda motioned, Gina 2nd, to revisit

4. Free entries – Carol Ann motioned, Debbie 2nd to revisit.

Training:

4. The first sentence was changed to: A minimum of four (4) Training Meetings for Instructors are to be held each year to discuss training procedures, problems, new ideas and anything for the good of the classes. Motion made by Carol, 2nd by Ginny – passed

9. Discussion – a roster of students will be submitted by the instructors by the 2nd class - voted to revisit.

12. Motion to reinsert Scooper Editor to list made by Carol, 2nd by Dave, - motion passed.

13. Add “MOC” to beginning. Linda made motion, Debbie 2nd – motion passed.

14. Conflict with earlier Standing Rule – need to revisit

Minutes of the Board Meeting
September 7, 2011

The BOD meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Mylene Arza.

Present were Mylene, Nancy, Carol, Trina Jill, Linda G, and Keith. Wien and Jackie were absent.

Ballot question answered by Linda-Each individual position is an independent ballot; no mark= abstention. Linda will ask Parliamentarian for further clarification about board voting.

Keith addressed the Board.

Debbie R. resigned as agility director as of Sept 14 but will continue to offer run-thrus on Tuesdays. Cori was appointed, she accepted and voted as director of agility.

Cecilia resigned as of August 20 as Obedience Director. Jane Davidson was appointed and approved by board.

Discussion continued about DACOF reimbursement; 1/2 of hotel, 1/2 of hotel, 1/2 gas/\$20 meal fee. Seminar reimbursement will be given to those who attended the seminar.

Jill Sidran reimbursed club for entry fee for Sunni as he was hurt and unable to attend.

Trina motioned adjourn at 10:50.

*Respectfully submitted by Claire Jill Sidran,
Recording Secretary*

Mickey's Tip of the month

" You are only fast as your slow dog "

Cani Cross - is another new upcoming dog sport in the USA. Cani Cross is running with your dog of any breed, any age, any size, big or small...or medium like me. Taking your dog on a run on the leash is not Cani Crossing. In Cani Cross the dog actually pulls you WhooHoo!, just like in skijoring. It is a brilliant way to get out in the Miami (or wherever you are) air and spend time with your dog. You will need to invest in a good belt to wrap around your waist , a running harness for your dog , and a "bungee" type leash. You will then teach your dog to keep tension on the leash while traveling in your own speed.

Fast for a human is 5 minutes miles over a Marathon distance. That will say ' 12 miles per hour '. Dogs on the other hand can run 12 miles per hour all day long. Many sled dogs can run 20 miles per hour over 20 miles.

There are quite a few FREE running programs online, how to get started. Search and find one that works for you. There are also quite a few places online who sells the waist belts, running harness and bungee type leashes. (For the leashes and belts ,there is a great company in Sweden who gladly ships to the US. www.baggen.se)

Do You really need that extra equipment you might ask? Isn't a regular collar and a leash enough? Sure it is, to start out with...however, by holding a leash, you are most likely gonna switch from hand to hand which would disrupt your rhythm. By using a waist belt, freeing your arms, with your dogs attached to it let's you keep a better balance and control and allows natural back and forth arm motion. The bungee leash connecting you two together removes the jerks and shocks for you and your dog , making the run fun and smooth.

Mickey continued:

There are actually Cani Cross races (even for the visual impaired) around the United States.

Maybe a great winter class program for MOC??? Get everyone started on their New Years resolution...

Short and sweet like always, please feel free to ask me for more info, or just google it --CANI CROSS--

Woof! Mickey - the soon to be Cani Crosser. Waiting for package to arrive

Sunshine Corner

We wish a speedy recovery to Wien, who had surgery on her shoulder. Hurry and heal!

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- o *Marta Alamo*
- o *Ginny Guin*
- o *Lorraine Leal*
- o *Patti Lieb*
- o *Mike Orloff*



RANDY

MOC invites all who knew and remember fondly, one of our most valued members and friend, Randy Reed, to our upcoming agility trial, 10/20-23/2011.

