

The Barking Times

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President's Message & Open Meeting

I would like to welcome all of the new club members to our club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the board members that are listed on the front page of the Barking Times. Please review the "important dates" below so that you are familiar with the class schedule and any upcoming events.

Please remember to clean up after your dogs both inside and outside. Please remember to NOT let your dog go to the end of your leash when entering and exiting the building. It is important to keep control of your dog at all times. If you are using club equipment to practice with your dog prior to classes starting, please return the equipment to the storage room when you are finished. Also, try to be out of the rings about 10 minutes prior to classes starting so students may enter the rings with their dogs and keep traffic flowing throughout the building.

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on October 7, 2009 at 7pm. The meeting will last about an hour and a half. All those in attendance will receive 10 paws points for the meeting. If you have a business matter that you feel needs to be heard by the club membership, please contact the President, Diane Townsend, at 260-485-2965 prior to October 4, 2009. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting (place and time TBD).

Diane Townsend, President



Open Meeting Oct 7th 2009
@ 7:00PM

Important Dates

Oct 7 th	Open Meeting
Oct 10 th	Agility Fun Runs
Oct 13 th	Public Classes
Oct 14 th	Member Classes
Oct 15 th	Agility Classes
Oct 16-18	AKC Agility Trial
Nov 20 th	BT Deadline
Nov 26 th	Thanksgiving
Dec 9 th	Christmas Party



MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING August 5th 2009

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. Kathy Kruckeberg moved for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes; Lynn Swager seconded. Motion carried. Judy Bireley announced that she had provided cake to the members to celebrate the retirement of Winston.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barb Croy- Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$13,060.26 in cash and cash equivalents in various accounts. The club has lost a total of \$692.13 since June, 2009.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes reported that five dogs have enrolled in the 8:15 PM public class. Fourteen dogs have enrolled in the 7:00 P.M. class. Six puppies have enrolled in puppy class. Sharon will work with Carol Michel to get her the profiles of the dogs.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Wright met with the obedience committee. They agreed to raise the entry fee to \$26. High combined award will remain at \$50 and the high in trial award will remain at \$100. All judges are under contract. Vivian Oldsen will be the trial secretary. Mixed breeds will not be allowed to show in our trial this year, but we will take it under consideration for next year. C match was moved to Friday Night.

Action: Sherri Bell made a motion to accept the board recommendation for the judges, entry fees and Trial Secretary. Seconded by Dawn Taylor. Motion Carried

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams announced that she had inventoried the equipment box and would be placing an order with J&J. She asked club members to let her know if they wanted anything special. Order will go in mid August. Members can email Bonnie with orders. Bonnie also asked that members who come out on Tuesday to get the poop bucket out. **Do not leave individual poop bags at the door.**

AGILITY – DOT

Dawn Taylor announced that Agility is on Thursday night. Signup sheets are available for this session's classes. Thursday morning the building will be open at 9:30AM.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund passed around a clipboard of suggestions for classes. Classes are all full.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOTS

Diane Townsend announced that we do not currently have this position filled and it is now being split between several club members. Kathy Kruckeberg will do the puppy class. Carol Michel will be coordinating public classes this session. We are still in need of another instructor for the 7:00 PM class. All handouts are completed. Please contact Diane if you are interested in helping with these classes, or taking this position. Steve will continue to help for the next couple of weeks.

TRACKING DOT

Pam Johnson announced that the Tracking class is full for this session but that there is no charge to audit the class. Class is Tuesday at 6:00PM and will meet by the swine barn. A chiropractic/massage day has been set, but this session is full. These sessions are coordinated as a means to raise money for the Tracking program. Judy schedules and gets the word out via email to those that have previously used the service. Club members interested in the chiropractic/massage days should inform Pam so that she can add to them to her list. Sessions are 20 minutes with a charge of \$35 for massage and \$55 for chiropractic. The Tracking test is scheduled for September 27th. Pam asked for volunteers to assist.

