

The Barker

The Newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club

Special Interest:

- Board Minutes
- Cervical Vertebrae, Middle Ear, Brain Stem Injuries
- Valentine's Treats

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Announcements

Mail delivery of The Barker will be discontinued as of the February 2008 issue. Please either read it on-line or pick up your copy at the GLOC building. If you have extenuating circumstances that absolutely require a paper copy, please contact Marilyn Scheffler, editor The Barker at 477-5593 or mscheffler1@unl.edu. Only a limited number of paper copies will be available due to printing costs.

Want to teach classes? Marcy Graybill, Training Director, would like anyone interested in teaching or assisting with classes to contact her at 402-742-9015 or mjgraybill@inebraska.com

Not sure if you want to instruct? Try assisting. Assistants are needed especially now as our classes are getting larger. Questions? Call or e-mail Marcy for more information.

Dues should have been paid by January 3, 2008. Dues are \$40 per individual and \$50 per family membership.

Marilyn Scheffler has assumed the responsibility for editing The Barker. Please submit articles, photos, comments and suggestions to her at mscheffler1@unl.edu or 472-5492. Due date is the 15th of each month. Photos of events and for Brags are welcomed for your own dogs!

The Barker is the official newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club.

Reminder: Members that have an activity pass please keep current on your payments! If your year commitment is up, you need to sign a new contract!

Due to issues with unwanted creatures, please do not leave dog treats in the building.



Show & Go!

Friday, February 15

6:30 p.m. Registration

7:00 p.m. Show

\$6 First Run; \$4 Second Run Same Dog.

2008 Board Elections

Voting for the Board took place at the January meeting. The following officers and board members were elected. Jennifer Brown and Georgia Davis still have another year to serve on their terms.



Officers	Board of Directors
President – Elbert Traylor	Nancy Bowen
Part president – Janet Ball	Noelie Sherdan
Vice President – Cheryl Griffith	Jennifer Brown
Recording Secretary – Staci Sullivan	Georgia Davis
Treasurer – Vince Kamrath	Marcy Graybill
Corresponding Secretary – Rosalie Claussen	

Remember NO Food allowed to remain in the building after training sessions.

GLOC Board Minutes—February 7, 2008

Present: Cheryl Griffith, Rosalie Claussen, Janet Ball, Jennifer Brown, Elbert Traylor, Noelie Sherdon, Georgia Davis, and Staci Sullivan

Absent: Nancy Bowen and Vince Kamrath

Elbert called the meeting to order.

There is a member at large opening on the board as Staci moved from member at large to the officer position as recording secretary. Janet made the motion to appoint Marcy Graybill, Training Director to fill the open position. Noelie seconded the motion. The motion was then passed by the board.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary: Janet noticed some corrections that needed to

be made to the January minutes in The Barker. The corrections were made. The minutes were then approved with the corrections.

Treasurer: see page 3

Corresponding Secretary: Rosalie sent AKC updated officer list

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building: Jerry Petersen is going to price new mowers and get back to the board. There will be no food allowed to remain in the building after training sessions. Jerry has the mice population under control and would like to keep it that way.

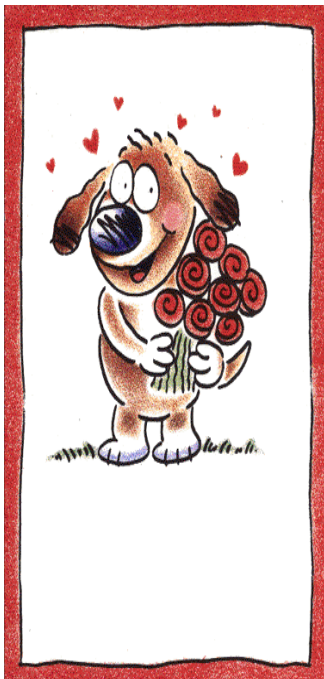
Events and Activities:

Janet is the February Obedience Show and Go host. Starting in April or May GLOC will try moving the Obedience Show and Go's to Sunday mornings

to see if the number of attendees increases. Agility is going to start having fun runs. Kathleen Wingard is going to work with a committee that will organize these events. Kathleen is planning a CPE fun run for Saturday February 9th. It will be free of charge and will be run as an open gym. It will be from 2-4pm. Kathleen is to write up a detailed proposal for the March clinic that will include estimated costs, income and how it will be advertised. She will remain in contact with Cheryl so the board can stay informed on the events.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Report: The audit committee found the financial books to be in order. There was a discrepancy of about \$72. Vince and Sherry will be looking into this matter.



