



The Barker

The Newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club

JULY 2009

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Announcements

HOUSEHOLD PLANT, SAGO PALM TOXIC TO DOGS

Recently the home improvement stores have stocked their shelves with a plant called the "Sago Palm". This is a decorative houseplant that you may be tempted to purchase.

If your pets ingest ANY part of this plant it will cause liver failure. Even



with aggressive veterinary treatment 70% of these pets will die. We implore you to keep your household free of this plant. We are devastated when we are unable to help your pets.

Go to our website and get a look at this plant: [LINK](#)

We hope this will help keep your pets safe. Feel free to give us any feedback on this information and any other topics you would like to be educated about.

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CHANGING E-MAIL PROVIDER?

Please let the editor know, so you can continue to receive your Barker and other GLOC information.

PHONE SCHEDULE:

The June schedule is:

- June 7 Janet Ball
- June 14 Marcy Graybill
- June 21 Judy Vitamvas
- June 28 Sharon Hayes

As we continue to rotate, these four people will handle

- July:
 - July 5 Janet Ball
 - July 12 Marcy Graybill
 - July 19 Judy Vitamvas
 - July 28 Sharon Hayesand so on....

Janet will call each person when it is their turn to handle the phones.

WANTED: AGILITY TRIAL SECRETARY

The agility committee is looking for someone interested in learning to be a trial secretary for agility trials. The person would need to assist the trial secretary during the fall agility trial in October 2009 at the event center and be secretary for the 2010 spring trial. Noelie Sherdon or Lisa Black can answer questions about what the job entails. If club members can handle the trial secretary position it saves the club the cost of having to hire the job out. If you are

interested in learning this position, please contact Noelie at hsherdon@neb.rr.com or Lisa at vuelocal-lado@hotmail.com. Any person who does 10 or more days of trials for AKC in a year must get an annual license from AKC but could perform trial secretary work for hire for other trials after acquiring their own software, equipment, and supplies.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Due to the annual picnic, there are no minutes for July 2009.



Happy 4th of July

2009 Officers

- President**
Janet Ball
- Post President**
Elbert Traylor
- Vice President**
Cheryl Griffith
- Recording Secretary**
Staci Sullivan
- Treasurer**
Vince Kannath
- Corresponding Secretary**
Rosalee Claassen

Board of Directors

- Nancy Bowen
- Marcy Graybill
- Noelie Sherdon
- Lisa Vann
- Georgene Walters

Upcoming Events

- Kennel Club of Freeborn County, Albert Lea MN, August 8-9
- Capital City Cluster, Topeka KS August 14-16
- Leavenworth & Heart of America, Kansas City, August 19-23
- Tri City Kennel Club & Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Amana IA August 28-31
- Combined Specialties/Des Moines Kennel Club, Des Moines IA, September 4-6
- Hutchison Kennel Club, Salina Kennel Club, Wichita Dog Training Club, Salina KS, September 11-13
- GLOC Obedience/Rally/Agility Trials October 3, 4
- Belleview Obedience Trials at CDC, Omaha October 23-25 & Sioux Falls
- Council Bluffs Kennel Club, Lincoln NE, November 14-15

Dog Days 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 caretakers 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 wont survive.

Remember: A dog's normally high body temperature makes it an easy target for heat stroke. It's your job to protect your pet!

Show n' Go Show n' Go

GLOC SHOW & GO SCHEDULE

July 26th

August 30th

September - None

October 2nd (Note: at the Lancaster Event Center-before GLOC show)

November 1st

COMPANION DOG CLUB SHOW & GO'S

August 23, 2009

September 13, 2009

October 11, 2009





GLOC FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

Dog Obedience

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/05/2009	6	Monday	8:00-8:50 pm
10/06/2009	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50 pm
10/06/2009	6	Tuesday	10:00-10:50 am
10/26/2009	6	Wednesday	7:00-7:50 pm
11/16/2009	6	Monday	8:00-8:50 pm
11/17/2009	6	Tuesday	8:00-8:50 pm
11/18/2009	6	Wednesday	7:00-7:50 pm

Intermediate Obedience

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/07/2009	6	Wednesday	8:00-8:50 pm
11/17/2009	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50 pm

Puppy Manners

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/06/2009	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50 pm
11/17/2009	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50 pm

