

# 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 6, 2010 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 3, 2010. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting (place and time TBD).

*Diane Townsend, President*



**Open Meeting Oct 6 2010**  
**@ 7:00PM**

## Important Date

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tracking Test
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Agility Classes
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Member Classes
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Member Classes
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Agility Trial
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Barking Times Deadline
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Classes End
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party



## **MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING – July 28, 2010**

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM. Kathy Dullaghan moved for the dispensing of the minutes. Tracy White seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** –Barb Croy, Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$ 13,082.96 in various accounts. The club has lost \$228.76 since June, 2010. Obedience Trial made \$628.24. The raffle made \$632.50.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Karen Smallwood, 1st Vice President, reported that plans are well underway for the 2011 Obedience Trial. She asked for someone to volunteer to be the formal trial secretary. Members should let Karen know if you are interested. Tom Masterson and Steven and Joy Pool are the judges for the 2011 trial.

Lisa Fair made a motion to leave decisions about the trial to the Obedience committee. Tracy White seconded. Motion carried.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Bonnie Kellams announced that she would not be ordering equipment from J and J in the near future and encouraged members to communicate orders to Bonnie in writing. Since Agility is moving to Monday nights, mats will have to be rolled on Wednesday night. .

### **CLUB MEMBER DOT**

Dean Lund reported that three classes are full with waiting lists. Rally class is still open. Rally is for all levels. Since member classes have been filling, members were encouraged to not miss class. If they started a class and then drop in midsession, the member will have a chance of being blacklisted.

### **AGILITY – DOT**

Lisa Fair thanked those who showed up for the orientation meeting. All classes are full.

### **PUBLIC CLASS – DOT**

Diane Townsend reported for Lynn Swager that a 7:00 trainer is needed. Let Diane know if you are interested since Lynn is not here. Assistants are always needed. Diane Townsend also asked for trainers for puppy classes. Tracy White and Kathy Kruckeberg are currently volunteering for the puppy classes. Barb Croy and Dean Lund will also teach this session. If you want some training time, contact Pam Johnson. Building is usually open at 8:30 or 9:00 AM. Please sign the book so that we know who is using the building.

### **TRACKING DOT**

Pam Johnson reported that the tracking class started on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This class is not for the beginner tracker and can only take 6 pairs. Pam has arranged for Paul Helligs to provide a session on Neurological Integration for FWOTC members. Paul provides services that include N.I.S.(Neurological Integration System), Reiki (universal healing energy) and Bach flower remedies to help resolve the physical, emotional, mental and behavioral issues. Sessions will be the first week in October by appointment only. This will not be a fundraiser.

Pam also asked for volunteers for TD test October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are some advantages to being a test worker that are outlined in the Barking Times. Basically, volunteer workers have an advantage in the draw for the next test. .

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Sharon Kersjes reported that 3 dogs have enrolled in the 8:15 P.M. Public class. 7 dogs have enrolled in the 7:00 P.M. class. 4 puppies have enrolled in Puppy Class. Sharon will be at the building on the first night.

### **PRESIDENT**

President Diane Townsend asked that members clean up after their dogs. Thanked those that came out for the agility demo for the county fair. She reminded members that Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) day is September 11<sup>th</sup> at Shoaff Park. We will do an agility demo and also some obedience. Please note these dates and plan to volunteer to bring your dog.

### **SUNSHINE:**

Deb Ward extended condolences to Ellie, Caroline and Mary Poinatte on the loss of Strider and Kathy Kruckeberg lost her stepmother, Tammy Vachon on breaking her leg. She also report that Lee Nichy, who was a VP of the club passed away about a month ago.

### **BARKING TIMES**

Yvonne Wakeman had nothing to report.

**MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING – July 28, 2010**  
(continued)

**FAIR BOARD**

President Diane Townsend reported attendance at the Fair was about what it was last year.

**AGILITY COMMITTEE**

Lisa reported that the trial is moving along. She had brought a section of barriers to display. Mike Evard and Deanna volunteered to put the barriers together. There was a donation of \$175 to purchase the PVC and the Flat Coat Retrievers club donated the snow fencing. Lisa requested that members donate a \$10 gas gift cards for the worker raffle. Workers will be needed as Lisa expects the trial to fill. Nancy Wright, Kelly Urick and Sharon Kersjes are coordinating the workers. Orange vests will be worn by ring coordinators and walkie-talkies will be available for communication. All vendor spots are full.