Board Minutes Continued

Fall Agility Trial

Payment:

Noelie is working on this. She is in the process of writing a demand for payment (with a deadline) letter as well as contacting the Better Business Bureau of Colorado. She is also going to try and send the check through again.

UKC Trial Records:

No one has made contact with UKC in some months. None of the exhibitors have been in contact or complained. It was decided to let the matter dissolve.

UKC Judge Contract:

Cheryl contacted the judge and told her GLOC was not planning on having a UKC trial and would not need her services. There was no contract signed.

Domesti-Pups Expo:

The expo went well. GLOC members handed out all the pamphlets available. There were over 2000 people through the doors and 400+ dogs.

Dog Splash:

Is scheduled for August 17, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Star City Shores. The tentative cost is \$10 per person that will include 2 adults and 1 child over the age of 8 (no one under the age of 8 is allowed). No toys are to be thrown and no humans in the

water over the knee. It is co-sponsored with Lincoln Parks and Recreation. GLOC will split the profits with the Parks Foundation. In order to make this a success GLOC will need many volunteers. Janet will send around a sign up sheet at the meeting. Each volunteer will work 45-minute shifts so everyone will have time to play with their dog(s) in the water. There will be places to crate your dog(s) while you work your shift.

NEW BUSINESS

Committees Structure:

Elbert would like to create a committee structure. Every board member will be a liaison for a committee. If you have a suggestion for a committee write it down and/or contact Elbert.

Streamlining Meetings:

Elbert would like to defer some of the committee reports to the general meeting. We would summarize board reports and committee reports for the general meeting. The general meeting should focus on presentation/demonstrations and socializing.

2008 Activity Calendar

Elbert would like to see a calendar with all the dates of club activities. GLOC would then know what weekends the building is

available. Jennifer Brown will head this Committee.

Seminars:

GLOC will have an obedience and agility seminar each year. Elbert left it up to the Agility Chair and Obedience Chair to look into these items.

Communication:

Marilyn would like to minimize the hard copy mailings of *The Barker*. She will put it online and have copies readily available at the building for those who do not have access to the Internet. She is going to check with Alicia Graybill for a list of emails to alert the membership when *The Barker* is available. It was also brought to attention the content of the website needs to be monitored. No addresses and phone numbers. E-mail addresses fine.

Activity List for New Members:

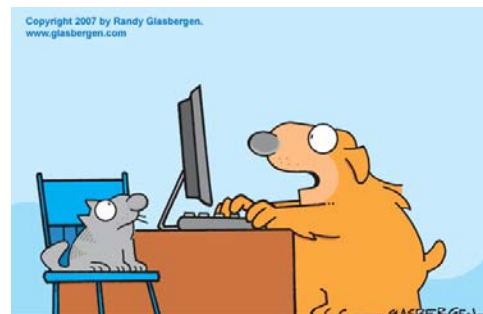
For the upcoming events many new members would like to get involved. Make sure your list of duties includes any little item a member can help with.

RayneeBo Calendar:

To benefit spay/neuter. We will participate by having a coupon in the calendar for a free evaluation of your dog.



Starting next month the newsletter will be online!



"I'm setting up a MySpace page, but I can't figure out how to let my friends sniff me over the Internet!"



Shetland Sheepdog's are sensitive and friendly

Board Minutes Continued

Neighborhood Deals:
It was decided that we should decline the offer to advertise on this website.

Boston Rescue is interested in a per hour rental.