We will have a dedication ceremony and unveiling of the Randy Reed stone. Join us on Oct. 22, after the last class, for a toast.

Nancy Bloom



DOCOF RESULTS – 2011 TOURNAMENT

The annual Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida Tournament was held on Sunday, 9/4/11, in Orlando, FL.

This year there were 39 teams with 325 dogs participating. In 2010 there were also 39 teams with 322 dogs entered. The 2011 winning team was the Imperial Polk Obedience Training Club with 1158 points out of 1200. (This team has either won or been in the top three several times before.) High in Trial went to Rachael Flatley and her Novice Border Collie with a score of 197.5.

This year MOC sent two teams as follows:

Team #1

Novice:

Jackie K & Gala
Trina C & Linny
Linda G & Hops

Open:

Jackie K & Dali
Debbie W & Dinah
Peter L & Queenie

Utility:

Wien Y & Wilma
Carol C & Boo

Team #2

Novice:

Carol Ann K & Muffin
Peter L & Evie
Carol C & Lucy

MOC's first team came in at 24th with a score of 966.5 out of 1200 (we were 29th in 2011) and our second team of 3 dogs came in at 39th with a score of 319 out of 1200. There was not much we could do with only 3 dogs, only 2 of which counted towards the score.

We had a good weekend and enjoyed the training, seminar, dinner out, meeting old and new friends, and each other's company. We worked hard stewarding, setting up and taking down as well as whatever else was needed. Our raffle orchid looked beautiful. I took multiple chances on it but did not win. In fact, I did not win anything this year. A couple of us did well in the raffle.

A great many of the exhibitors stayed to watch the presentation of awards and HIT. MOC was among them. I am looking forward to next year. Watch out Florida, here we come!

Carol Ann

Make Your Puppy a STAR at Home

American Kennel Club Offers Tips to Make Your Puppy a Star at Home

The arrival of a new puppy is an exciting time for any household. But what happens when your cute, cuddly pup turns into a chewing, barking, digging, and eating machine? Before long it becomes clear that your new arrival means there's a lot for *you* to do, and even more for him to learn.

To help all dog owners properly train their puppies Animal Behaviorist and American Kennel Club® (AKC) S.T.A.R. Puppy Director Dr. Mary Burch reveals top training tips to make your puppy a S.T.A.R. Burch reminds new pet owners that "for everything your puppy needs to have a good life, just think STAR - **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity, and a **R**esponsible owner."

- **Socialization** - Think of yourself as your puppy's life coach. On a regular basis, every puppy should be taken into the community to meet new people and other dogs. Meeting and greeting others when your puppy is young will prevent her from becoming shy or aggressive.
- **Training** - Training will help your puppy learn functional skills (such as coming when called) that can be used to manage his behavior throughout his life. For example, if your puppy jumps on Grandma when she comes in the door, you can say, "Sit," for a greeting that is polite and appreciated. Get started at www.akc.org/starpuppy.
- **Activity** - Puppies are full of energy and starting the day with exercise not only expends some energy and decreases the chance the puppy will get himself into trouble, but also helps stimulate the bladder and bowels. This means a walk or playtime outside in the morning will help your pup use grass or dirt to relieve himself instead of your new white carpet.
- **Responsible owner** - Every puppy needs a conscientious owner who looks after their puppy's health needs with routine veterinary care, keeps them safe with leashes and fences, and understands that getting a puppy is a commitment for life.

A program open to all puppies up to 1 year of age, AKC's S.T.A.R. Puppy Program (www.akc.org/starpuppy) teaches puppies and their owners practical skills – such as how to make sure the puppy comes when called, how to diminish biting and nipping, how to prevent begging for scraps at the dinner table, and the basics of housetraining. Visit http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm to find a puppy training class in your area.

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