



JULY 2008

Announcements

GLOC Phone

Listed below is the phone schedule for July.

July 6
Janet

July 13
Marcy

July 20
Judy

July 27
Sharon

Newsletter

Editors would welcome informational articles from the membership.

Building Keys

Building keys are available for \$120/year for those who want one and

are approved by the Board. The cost of these keys may be paid monthly, just like an activity pass. Monthly payments for keys are \$10.00/month. For a member to obtain a key, the request must first be approved by the Board. If approved, the key can be paid for either monthly or annually.

This does not apply to individuals who obtain building keys because they are actively teaching a class. Those individuals will get their keys from the Training Director, Marcy Graybill.

Just a quick reminder: July Show N Go

at The Greater Lincoln Obedience Club will be July 27. Sign up from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Judging will begin at 10:00 am. \$6 for the first run and \$4 for the second run of the same dog. If you have any further questions please let us know.



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Sunday, July 27
Sign Up 9:30-10:30 am
Judging 10:00 am





Shar-Pei

The Shar-Pei is very loyal to his handler. It is an intelligent dog that does not always follow orders slavishly. Playful, active, dominant, and brave. They bond with their family, but are not unfriendly toward strangers. The Chinese Shar-Pei has a frowning expression, but is surprisingly easy-going, calm, independent, and devoted. They make a delightful companion and good watchdogs.



Pug

A Pug is "a lot of dog in a small space." They are perky, rambunctious and loyal, affectionate and loving, with a happy disposition. They are playful and charming - with a heart-winning personality. They can be a bit willful. Highly intelligent, it bores easily with repetitive training practices. Pugs are sensitive to the tone of your voice, so harsh punishment is unnecessary.

Dog Days Mean Special Care For Dogs

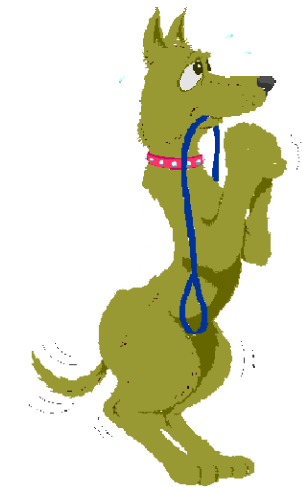
By Bash Dibra

"Dog days can be deadly to dogs," warns celebrated dog trainer Bash Dibra. When the thermometer climbs to nearly 100 degrees, with humidity to match intelligent humans head for the air conditioning. Dogs can't always do that; and yet with a normal temperature of 102 degrees, dogs are far more susceptible to heat prostration than humans. And they're dependent on their human caretakes to protect them.

Says Dibra, "It's important to take steps to ensure that a dog doesn't overheat in hot humid weather." Here are his guidelines for preventing heatstroke, and possible death.

- **Don't** make your dog run along beside you as you jog, bike or skate. Don't ask your dog to run at all in severe heat. A brisk walk in the cool of early morning or late evening is sufficient exercise. Remember to bring along bottled water and a plastic drinking cup for the animal.

- **Don't** tie a dog out doors during a heat wave. If it can't remove itself from the sun, it's likely to suffer heat stroke.
- **Do** be sure the dog has a cool place to retreat to; under a porch, for example, or the shade of a tree.
- **Do** hose your dog down if it seems to be overheating. This will lower body temperature quickly.
- **Do** supply your dog with plenty of water. Dogs perspire through salivation and need plenty of cool water.
- **Don't** leave your dog in a non-air conditioned space unless it can get to a "cool spot" (such as bathroom tiles.) If your apartment isn't air conditioned, feed the dog ice cubes to keep its body temperature.
- **Never** leave your dog in a parked car in intense heat, even with the windows partly open. Your dog won't survive.



What Is An Obedience Title Anyway?

by Sandy Mowery, from *Front & Finish*

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you love your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience title is nothing less than the true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

Retrieved July 8, 2008 from: <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~may/title>

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

(author unknown)

*I cannot train my dog today, the sky is overcast and grey, the air's too damp. I've got a cramp, and the dog's just eaten anyway.

*Can't find the leash, got home too late,

*I'm due somewhere tonight at eight.

*I've got a rash, a gash, and bumps.

*Too tired now to get the jumps.

*Traffic's made me tense and strained.

*I have to lose this weight I've gained.

*How can we work when it's just rained?

*The dog's too hyper. My mood is blue,

*I must be coming down with the flu,

*I cough, I sneeze, and wheeze and choke.

*Darn! My only dumbbell broke!

*Too cold outside - my feet are numb.

*There's a sliver in my thumb.

*The house needs cleaning - it's a sight.

*I'm working overtime tonight.

*I need a nap. Had company.

*My favorite program is on the telly.

*My toe is sore - it might be gout.

*I think my hair is falling out.

*I ate too much. My day's been rough.

*I think my dog has had enough of this daily training grind, we need some time off to unwind.



TREASURERS REPORT FOR JUNE 2008

	April	May	JUNE	YTD
Income:	\$1,473.11	\$9,333.72	\$6,348.10	\$26,651.08
Expenses:	\$3,719.72	\$4,913.87	\$5,619.99	\$30,501.13
Total:	(\$2,246.61)	\$4,419.85	\$ 728.11	(\$3,850.05)

Money Market:	06-02-08	\$ 9,574.61
Checking Account:	06-30-08	\$10,993.65
Certificate of Deposit	07-05-08	\$ 5,758.32

TOTAL **\$26,326.58**

Respectfully submitted, Vince Kamrath, Treasurer

The View *from and for* the Novice in Obedience

As a yet-to-be exhibiter I am offering to begin this column for our GLOC newbies. I'm also calling for any of you experienced trainers to add tips and information for those of us who are beginners.