**PAW POINTS:**

Vicki has received the Paw Points from the last session. She is here tonight and will also be at the building the first two or three Wednesday nights.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Diane reported that the board is has decided to raise the fees for puppy classes. Starting the first of the year puppy classes will go to \$60.00 instead of \$50.00. She also announced that the Board is recommending the purchase of one new set of timers, and to get the old set fixed. This will cost about the club about \$800.

Diane requested a motion from the floor for the purchase of two wireless timer consoles and to have the old one fixed. Pam Johnson seconded. Lisa explained that these new consoles had to have a voice box, which is required for FAST. Diane called for a vote of the membership. **Action:** Motion carried

Nancy Wright announced that new information about Rally is available on the AKC website.

Adjourn: Bonnie Kellams made the motion to adjourn. Judi Lemire seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

*-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary*

# Workers Needed

If you are interested in learning about agility, or you just want to watch the dogs run ,or you want to meet some great people, you are in luck. We have front row seats available for the club's agility trial on Oct 22-24. Workers are needed. Some jobs require little to no knowledge and there is" on the job training" for others. Please help us make this agility trial one of the club's best. Sign up sheets will be available at the open meeting and will be at the club on agility and obedience nights thru the first of October. Paw points are earned for all jobs. Any questions please talk to Lisa Fair, Nancy Wright, Sharon Kersjes or Kelly Urick. To sign up contact Nancy at 485-7874 or [NJWright731@hotmail.com](mailto:NJWright731@hotmail.com)



## CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE

NEED DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
ANYTHING NEW OR IN VERY GOOD CONDITION  
WILL TAKE GAS CARDS, GIFT CARDS, OR MONEY  
PLEASE BRING TO CLUB AND GIVE TO  
*BONNIE KELLAMS*

## Non-Member DOT

I like to thank Steve Wheeler And Kelly Urich for teaching at 7:00 . Della Lutter and Kathy Kruckeberge for teaching the puppy class. Thank Dean Lund for teaching the 8:00 class. Thanks to Sharon Kersjes on the first for helping check the classes in and Bonnie Kellams for helping with things that I couldn't get done. Also thanks to Diane Townsend and Pam Johnson for all their help.  
Lynn Swager DOT

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Nancy and all the Rally exhibitors for not publishing the Rally results in the last issue of the Barking Times. I have included the 2010 Obedience Trial Wrap-Up in whole in this Issue.

### 2010 OBEDIENCE TRIAL WRAP-UP

I want to thank everyone for all their help and support for this year's obedience trial. As many trial chairs will tell you, putting on a trial is a big task and having people offer to help is always so welcoming. Thank you to the trial secretaries, Kate Barton and Bivian Oldsen, the committee, and all the club members who came out to help or donated items to the raffle. The raffle made about \$ 700. Of course, a big thank you to all the club members who supported the trial with their entries. The trial took advantage of the rule changes with the Canine Partner Program and opened the trial to mixed breed dogs. There were eight mixed breed dogs entered in obedience and rally, and a mixed breed placed in every class that they showed in.

Congratulations to the following club members who earned qualifying legs at the trial.

Nancy

#### Novice A

Tracy Mantel (Bandit) 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Yvonne Wakeman (Thomas) 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Tracy White (Sheila)  
Natasha Kersjes (Cindy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

#### Open A

Cheryl Ertelt (Cruise)

#### Open B/ Utility B

Carol Sorg (Brita) 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### Novice B

Deb Gatchell (Rafferty) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Deb Mccoy-Warstler (Jewell)  
Deb Gropp (Katie)  
Robin Katen (Splash)  
Christine Mussleman  
Jane Bowman (Skeet) 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Nancy Wright (Kiera) 4<sup>th</sup> place

### RALLY

#### Novice A

Tracy White (Sheila) 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Sheila Dick  
Yvonne Wakeman (Thomas) 2nd place  
Kelly Urick (Rose)  
Natasha Kersjes (Cindy) 4<sup>th</sup> place

#### Advance A

Bonnie Kellam (Suri) 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Cory & Erica Dold (Charlie)  
Deb Gwaltney (Ty) 3rd Place  
Debbie McCoy-Warstler (Jewell) 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### Novice B