“Step” Obedience Training

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/10/2009	6	Saturday	9:00-9:50 am
11/28/2009	6	Saturday	9:00-9:50 am

Beginning Dog Agility 1

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/07/2009	6	Wednesday	7:00-7:50 pm

Beginning Dog Agility 2

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
11/18/09	6	Wednesday	7:00-7:50pm

Intermediate Dog Agility

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/06/09	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50pm

Sampler Class

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/09/2009	6	Friday	7:00-7:50 pm

Rally Obedience

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/07/2009	6	Wednesday	7:00-7:50 pm

Flyball

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10/05/2009	6	Monday	7:00-7:50 pm
11/16/2009	6	Monday	7:00-7:50 pm

Novice Ready

Start	Sessions	Day	Time
10-6-2009	6	Tuesday	7:00-7:50 pm

Treasurer's Report for June 2009

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$2,076.25	\$9,929.75	\$6,415.75	\$30,101.75
Expenses:	<u>\$4,454.00</u>	<u>\$9,041.15</u>	<u>\$5,137.11</u>	<u>\$34,402.75</u>
Gain/Loss:	(\$2,377.75)	\$888.60	\$1,279.64	(\$4,301.00)
Checking Account:	6-30-09		\$7,322.33	
Money Market :	7-01-09		\$9,623.28	
Certificate of Deposit:	7-06-09		\$5,978.07	
Petty Cash:			<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
Total			<u>\$22,948.68</u>	

Our deficit through the first quarter ending June 30, 2008 (\$3,850.05)
 Our deficit through the first quarter ending June 30, 2009 (\$4,301.00)

Respectfully submitted, Vince Kamrath

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

Article Contributed by Marcy Graybill

A friend and I were talking the other day about how we 'used' to train our dogs. It's amazing in just the past 20 years how much dog training has evolved. Or has it? After doing just a little research I realized the phrase "Nothing new under the sun" applies to dog training as much as anything else.

Since I work in a library my first stop was WorldCat, a database of books world wide. I was amazed to find books devoted to "Dog Breaking" as early as 1850 (*The Dog: And How To Break Him* by John Johnson, 1851). Though I found books with dog training information as early as 1780. *The Fowler, Containing Rules For Taking Every Species Of Land And Water Fowl. . . And Training Of The Dogs For Fowling* by Nicholas Coxe. I must admit I did leave out quite a bit of the title. This contained just a couple of pages indicating how to train a puppy. "The training this dog begins as soon as he can lap . . . In his first teaching, let him eat nothing til he deserve it. And let him have no more Teachers, Feeders, Cherishers or Correctors than one." In a 1945 book called *How to train dogs* by Henry East, gives the same recommendation. It goes on to talk about leash breaking and fetching. ". . .first, try him with a Glove, shaking it over his head, and making him snap at it; . . . and at last throw it a little way and let him worry it on the ground." Well, Bill Koehler would be shaking his head at that, but Bill Tarrant in *Training The Hunting Retriever* (1991) writes "Fascinate him with the dance of [a toy] and your enticing voice. Toss the toy out five feet." Not much difference 200 years later.

Konrad Most is probably considered the 'father' of current dog training. Colonel Most was a German trainer of dogs for war. He used strictly operant conditioning, but it was all positive punishment, even Bill Koehler distances himself from Most's methods in his books. As the United States became more urban, the training books became much more common place. The training methods don't differ much from our very own training booklet. To train the recall, Henry East recommends you walk away from the puppy, call the dog and jerk lightly on the lead, then give the dog a small treat when he comes (p.67-68).

It wasn't until after Helen Whitehouse Walker became very interested in proving the intelligence of her dogs (Standard Poodles) and created the AKC obedience exercises in the mid-thirties that we see books devoted to training for competition. Blanche Saunders published her book *Training You To Train Your Dog* in 1946, one of the first books focusing on training for competition. One book I did discover to my delight was a book called *The Natural Method Of Dog Training* by Leon Whitney published in 1963. Whitney recommends training the dog using a cricket (clicker) and capturing most behaviors. Of course Karen Pryor's book *Don't Shoot The Dog!* published in 1984 is considered the bible of 'clicker' training.