PRESIDENT

Diane Townsend announced that the new session is starting. Be sure to complete the Paw Point books. She also announced that she had some new obedience regulations books available for members who want them.

BARKING TIMES

Diane Townsend announced that we need a new editor for this publication.

FAIR BOARD

Fair board was happy with the demonstration provided by the club at the fair.

Tracking

Pam Johnson asked when she should know about available paw points for members registered in her class. Diane explained that Vicki Galloway would contact her with the information.



It's that **TIME** again!

**Remember to FALL back
with your clocks on
November 1st for day light
savings.**

MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING August 5th 2009 cont,

AGILITY

Dawn Taylor reminded club members that the Agility Trial is October 16th, 17th, and 18th. Premium list is complete but not on the website at this time. Equipment will be taken to the Plex on Thursday and volunteers are needed. We will have a raffle this year. We will also have a provisional judge. There will be a FAST fun run on October 10th. A signup flyer was emailed to club members. Jane Bowman is coordinating this event and taking money. This event will only be opened to participants outside the club if there are not enough club members interested. There are new rules for crating at the Plex. Participants in the trial must put plastic under their crates. The club will not have to provide the large vinyl floor covers we have in the past. This event is not an FWOTC event so it will not be covered by FWOTC insurance. Fort Wayne Animal Control will have to be notified prior to this event. This is a requirement for any animal event in the city.

Sunshine

Several cards were received by the club thanking us for the contribution to the Deb Holman Scholarship Fund. Club also received a card from 4-H thanking us for use of the obedience equipment. Sylvia McHenry had her dog Missy put down.

OLD BUSINESS

None noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane Townsend announced that the club had donated \$100 to Concordia Seminary to the Library building fund in appreciation for allowing tracking trials at the facility.

RDO Day

Diane Townsend announced that Responsible Dog Ownership Day will be September 12th, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Shoaff Park. Diane asked for volunteers for both Agility and Obedience Demonstrations. Please contact Diane if you are interested.

Adjournment at 8:15 PM

-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

Connie Strong – German Shepherd
Jeanne Jenkins – Whippet/Pointer/Mix
Kim Proffitt – Boxer/American Bulldog
Laura Marciano Jakos – Border Collie Mix
Melissa Moore

Our Deepest Sympathy

“Many of you know my beautiful Sheltie, Missy, (Lil Blessing Honey Bravado). We trained at the club for many years. I would like to thank-you for many wonderful memories. With your help Missy and I have won many titles. Although Missy didn't have to be trained to be a Champion, she was born that way!

Missy died Thursday, July 30th, 2009 and I am missing her so much, but she died as she lived.

A Champion!!!

Thank you, Sylvia & Vali McHenry

"Questions & Concerns - Use Proper Channels"

I would like to remind all club members that the best way to resolve any concerns or issues would be to direct them to the appropriate club officer. From now on, I would like to stress that all questions, issues, concerns and suggestions for public night, club night, and agility night be directed to the DOT for the respective day. The DOT will then work with class instructors or president/board members as needed to resolve issues. This method of communication will help keep all issues clearly identified, address those issues, and maintain the appropriate line of communication to all club officers.

Furthermore, if you have questions with regard to the following items, I have indicated the current contacts.

Paw Points - Vickie Galloway
Dues - Diane Townsend
Agility Trial / Trial chair - Dawn Taylor
Obedience Trial / Trial chair - Nancy Wright
Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson
Barking Times – Yvonne Wakeman
Public night – Diane Townsend
Club night - Dean Lund
Agility (AM & PM sessions) - Dawn Taylor

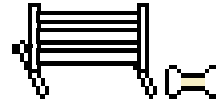


Hey!