Kathy Dullghan (Miles) 4th place  
Joe Murphy (Buddy)  
Cheryl Ertelt (Cosby)  
Robin Katen (Splash) 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Deb Gropp (Katie)

#### Excellent A

Diane Townsend (Bud) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Nancy Wright (TeeJay) (2) 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### Excellent B

Gayle Chabot (Deacon) 1<sup>st</sup> place

## Braggs!

### U-CH

Kate Barton's Flat-Coated Retriever "Story" finished her UKC Championship with two Group II's and two Group III's. She finished her U-CH on Saturday, August 28. Story is now: U-CH, U-CD, SHR CH Fireside Turn The Page, CDX, JH, WCX.

### SHR

Kate Barton's Flat-Coated Retriever "Lola" finished her SHR (UKC Started Hunting Retriever) title on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Pioneer, OH. Lola is now: SHR Fireside LOL Always, WC.

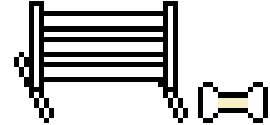
### RN

Richard Byall Jr & Yvonne Wakeman's Golden Retriever, Thomas, finished his RN in Simpsonville, KY on August 14, 2010. He is now Thomas Steele Byall RN.

## Member Obedience Classes



Schedule beginning Oct 13, 2010  
Running through Dec 1, 2010  
(Wednesday nights)



When requesting a class have the following information ready:

*Handlers full name, e-mail address & phone number*

*Dogs name, breed, & age*

*Method of payment*

**NOVICE** 7:00-8:00 PM

**Instructor:** Jane Bowman

This class will fine-tune Novice with an introduction into Open. A “show-like” atmosphere will be covered.

**RALLY MANIA** 7:00-8:00 PM

**Instructor:** Yvonne Wakeman

Calling all **dogs** enthusiastic about Rally Obedience. There are exciting things to learn and skills to perfect. While having fun we will work with our handlers so we get them properly trained. So bring your Alpha Dogs and join us for fun and games. All skill levels are welcome. We will work on all levels (Novice, Advanced, & Excellent) progressively through the class.

**SUB-NOVICE** 8:00-9:00 PM

**Instructor:** Debbie Ward **Assisting:** Sherri Stratton

This class will expand the obedience foundation with: attention and healing with attention, automatic sits and turns with heeling, stand and stand for exam, off leash recalls and stays, and how to correct and praise. Free to new students.

**FOCUS!** 8:00-9:00 PM

**Instructor:** Barb Croy

F= Foundation-recalls, stays, crating.

O= Obedience-attention, heeling

C= Consistency

US= Unbelievable success!!

Instructor: Barb Croy

This class is for all levels. We will be using a clicker but if you prefer not to that is Okay. What to bring: lots of soft treats, favorite toy, a crate, target, a mat, and a hungry dog. We will be hand feeding their dinner at class. I would prefer NO choke or prong collars, we will not need them. Flat buckle or snap collars are required. Come with a positive attitude---we are going to become the most interesting thing in our dog's environment.

**E-MAIL OR CALL DEAN:** BenCedar@aol.com / 260-490-5268 FOR ALL WED. OBEDIENCE CLASSES  
**ALL CLASSES REQUIRE** A \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points (Except New Students)

**LISA WON! LISA WON! Congratulations-----I lost the bet-I buy!  
However----next time YOU will!**

# Agility



Thanks for the hard work and dedication of this session's Agility Staff. They did an incredible job and were so helpful. So a standing OVATION to Jane Bowman, Gayle Chobot, Kathy Dullaghan, Mike Evard, Kelly Urick, and Tammy Vachon.



## Got PAWS Points?



The agility trial is coming upon us quickly. We will need help to make our equipment top notch. We will need painting and cleaning help. We will be meeting at the club on the following dates.

1. October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am
2. October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am
3. October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am if we still have prep work to be done.

*A sign up sheet will be at club*

If you can work the agility trial, the worker sign up forms are still at the club. Each person can bank a lot of PAWS Points getting ready and working the trial.

Dates and times for taking equipment to the Dome will be posted as time gets closer to the Agility Trail.

