

The Barker

The newsletter of
the Greater
Lincoln
Obedience Club



Return of the Social Dinner!

Does it seem we never get enough time to chat as we pass to and from meetings or classes? Here's your chance to get to know fellow dog enthusiasts and club members and share your views on topics of interest. You are invited to join fellow GLOC members for dinner and conversation at the following restaurant locations.

Please arrive promptly at 7 pm (except for Mahoney Park on August 21st). If possible, contact Beverly McGhghy (telephone 465-4282 or e-mail bevmc8@inebraska.com) so the restaurant can reserve seating for us.

July 29th – JADE RIVERS Grand Buffet, 3940 Village Drive (1 block south of 40th & Old Cheney)– Menu available for review in Alltell 12/2005-12/2006 telephone directory on page 774

August 12th – MAHONEY STATE PARK, just off I80 between Lincoln and Omaha. Dinner at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. and then attend a melodrama at 8:30 p.m. at the Kountze Memorial Theatre. A State Park Pass is required to get into the park. We will try to arrange carpools leaving Lincoln at 6:00 p.m. If you need a ride or have room for a rider or two or three– or simply want to join the caravan – please contact Beverly McGhghy (465-4282 or e-mail bevmc8@inebraska.com).

The 8:30 p.m. melodrama “Showdown At Sundown” by D.Chapelle is described as follows:
Shady, evil and dishonest doin’s are being done at Luke Lavender’s Log Lodge. Luke Lavender, the type of snake in the grass who gives snakes a bad name and his slinky girlfriend Belladonna Slither are making money hand over fist at the Lodge, but for Lavender that isn’t enough! His evil plan is to use sweet and innocent mail order bride Annie Pleasant to make a killing! Enter Sam Steadfast, handsome and brave rancher, who falls in love with Annie at first sight. Sam is broken hearted when he discovers that Annie is to marry another. Will Sam and goodhearted lady-mule-skinner Carbine Molly Muldoon be able to save Annie or will there be ... a Showdown At Sundown?

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GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB BOARD MEETING

Minutes: July 6, 2006

No minutes were taken.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary

GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Minutes: July 6, 2006

Annual picnic. No meeting was held so no minutes were taken.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary.

June, 2006, TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>APR., 2006</u>	<u>MAY, 2006</u>	<u>JUNE, 2006*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	\$ 11,840.25	\$ 709.75	\$4,534.45	\$18,436.95
PAID OUT	\$ 7,061.28	\$ 7,646.58	\$3,674.88	\$24,473.89
TOTALS	\$ 4,778.94	\$ (6,936.83)	\$ 859.57	\$ (6,036.94)

*As of July 6, 2006.

BALANCES

CHECKING	\$ 3,149.38
MONEY MARKET	\$29,570.82
CD 1 (\$5000)	\$ 5,245.25
TOTALS	\$37,965.45

NOTE: New Building Expenses to date:\$2,917.42

(Social Dinners- continued from page 1)

To ensure your attendance, please call to prepay and make reservations for you (and your family) by calling 1-402-944-2523 ext. 7122. Prices: Theatre Play Only: \$8 Adult, \$6 child (12 & under); Theatre Play & Dinner: \$16 Adult, \$10 Child (12 & under). More info at Mahoney State Park website and www.hissboo.com

August 26th -- T&R'S GARDEN, 5250 Cornhusker Highway

September 9th – HU HOT Mongolian Grill, 201 N 66th Street (behind Red Lobster)

September 23rd – LA PAZ Mexican Restaurant, 321 N Cotner– Menu available for review in Alltel 12/2005-12/2006 telephone directory on page 789

October 7th – GRISANTI's Italian Restaurant, 6820 "O" Street. NOTE: This is the weekend of the GLOC agility and obedience trial.

Area Seminars

Bonafide Dog Academy LLC presents a weekend of fun and information!

APDT RALLY SEMINAR

Saturday, August 19th, 2006

9:00AM – 3:00PM

CDSP OBEDIENCE SEMINAR

Sunday, August 20th, 2006

9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Hosted in the air-conditioned Go Dogs! Training Center, Omaha NE

For more information or to participate, download a flyer from <http://www.bonafidedogacademy.com> or contact Cam at cam@bonafidedogacademy.com or call (402) 250-9452.

PHONE LIST



Aug. 6 - Alicia Graybill	Sep. 10 - Janet Ball
Aug. 13 - Sharon Hayes	Sep. 17 - Alicia G.
Aug. 20 - Marcy Graybill	Sep. 24 - Sharon H.
Aug. 27 - Judy Vitamvas	Oct. 1 - Marcy G.
Sep. 3 - Sharon Hayes	Oct. 8 - Judy V.

Good News!