I Need More Input

Member Obedience Classes

Schedule beginning Oct 14th, 2009 (Wednesday nights)



SUB-NOVICE CLASS--Instructor: TBD **8-9 PM Class.** Limit: 12 students - \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points. Students will learn how to get and keep their dog's attention, how to give commands, corrections & praise and controlled walking on a leash. You will expand your training of sit, down, stay, and release from command, Heeling will be taught thru straight line, serpentine, and circle exercises. Some advanced training in stand, long sit & down, and recalls will be included. Students coming out of Public Class have priority.
Requirements: Sense of humor, soft treats, and patience. (Smiles help)
Call or e-mail Dean: BenCedar@aol.com 260-490-5268

NOVICE CLASS -- Instructor: Barb Croy **8:00-9:00 PM Class.** Limit: 12 students - \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points. This class is for people that are interested in showing in AKC obedience. Focus on where points are usually lost. Heeling, handler errors, FRONTS and FINISH. Knowledge of the rules so handler errors are minimized. What should be taught for higher levels. Bring treats, toys, and a winning attitude.
Call or e-mail Dean: BenCedar@aol.com 260-490-5268

PLAYING IN THE SANDBOX -- Instructor: Jane Bowman & Lynn Swager **7-8 PM Class.** Student limit: 12 - \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points.
Sub-novice to Open levels that want to have fun with their dogs while learning obedience. Clicker training will be used but not necessary. The focus is on training dogs to show with attitude and attention. A few things we will work on are heeling, turns, stays, and attention along with teaching the open exercises.
Many of these training games will come from a Celeste Meade seminar that was attended by Jane and Lynn.
Call or e-mail Dean: BenCedar@aol.com 260-490-5268

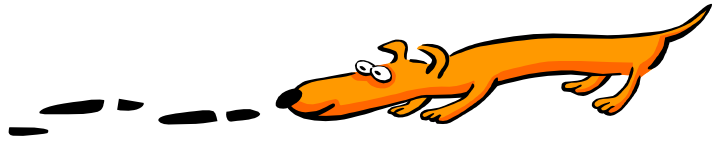
RALLY NOVICE -- Instructor: Judy Bireley Assistant: Cathy Martin **7:00-8:00 PM Class.** Limit: 12 students - \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points.
Rally is a sport in which the dog & handler complete a course of 10-20 designated stations on a course designed by the judge. Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. A perfect "heel position" is not required. UNLIMITED communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and NOT penalized. Handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. However, handlers may not touch the dog or make physical corrections.
Depending on class size – Advance & Excellent may be covered.
Call or e-mail Dean: BenCedar@aol.com 260-490-5268

When requesting a class have the following information ready:

- Your e-mail & phone #**
- Dogs name, breed, & age**
- Method of payment**

As usual this club comes through. Many thanks for your kind words and cards. Dean

Tracking



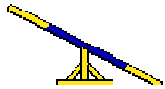
TD Test

Results of our TD Test run on September 27, 2009 will be posted in the next Barking times

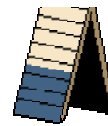
Contact: Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@verizon.net

CLASSES

No tracking Classes offered for Oct 12th – Dec 2nd session.



AGILITY SCHEDULE



Keep in mind the FWOTC 2009 Agility Trial is Thursday-Sunday October 16-19. Looking for volunteers to help load and unload the equipment on Thursday evening, set up and work Friday, Saturday and Sunday and help clean up and deliver equipment back to the Fairgrounds on Sunday late afternoon, early evening. Contact Sharon Kersjes or Nancy Wright if you are able to work.

We will communicate times for Thursday evening, Friday morning etc. as we confirm with the Plex when the building is available.

There will be **no Agility class on Thursday the 15th**. Instead we have the building Monday the 12th for run throughs on the equipment. If you are interested see Jane Bowman or Sharon Kersjes.

Agility will continue to meet on Thursday - The morning session for those dogs comfortable and safe on the equipment. You must help set up to be eligible to participate in the AM session. No paw points are charged and none are earned.