Overall, the training methods vary little from book to book and year to year. Some methods stand out as inappropriate today. Both Saunders and Pearsall recommend cuffing or smacking your dog on the muzzle. Saunders goes so far as to recommend using a switch on a terrier to get his compliance. In the eighties the Monks of New Skete introduced the "Alpha Roll" a very dangerous, practice that became common in most dog training classes. In the newer edition of *How To Be Your Dog's Best Friend*, they write "We no longer recommend this technique and strongly discourage its use to our clients. In a dog-human context it is potentially very dangerous and can set up the owner for a serious bite in the face" (p. 76). Patricia McConnell, an assistant professor of zoology and a certified Applied Animal Behaviorist recommends using simple training such as a sit-stay to show dominance or in her words, "Be a benevolent leader." Barbara Woodhouse, one of the first trainers to bring dog training programs to television, advocated hitting dogs for being stubborn, but was certainly ahead of her time when she advocated never petting a dog on the face or head. McConnell points out that patting a dog on the head is an aversive. She highly recommends using pats to the head to discourage a dog from mugging visitors.

When I began training so many years ago, I checked out a tall stack of books from the library and then read them, picking and choosing what I felt would work for me and my dog. Not every dog can be trained the same way, what works for one dog may not work for another (even within the same breed). Don't fall into the trap of getting frustrated with your dog when a training method doesn't work, just find another method. Be aware that 'New' methods most likely aren't, but don't always discount them. Be your dog's advocate when training, he depends on you to make the best choice for him.

—Mary Graybill

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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.

Achievements, Scores and Milestones

Shadow competed in the Council Bluffs Kennel Club obedience trail in May. He finished his third leg in Rally Excellent on Saturday. On Sunday his mother goofed-up but he had finished in title the day before. Shadow and JuLee (Mom) enjoyed the weekend in Iowa with Dandy, Hugi and Georgette very much. Now maybe onward toward a CD title and hopefully, agility titles.

Quinn (Eatinrocks My-D Quinn) earned his RA at the Sioux Valley Kennel Club show in Vermillion. Earning his final leg on Saturday and an insurance leg on Sunday. He took 2nd place both days. Mary Graybill

Donna Bundy's Border Collie puppy, Cauldron, took Winner's Dog on Sunday at the Sioux Valley Kennel Club earning his first point.

Schroder Henry earned his CDX Saturday at the Quest Center and first place in Open A all three days. Special thanks to Jill Morstad our trainer, Robin James who worked so hard with us when we started in Novice A, and our Training Buddies and cheerleaders Kate Brooke and Pan, Carrie Duffy and Rosco, and Nancy Thompson and Scout.

Legacy's Promise (Love) bred, shown and owned by Mary Schweitzer, took Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for a **4 point majors** on **BOTH** Saturday and Sunday at the NE Kennel Club show at the Quest

Center in Omaha NE.

Legacy Fire Before Dawn (Kael), bred, shown and owned by Mary Schweitzer took Reserve Winners in Omaha both Saturday and Sunday at the NE Kennel Club show at the Quest Center. Saturday going Reserve Winners to **Winners Dog, Legacy's Cauldron Of Black Magic (Cauldron)**, owned by Donna Bundy, shown by Marcy Graybill and bred by Mary Schweitzer, who went on to win **Best Of Winners**, splitting the bitches points taking home a **4 point major!**



On June 28th, in Vermillion South Dakota, **Legacy's Promise (Love)** went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and **Best of Breed**. Kael, Legacy Fire Before Dawn, took Reserve Winners to **Winners Dog Legacy's Cauldron of Black Magic (Cauldron)**, who went on to win **Best Of Opposite Sex**. Cauldron is owned by Donna Bundy, shown by Marcy Graybill. Kael and Love are owned by Mary Schweitzer.

Donna Bundy's Border Collie puppy, Cauldron, took Winner's Dog and Best of Winners on Saturday at the Nebraska Kennel Club, earning his first major."

Cody and his merry pack of G.L.O.C. members, Kerry, Blue, and Georgia, arrived for both the Saturday and Sunday agility events at the Quest Center in Omaha. Saturday was a great shopping day creating very happy vendors. Sunday, was a different story. Cody got his first Open Standard Q with a perfect 100 score and a 1st place blue. His jumps and weaves were also good, except for that one bar that dropped to the floor, and Georgia even remembered to put the leash on Cody before leaving the ring. Sunday evening provided these four G.L.O.C. members a memorable ride back to Lincoln.