## Class Schedule

**6:15 pm to 7pm Advanced Contacts and Weave** This class is for dogs who can do the contacts and just need work on end-of-the-contact-behavior. The dogs should have reliable weaves and just need work on distraction and pushing for speed. You will also have small sequences available for handling practice. Limit 10

**7pm to 7:45 pm Novice and Open** This class is for dogs who are currently competing in Novice and the Open classes. The dog must be able to do all contacts and weaves. Limit 10

**7:45 pm to 8:30 pm Contacts and Weaves** This is the class for the dogs coming out of the Teeter and Weaves class. It is also good class for people whose dog are not comfortable on the contacts and have issues with the weaves. The goal is to help you and your dog to become more comfortable on all of the contacts. It will also help you to define your end-of-the-contact-behavior. We will continue to work the weaves for reliability and speed. As the class progress, sequences will be also worked. Limit 10

**8:30 until done Excellent and Masters** This class will be for dogs who are currently competing in Ex A and Ex B only

**Tuesday 8:15 pm to 9:15 pm Beginning Agility** This class will give preference to the people coming out of the Foundation class. We will start handling skills, jumping program, work on weaves and start working on contacts. Limit 12

**9:30 am Monday morning sessions** is not a class. Your dog must be able to safely do all obstacles. You must be ok'd if you are new to the morning practice time. It gives people who have come and set up for the evening classes a chance to work their dog(s) as a perk. Set up start at 9:30 am. Please come early enough to have your crates and dogs in **before** the 9:30 start time. You need to help set up to run your dog(s).

➔➔ Sign up for classes will start September 27<sup>th</sup>. I will have sign up sheets at the club. All classes are \$10.00 and 30 PAWS Points or combination of points and money.

### Please Note

No Agility Class on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have agility worker training and agility worker run thru on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We still start at 6:15pm. All workers please plan on attending. Mark your calendars!!



### Photos Needed

Non-copy written Photos wanted. I am updating the FWOTC information board for the Agility trial. I want photos no bigger than 4x6. The photos **will not** be returned. A photo of your dog doing something would be really nice. If you have multiple dogs, group photos are great. Give to Lisa Fair.

### Donations

The agility committee is looking for donations for the Agility worker's raffle. Gas cards, Chain Restaurant cards, dog related items, non-dog related items and as always **\$\$\$\$ CASH \$\$\$\$**.

## Tracking



Thanks to Cindy Beard for teaching our late summer/early fall tracking class. She did an outstanding job and we now have 3 more teams closer to certification.

### TD Test

*Tracking Dog Test* - Sunday October 3, 2010

The test is being held in Alburn Indiana. If you would like to see what tracking tests are all about come down and observe. Contact Pam Johnson for further information.

Contact: Pam Johnson at [blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net)

THANKS TO SANDY MCMILLAN FOR COMING AGAIN TO GIVE LESSONS AND DO CERTIFICATIONS. CINDY BEARD CERTIFIED HER GOLDEN RETRIEVER ZIVA AND BARB CROY CERTIFIED HER GOLDEN RETRIEVER RILEY. WE WISH THEM LUCK AS THEY ENTER TESTS FOR THEIR TD.



# THANKS

I want to thank each and every one of you for your cards, messages, kind words, and support during my recent loss of Winston. So many of you were there to lend a shoulder to cry on, listen to "Winston stories" and keep my spirits up. What a great group of friends you are! Bless each of you and your precious dogs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Judy Bireley

## Even Dogs Do IT...



## "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 - Lisa Fair**  
**Obedience Trial / Trial chair - Karen Smallwood**  
**Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson**  
**Barking Times - Yvonne Wakeman**  
**Public night - Lynn Swager**  
**Club night - Dean Lund**

## Class Sign-up

There have been many questions about when people can sign up for the upcoming classes each session. Class sign up has always been scheduled to start on the Monday following week 8 which is the week of our open meeting. However, this information has not been printed in the Barking Times in the recent past. Therefore, this notification will be posted in all of the Barking Times from this day forward. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact the appropriate Director's of Training. Please read below:

1. Class sign up will begin as soon as you have received your Baking Times either by mail, email, or the website.
2. The Director's of Training may provide you with information regarding what classes will be offered the next session during the last 2 weeks of your current class. This will give you sometime to decide what classes you might be interested in and if it will work with your schedule.
3. Please keep in mind that the Sub-Novice class is offered each session and the people coming out of the public classes will be given priority over club members.
4. Anyone instructing and/or assisting a class will also be given priority when signing up for classes. This is a perk for volunteering to teach a class.
5. If you try to sign up for a class and it is full, you will be put on a waiting list in case someone drops out of that class.
6. If nobody drops the class, then those people on the waiting list will be given priority over other club members for the next session.