- ☑ Please note that you must be approved by the DOT to attend Thursday morning sessions. The expectation is that your dog has successfully completed a minimum of fundamentals for agility and one novice agility class or tested out of these two classes proving they are comfortable and safe on all equipment.
- ☑ To avoid confusion in the morning anyone not currently cleared by the DOT and attending regularly needs to check with the DOT before coming out.
- ☑ The time has been changed to 9:30 am as several people have expressed a desire that if it was earlier they could come out more often. **If this poses a problem for anyone please contact me directly so I can work an exception to avoid confusion and misunderstandings.**
- ☑ Currently sequences are being set up for multiple dogs to be able to practice at one time. If you have been approved to come out on Thursday and have a dog that is unable to work in the ring with other dogs, please let me know so that we can communicate your needs to the entire group on Thursday morning to prevent misunderstandings.
- ☑ **The building will be locked on Thursday afternoon between the AM and PM session. PM session starts with the 6:15 class. The building is open at 5:45 to allow you to set up crates and get ready. The time between 5 and 6 pm is reserved strictly for the agility DOT and instructors to work their dogs and 6 to 6:15 gives us time to set up for the first class. This allows more space in classes for the non-instructor teams.**

AGILITY SCHEDULE cont.

☑ Keep in mind this is your time so if you want to spend it visiting vs. working your dog that is your choice but please be considerate of both your instructors and other class members and remember:

- Be attentive of the instructor as they describe the sequence so everyone understands the goal of the exercise and is ready to go.
- Be attentive of the other teams running as you may see them do something different that would help you out, Please let me know if you have any questions as it relates to these issues.

Thursday- Evening classes

☑ **6:15 pm** - Will continue to work with the dogs coming out of Fundamentals for Agility and those dogs currently in the 6:15 class not yet ready to move on. Focus on learning the equipment and starting to learn sequencing techniques.

☑ **7:00 pm – Fundamentals for Agility:** If we have a minimum of 4 dogs and an instructor volunteers we will have a Fundamentals for Agility class. This is the beginning class to learn basic handling and obedience. In addition the teams will be introduced to all pieces of agility equipment.

☑ **7:45 pm and 8:30 pm** – Agility sequencing and courses for those dogs eligible to participate.

To sign up for classes or if you have questions please email me at work at Dawn.Taylor@lfg.com or call 637-0368, thanks, Dawn Taylor, Agility DOT



Winston Retires

As of July 10, 2009, **Winston Thomas CD NJP RAE7 CGC** has retired from Rally Obedience!



Winston started his career in the obedience ring May 2004, earning his Companion Dog (CD) title in 4 tries. This earned him the Fort Wayne Obedience Training Club's Novice "A" Achievement Award. In 2005 he got his Novice Jumpers Preferred (NJP) title in agility with 3 first places, which were all perfect 100's!

He competed in a Rally non-regular class in August 2004 at Marshall, Michigan, where he and his mom fell in love with Rally. Winston earned FWOTC's first Rally title in April 2005 with his Rally Novice at Noblesville. He then went on to earn his Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE), RAE2, RAE3, RAE4, RAE5, RAE6, RAE7 and 3 legs toward his RAE8, and was the FWOTC's first dog to earn each of these titles. He received FWOTC's Rally Excellent Achievement Award in 2008 and 2009.

In 2007 he had the highest Rally title of any Labrador Retriever in the American Kennel Club and was tied for the 4th highest title of all breeds in the AKC. Once again in 2008 he was the #1 Lab, and was tied for 2nd highest of all breeds. Not bad for a stray dog found wandering along Lima Rd! He became a therapy dog in 2002 and passed his CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test in 2003. He and his mom are already missing Rally and seeing their friends at trials. He may do some Veteran's Novice Obedience since he doesn't have to jump, but he would much rather be back in the Rally ring.

Winston plans on hanging out with his mom at Hamilton Lake, putting up with those silly outfits she makes for him, posing for photos for his scrapbook, and visiting residents in area nursing homes as a member of the Three Rivers Visiting Dog group. He is looking forward to getting his first pension check so he can have his very own steak every night!

Winston and I would like to thank the many people that have helped us through the years with their advice, encouragement and sometimes a shoulder to cry on. We are so fortunate to have friends like you!