Building:
Jerry Petersen stated the Boston Rescue is interested in renting the building in late summer or early fall.

Janet made a motion to adjourn. Staci seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.



Treasurer's Report—January 2008

January EXPENSES:	\$5694.96		
January INCOME:	<u>\$1964.00</u>		
TOTAL	<u><\$3730.96></u>		
Money Market	on 1-31-08	\$19,496.45	
Checking Acct.	on 1-31-08	\$ 437.93	
CD	on 2-5-08	<u>\$ 5,654.43</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 26,468.81</u>	

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Kamrath, Treasurer



"Golden Retrievers are friendly, reliable and trustworthy"

GLOC General Meeting Minutes—February 7, 2008

Present: Janet Ball, Staci Sullivan, Georgia Davis, Cheryl Griffith, Jennifer Brown, Rosalie Claussen, Elbert Traylor, Vince Kamrath, Jerry Petersen, Eileen VanLent, Delores Gilbenrath, Lisa Vann, Katy Zupcancic, Georgette Wolters, Nancy Thompson, and Marilyn Scheffler.

minutes. Staci seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Vince gave the treasurers report. He and Sherry will work together to reconcile the books. He will check with the insurance company about the doubling of the insurance rate.

Jerry is enforcing the new rule... there will be no treats left in the building after training sessions. He relocated 12 mice and would not like to invite them back. All cleanup supplies will be kept in the far bathroom, no where else. He is planning a spring cleaning, more details will follow.

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Guest: Angie Sitzman

Rosalie stated she sent AKC the updated board members.

Janet made a motion to approve the January

General Meeting Minutes Continued

Jerry would like to see sign up sheets for ring usage. He will be looking into forming groups for cleanup weeks. Each group would be in charge of clean up detail for certain weeks. Jerry thanked everyone for the help with the new matting.

The spring agility trial is May 16-18, 2008. It will be one ring outside. Volunteers are needed.

The fall agility trial is October 3-5, 2008. A trial Chair is needed. Cheryl will get all the paperwork in but would appreciate some one else to take over duties as trial chair.

Georgia Davis is unable to host the March Obedience Show and Go. Lisa Vann will now host the March Obedience Show and Go.

There will be signs posted around the agility equipment stating if you have not been trained on the equipment you need to stay off or ask for help.

NEW MEMBERS

Second reading for Amy Salistean, golden retriever. Second reading for Angie Sitzman, golden retriever.

Janet motioned to accept Amy and Angie as new members. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Janet talked about the **Dog Splash** scheduled for August 17, 2008. It will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Volunteers will work 45 minutes shifts. The tentative cost is \$10 per dog and will include 2 adults and 1 child over the age of 8. No children under the age of 8 will be allowed, No dog toys are to be thrown in the water, and no human in the water above the knees. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Janet also talked about the **RayneeBo** calendar. GLOC will provide a coupon in the calendar, which benefits pay/neuter.

The coupon will entitle the person to a free evaluation of for their dog.

Shanna with Cedar Youth Services (6601 Pioneers) wants volunteers with well trained dogs to visit the kids one evening a week for an hour and a 1/2 hour during the day . If you are interested please contact Shanna. Her information will be available at the building or you can contact Janet for more information.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Don't forget your dog for Valentine's Day!

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"I'm sorry, son, but I don't like those friends you hang out with. They look like the type of hoodlums who would shed on the good sofa, chew socks, and drink from the toilet!"



To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About MY Pets

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture).
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted angel who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Valentine Ideas for Your Dog

It's Valentine's Day again, and you're busy finding presents for your love, your kids, your neighbors, and colleagues. But during the Valentine's Day rush, don't forget the doggies in your life who love you most- your pets! Here are a few fun and easy gift ideas for your most loyal and loving companions of all.

1. Contribution in your Pet's Name:

If you have a dog you want to honor or who recently passed away, contribute to your favorite animal shelter or animal rights organization in your pet's name. You'll often receive a personalized thank you letter, a photo, and a t-shirt from the company in thanks. ASPCA.org. WWF.org and PETA.org are just a few organizations you can easily contribute to.