Luc, King Arthur Pendragon, got his Rally Novice title in Omaha with scores of 94 and 100. He also got his Open Jumpers title with a score of 100 and a first place. Also he got his first leg in Exceller standard with a clean run.--Submitted by Jennifer Brown

Lacey, Eatinrock's Silver Lace, finished her Novice Agility title in Omaha with a clean run and six seconds under course time for a first place finish. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to Marcy Graybill for handling her so well. Albe, Firerose Alberich, earned his first two Rally Novice legs in Omaha with two 91s. Goshey, Emberglow's Tuf Negotiator, earned his first two Rally Novice legs in Omaha also with a 97 and a 100 plus a third place!--Submitted by Alicia and Vicky Graybill

Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (glocbarker@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

Graybill family dogs - (l. to r.) Australian Shepherds: Lacey, Danny; American Eskimo: Missy; Papillons: Goshey and Albe. Have a picture of your dog(s) that you'd like to share? Email it to glocbarker@gmail.com.



BDOC Agility Trial

Hey Guys - time to make those September trial plans! Bellevue Dog Obedience Club will be holding its September AKC agility trial Sep 15-17 at the newly-improved, completely-fenced Nebraska Humane Society grounds in Omaha NE. Friday is excellent only and Sat/Sun are all classes. Our judge for this trial is Lisa Miller. We will have two grass rings and electronic timing for this trial.

The trial opens 24 July and BDOC will be accepting instant entries through www.dogeventsonline.com. Remember, if you send your entries in express, you must waive the signature requirement on the delivery!

In addition, BDOC is pleased to offer a Fifteen andSend Time (FAST) demo class. Here's your chance to come try out the newest AKC agility titling class that starts January 1, 2007! We will be offering Novice FAST Saturday following the conclusion of the regular trial. There is an entry form in the premium or you can sign up the day of the trial prior to the start of the Novice JWW class.

Remember, the new agility regulations go into effect September 1, so this will be one of the first trials running under the new rules. Please check out www.akc.org and review these agility regulation changes before entering - there will be a new 26" height division, changes in timing and other new rules. Dogs must be 15 months old now to compete in agility and there are also changes in the way height cards will be obtained so be sure to read up so you aren't caught by surprise!

--Submitted by Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell



Picture courtesy Barker editor

Tools of the Trade: Training Collars

By Alicia Graybill

When the audience watches an outstanding performance in the obedience or agility ring, there generally is no thought given to the collar the trainer has used. Many agility competitors, in fact, "run naked"--i.e. without any collar at all--and most obedience competitors, particularly those at upper levels, use the collar they generally train with, the idea being to foster a particular mindset for both dog and handler. AKC official rules (and this follows for UKC and CKC) allow only flat buckle collars or chain/fabric "choke" or correction collars. The ideal, therefore, is for every dog to work on a flat buckle collar, whether leashed or not.

The truth is, however, that getting to that point often involves the use of other tools. As space allows, we'll briefly discuss the use of some of these tools, the pros/cons, and how they can be most effective. We'll start with the two most common restraining devices for our doggie companions: choke/correction collars and prong/pinch collars. **Please note:** A training collar or device of any sort is to be used for training only. Do not leave these collars on dogs while unattended. Do not hang identification tags or licenses on the devices. The number of dogs killed every year from accidents involving collars and harnesses is bad enough without throwing the potential for tragedy that a dog wearing a correction collar could experience.

The Chain/Choke/Correction Collar - When properly placed on a dog (up high on the neck), the chain collar easily tightens and loosens with just a bit of pressure on the lead. Ideally used to "get the dog's attention," the amount of pressure and the speed of the correction can be likened to a finger-tap on the shoulder. Quick and light are the keys.

Unfortunately, far too many handlers get into the habit of letting the collar drift down around the dog's lower neck--many times almost to the withers--where the dog has a lot more muscle and the dog learns to pull on the collar. In fact, a quick trip into dog sled history will show that some of the earliest sleds were pulled by dogs on collars, not harnesses. It's crucial to keep the collar up high or it won't be effective.

The key to using the chain collar effectively is the fit. If the dog has a 16" neck, the collar should be no more than 20" long (and probably 18"-19" would be better.) You want enough slack to be able to "tap" the dog but not enough that the collar slides easily farther down the neck. Because fit is so important, it is crucial to periodically adjust the collar during training sessions. Even more important is the fact that the collar is placed on the dog correctly. With the dog on your left side, drop the chain of the collar through one ring. That ring is now the "dead" ring as it will not move. Place the collar over the dog's head so that the length of chain closest to the "live" ring (the ring the leash will be attached to) lays over the back of the dog's neck. This should mean that both rings are between handler and dog with the dead ring hanging on top of the live ring. By pulling on the live ring, the collar should tighten then loosen easily when the pressure is released.

Pinch/Prong Collar - Probably the one collar that looks the most inhumane, the prong collar (a.k.a. pinch collar) looks like something out of a medieval torture chamber. There are proponents, however, who maintain that these collars, used properly, are more effective and humane than any other collar. The prong collar is composed of dual-pronged links joined by a length of chain that encircle a dog's neck and, when pressure is applied, the prongs come

together to simulate the sensation of a bite from another dog. Because the force of the correction is distributed evenly around a dog's neck, some breeds with tracheal problems are more successfully trained using a prong collar. Because the prongs can penetrate thick fur, some handlers of long or thick-coated breeds also use the prong because the dog actually feels the correction, whereas a chain collar may not be detectable to the dog. Additionally, some handlers and trainers call the prong collar "power steering" because it requires very little strength to use a prong collar. In the case of a very large, strong dog with a small or frail handler, a prong collar can be a great equalizer.