Judy and Winston

PUBLIC DOT

We would like to thank all of our instructors for this session! As a reminder to all those who would like extra ring time; there are half hour time slots available on Tuesday night. Please contact me no earlier than the Friday before the Tuesday that you would like to have ring time. Reserved time for rings starts at 6 pm. For those who have the opportunity and want more time to work their dogs, the club is open and ring time is available *during the day* on Tuesday on a first come basis. You need not contact me if you use the rings before 6 pm. – townscend_diane@msn.com 260-485-2965 – Diane Townsend

Brag!

TG-N Larry Libbee's "Gypsy" earned her Touch N Go Novice title for NADAC. This is Gypsy's first brag – Congratulations! "Gypsy" is now- Gypsy Rai Libbee, TG-N.

U-CDX CD TDI Sheila Boneham's 3-year-old Labrador Retriever, Lily, earned her U-CDX with 2 first places and a second, her AKC CD from Novice B with 3rd and 4th places on the last 2 legs, and on July 27 she passed her TDI (Therapy Dogs International) test. Lily is now officially – U-CDX Diamond's Perennial Waterlily, ACK CD, TD, RN, CGC; ASCA CD; TDI. She's also put her training to work modeling for an art workshop in the spring and accompanying Sheila to book signings this summer!

UKC CDX Gayle Chobot's "Racer" completed his UKC CD on June 27, 2009 and got 4 legs on July 25 and 26, 2009 to add the UKC CDX to his titles. Average score on the CDX title was 192 with a first place and two seconds. "Racer" is now- U-CDX Gunshot Ready Set Go CDX, AX, AXJ.



SUNSHINE

Many thanks from Deb Holman Scholarship Fund for our Contribution.

4-H sends thanks for use of the obedience equipment.



**Thanks to all
who attended
the Responsible
Dog Ownership Day at
Shoaff Park
September 12, 2009**

This and That

Rescue Matters! – Three FWOTC members' rescued animals are featured in Sheila Boneham's new book **Rescue Matters! How to Find, Foster, and Rehome Companion Animals: A Guide for Volunteers and Organizers** (by Sheila Webster Boneham, PH.D., Alpine, 2009). Photos of Joe Murphy's Buddy, Judy Bireley's Winston, and Andrea Cole's Olive Oink (whom you won't see at club because, although she does sit for cheese-puffs, she's a pot-belly pig!) appear in the book along with each animal's story. *Rescue Matters!* is Sheila's 17th book, and her 3rd release this year! *The Multiple Dog Family* (an Animal Planet guide) came out early in the summer and has gone to second printing already, and *The Multiple Cat Family* (same series) came out in the spring. All 3 books are nominated for "best book" awards from the dog and cat writers' associations. Five of Sheila's earlier books have won in the past. Do you have a rescued pet? Check out the Rescue Matters! Pet of the Month contest at www.rescuematters.com !

Dog Crates: Need a dog crate? Make a \$15 donation per crate to the FWOTC tracking program and you can pick them up at Pam Johnson's house – contact Pam at blackyellowlabs@verizon.net if interested. Crates: Midwest Model 502 – 24Lx18Wx21H, Vari Kennel – 27Lx20W.19H.



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FWOTC Schedule – 2009 / 2010

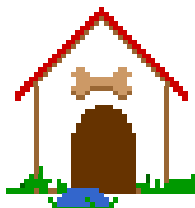
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Session 5: Oct. 12 – Dec. 2
No class: Oct 19
Agility Trial: Oct 16 – 18
Christmas Party: Dec. 9

**Don't miss the AKC Agility
Trial at the Plex Oct 16-18.
Come Join the Fun!**

Session 1: Jan 5 – Feb 25
Public Classes: Jan 5 – Feb 23
Member Classes: Jan 6 – Feb 24
Agility Classes: Jan 7 – Feb 24
Open Meeting: Mar 3, 2010