Please keep in mind this is an attempt to make signing up for classes as fair as possible for everyone. However, you are the one that is responsible for signing up for classes and you must be diligent about it. It's a great thing to have so many new people wanting to train their dogs and joining our club. We want your experience to be a good one. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. If you have any questions, please contact the Director's of Training or myself.

Diane Townsend - President FWOTC

## This and That

**Tuesday Night Practice:** If you want ring time to practice obedience on Tuesdays nights after 6pm contact Pam Johnson at [blackyellowlabs@verizon.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@verizon.net). Email me on Friday of the week prior to the Tuesday you want ring time. We are only reserving times on a week by week basis. The building is open on Tuesdays and can be used until 6pm without contacting me.

**Daytime Practice:** The bldg. is open 10:0am to 6pm. If you want to go out there to practice you can. You don't need to contact anyone. Just go out, turn the lights on, and turn the heat up to 68 if it isn't already. Make sure you sign the book so we know you were there. Pick a ring to work in then if anyone else comes, they can use a different ring. When you leave, put the stuff away that you may have gotten out, turn the heat back to 55, and turn the lights off. This applies to the obedience stuff.



## Tribute to Winston

From the time he stuck his tongue in my ear on our first meeting, to the last time he lifted his head for a final photograph and flashed that goofy smile of his, Winston made me laugh. I couldn't decide whether or not I should take this handsome stray boy home, until one of my firefighter friends told me, "Judy, he will make a great dog for you". Was he ever right!

We joined the FWOTC to get some obedience training so Winston wouldn't slip under the fence and run away for the third time. The competition bug bit us and before we knew it, we had our first obedience leg. That competition stuff is addicting! Then came Rally obedience, which we both loved. We had found our niche in life!

Winston loved going to Hamilton Lake. He loved going for boat rides, he loved swimming and he loved just exploring the beach at Crystal Bay. Each time we turned the corner to enter the Bay he would sit up on the back seat of the boat and bark, to let everyone know the "King of the Bay" had arrived! Did anyone say hi to me? Heck no, it was always, "Hi, Winston!", or "Glad to see you, Winston!" I don't think they even knew my name. He couldn't wait to get out of the boat and on his float so I could pull him around the Bay. Everyone said he should be pulling me, but no, not the King of the Bay. He had his own servant—me!



They say that when someone dies they always send you a sign to let you know they are okay. I hadn't been in the backyard for two days since Winston died. I had to go outside to shut a stubborn window. Sure enough, there sat a big rabbit, one I'm sure Winston tried to chase, or at least wanted to chase, at some point in his life. I'm convinced this was his sign that he is waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge and is chasing rabbits and eating steak to his heart's content. Until we meet again, my Big Guy, I will always love you. It's been an honor to be your mom. Judy Bireley



Think parasite season is over just because the warm-weather months are coming to a close? Think again! From roundworms, hookworms, and tapeworms to fleas, coccidia, bots, and pinworms, parasites are just as abundant in the late summer and early fall as any other time of year. As summer comes to a close, it's a good idea to get your pet(s) back to the practice for parasite testing and prevention.

**The Parasitic Threat** — Parasites can affect your health as well as your pet's! Internal and external parasites like hookworms can be passed not only from pet to pet, but also from your pet to you. According to the Companion Animal Parasite Council, between 1 and 3 million people are infected by hookworms from their pets each year. Even fleas, one of the most common parasites, can transmit parasitic infections, like tapeworms, to your pet and your family. That is why it is so important to protect your pet and your family against parasitic infection.

**Diagnosis and Prevention** — Different parasites can affect your pet in different ways--anything from no symptoms or simple irritation to life-threatening conditions. The only way you can ensure your pet's and your family's safety is to get your pet tested. We are here to help! Visit us to have your pet tested and get control recommendations, as many parasitic infections require unique diagnosis and preventive measures.





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### FWOTC Schedule – 2009 / 2010

**Barking Times Deadline is Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open Meeting – Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**  
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Agility Classes: Oct 11 – Nov 29  
Public Classes: Oct 12 – Nov 30  
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