Again, just as with the correction collar, the prong needs to be placed high up on the dog's neck (ideally, just under his ears) and should never be loose enough to be slid over the dog's head. There are prong collars made with an opening in the chain portion to allow the collar to be wrapped around the dog's neck and fastened but most are simply opened and closed by squeezing one of the link's prongs together and sliding it out of the next link. Another factor about fit is the need to find and use the collar with the smallest links available. Links vary in size from ½" long to 2" long but the more "pinch to the inch" a prong collar has, the better suited it is to providing a decent correction.

One note of caution: Sometimes links become too easy to squeeze together and some dogs figure out how to scratch or move in just the right way that a prong collar will pop off unexpectedly. For that reason, I rarely recommend using prong collars in an open area unless you have a very reliable recall on the dog. An alternative—which hampers the action of the prong collar unfortunately—is to secure the dog's leash to another collar in addition to the prong while working in an open area.

The beauty of a prong collar to some trainers (myself included) is that the handler does not need to actively correct the dog. Simply hold the leash firmly and a dog that forges, lunges or otherwise moves out of position will correct herself. And while the first few corrections may cause the dog to yelp, it's usually because the dog is surprised, not generally in pain. If you doubt this, I suggest you put a prong collar around your own limb and give it a hard jerk. The prongs are not designed to penetrate skin and if a dog yanks hard enough on a prong collar to cause itself serious injury, I would submit the issues with that dog are probably beyond the capability of the average handler to deal with without professional behavioral or training assistance.

A final note: The AKC, among other organizations, does not consider the prong collar an appropriate training device and will not allow them on the grounds during a sanctioned event. It is for this reason among others that you do not want to use the prong as your dog's "regular" collar. Once your dog is listening and responding well to you with the prong, you will begin to use another collar with the prong, starting out with the leash attached to both then switching between the collars and gradually fading out the prong collar entirely. Once you no longer need the prong collar, you should have no problems competing in your venue of choice.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Members must pre-register for regular classes with Elbert Traylor at 435-7886 to receive their discount.

Direct your non-member friends to register with Southeast Community College:

<http://www.southeast.edu>/ As of June 1, all classes will be taught at the GLOC building, unless otherwise specified. For directions, see the web site (www.glocdogs.org) For now, for agility classes contact Mary Schweitzer at schweitzerautomotive@binary.net. For flyball, contact Jeff Kulhanek at jkulhanek50@hotmail.com

Class	Day	Start Date	Time	Number of Sessions	Class Limit	Cost
Puppy Manners	Wed	9-Aug	7:00	6	15	\$40
Basic Obedience	Wed.	31-May	7:00	8	10	\$55
	Mon.	17-Jul	7:00			
	Tues.	18-Jul	6:00			
	Wed.	2-Aug	8:00			
Intermediate Obedience*	Wed.	31-May	8:00	6	10	\$40
	Tues.	25-Jul.	7:00			
CGC Testing	Wed	15-Mar	7:00	1	TBD	TBD
Novice Competition	Tues.	25-Jul.	8:00	6	10	\$40
Flyball**	Mon	14-Aug	7:00	6	6	\$40
Tricks	TBD	TBD	TBD	4	15	\$30
Steps: Level 1	Sat	3-Jun	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	15-Jul	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	12-Aug	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	9-Sept	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
Beginning Agility	Wed	11-May	8:00	10	12	\$65
	Wed	12-Jul	7:00			
Advanced Agility	Tues	10-May	8:00	10	12	\$65
	Tues	11-Jul				
Tracking#	Sat.	24-Jun	7:00 a.m.	6	12	\$40

* The Intermediate Obedience class is now permanently 6 weeks

** Flyball narrative: Flyball is a competitive team sport for dog enthusiasts and their canine partners. Dogs race through a series of hurdles to retrieve a ball and return through the hurdles to deliver the ball to the handler. Dogs are sent through the course in relay fashion. Teams compete for successful completion of the course in the fastest time. This class teaches the basic skills you need to introduce your dog to this fun and exciting sport

#Tracking will be held at the Air Park Recreation Center.

**Drop In OBEDIENCE Every Thursday Except the 1st Week of the Month
BASIC/NOVICE at 7pm and OPEN/UTILITY at 8pm (\$2)
Open AGILITY Training Sundays at 3:00 (\$2)**

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Novice Ready? Starting Tuesday, July 25, there will be a Novice Ready class from 8-9 p.m. at the GLOC training building (5740 Johanna Road.) Contact Elbert Traylor 435-7886 or Alicia Graybill 261-3532 for more information.

Did you know there's a GLOC email list? A very low-volume list for members is available by going to YahooGroups and signing on. For more information, contact the list owner Vicky Graybill at dollsndogs2003@yahoo.com.