Remember back to your first dog when you knew absolutely *nothing!* I will start out with a few things I've learned to see if we can get the ball rolling to provide support for those who are new to the obedience team world.

Things I've learned in about one year in somewhat random order:

1. It is no easier to show a dog than learn any other sport. Most of us will not be blessed as naturals and we will have to work hard to be ready for the ring. Plan on lots of practice with your dog, a once-a-week class is not going to do it.

2. Get on the AKC web site to learn more about obedience: <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/>.

3. Learn the rules. The rulebooks are available on-line. Here's a link to the obedience rules and information about the stewards job at a show or match: [http://](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf)

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4. Ask your instructor/trainer for a Novice score sheet and ask them to explain it.

5. Steward at shows. This is a great opportunity to see how things work and learn.

6. Make your at-home-time training time. Have your dog do a long down stay while fixing dinner or play a learning game from your class or lesson during TV commercials. Do Figure 8s around your dining room chairs. Every moment is a training moment. There's really no excuse not to do some basic training every day.

7. Quit your training session on a positive with something your dog can do successfully.

8. Don't train when you are cranky.

9. If your dog isn't succeeding, its most likely your problem, not the dogs.

10. Show great appreciation for all of your teachers/trainers!



Did You Know

Only 1 out of 10 dogs born ever get a home. Only 1 out of 12 cats born ever find a home. 800 dogs & cats are KILLED each HOUR in the U.S, because there are not enough homes for them. Opt to adopt and spay/neuter. Saving one animal will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one animal.

Canine Cousin

Here's a close cousin to our canine members, a grey wolf. These animals can be anywhere from four to seven feet long, and weigh up to about 132 pounds, according to the World Wildlife Fund. They are voracious predators of large and small game, but may also feed on carrion. Notice the rib cage showing through the fur and slender hips on this one. It must be due for a good meal.



Animal Diaries

DOG DIARY

7:00 AM - Outside! My favorite thing!
 8:00 AM - Dog food! My favorite thing!
 9:30 AM - A car ride! My favorite thing!
 9:40 AM - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!
 10:30 AM - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!
 12:00 PM - Lunch! My favorite thing!
 1:00 PM - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!
 2:00 PM - Looked out the window and barked! My favorite thing!
 3:00 PM - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!
 4:00 PM - Chased a bird out of the tree! My favorite thing!
 5:00 PM - Milk Bones! My favorite thing!
 6:00 PM - Watched my people eat! My favorite thing!
 6:20 PM - Table scraps! My favorite thing!
 7:00 PM - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!
 8:00 PM - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!
 11:00 PM - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!



CAT DIARY

Day 983 of my captivity.



My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets.

Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength. The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape.

In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet.

Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates what I am capable of. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a 'good little hunter' I am. Jerks!

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event.

However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of 'allergies.' I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow -- but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches.

The dog continues to receive special privileges. He is regularly released and seems to be more than willing to return.. He is obviously brainless.

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About Our Organization...

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club was founded in 1963. We are dedicated to teaching you to train your dog. We promote responsible dog ownership and as well as many dog sports. We offer classes in basic obedience, competition obedience, agility, fly-ball, tracking and others. All our instructors are volunteers.

Brag

Jill Morstad and 'Lark' (Belgian Tervuren) won the Open B class, and went on to High in Trial at the Sioux Valley Kennel Club show in Vermillion, SD on Sunday, June 29. Lark is Ch. Jamaica The Painted Prairie UDX TD.

Dandy qualified in 9 out of 10 runs at the Friends of BDOC (Friends of Bellevue Dog Obedience Club) Canine Performance Events (CPE) trial held June 6-8, completing his Level 3 Standard and Level 3 Handler titles. In addition, he was awarded High in Trial on Sunday, June 8. Since he enjoyed a dip in the stock tank and a roll in the mud after each run, he was also, without question, the

wettest and dirtiest dog at the trial, and one happy Springer.— **Georgette Wolters.**

NADAC is North American Dog Agility Council (?), UKC is United Kennel Club, and CPE is Canine Performance Events. Standard Elite and UACH-X (UKC Agility Champion Excellent) are equivalent to AKC's Excellent level standard course titles. Level 2 in CPE is a beginner title (there are 5 levels - Level 5 requires 40 qualifying runs over seven different types of courses).

Over three consecutive weekends, Blue and Taz picked up a total of 25 legs in NADAC, CPE, and UKC agility trials.

Blue, now 11 years old, earned NADAC Standard Elite and UKC UACH-X titles. Taz earned the CPE Level 2 Standard title. Blue's titles are: *U-ACHX U-CD Blue CGC EAC OJC OGC CL3-R CL2 -S CL4-H CL4-F.* — Jayne Sebby



Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (mscheffler1@unl.edu) by the 15th of each month.

Be sure to include the dog's registered name, accomplishment, date and show (if necessary), and who is submitting the brag.

Pictures are welcome!