2. Give your dog a new Toy. They'll appreciate and love your Valentine's Day gift.

3. Homemade Pet Treats:

Check out two in *The Barker*, other on-line recipes for a variety of ideas.

4. Session of Pet Grooming:

Your dog may or may not like the actual bathing process, but they'll be clean and smell great afterwards.

5. Quality Time with your Pet:

With our busy lives of work, e-mail, hobbies, and whatever else we have to do, it can be easy to forget about our much-loved pets. This Valentine's Day, simply giving your dog some quality time with you can be the greatest gift of all. Go to the park with your pet, play Frisbee, give your pup a belly-rub, and talk to your happy companion.

Adapted from an article by Lisa Belle, published Jan 08, 2008.

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/515295/valentines_day_gift_ideas_for_your.html?page=2



Valentine Treats for Your Best Friends

Soft Doggie Cookies

- * 3 (2 1/2 oz. each) jars of baby food; either beef or chicken
- * 1/4 cup Dry milk powder
- * 1/4 cup Wheat germ or cream of wheat

Combine all ingredients in bowl and mix well. Roll into small balls and place on well-greased cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with a fork.

Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 15 minutes until brown. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate to keep fresh or freeze.

These soft chews are great for older dogs who can't eat anything too crunchy!



Valentine Treats Continued

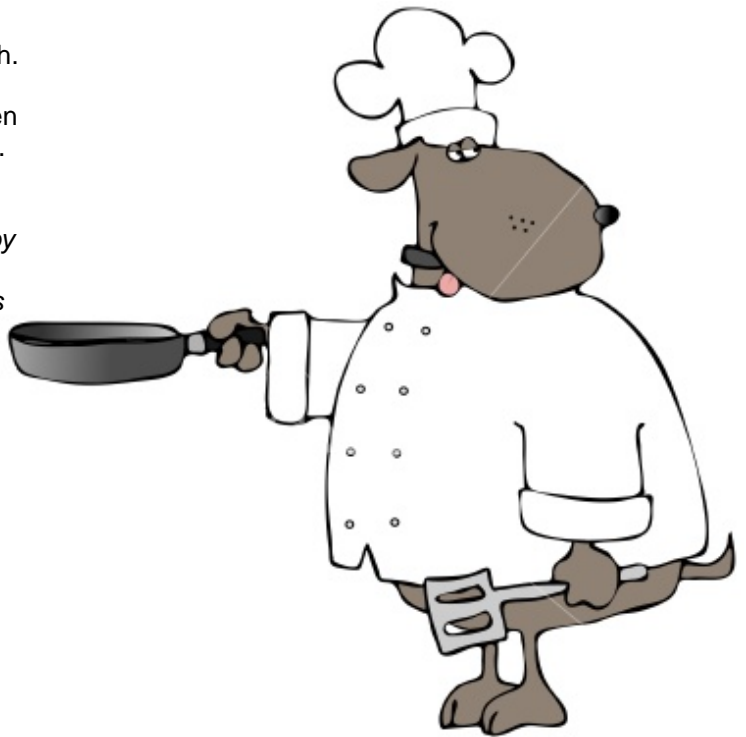
Peanut Butter and Banana Treats

3 cups whole wheat flour
 1/2 cup wheat germ
 1 cup water
 1/4 cup peanut butter (all-natural is best with no added salt or sugar)
 1 egg
 1 mashed banana

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well.
2. On a floured surface, knead the dough until it is firm.
3. Roll the dough to a 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with a cookie cutter and transfer cookies to a baking sheet (it didn't need to be greased).

4. Bake for 45-55 minutes or until the cookies are dry and firm to the touch. Turn off the heat and let cookies stand in the oven until hard, about 1 hour.

From: Home Made Treats for Happy, Healthy Dogs by Cheryl Gianfrancesco, published by Storey Books p. 8.



Cervical Vertebrae, Middle Ear, Brain Stem Injuries Caused by Improperly Used Control Devices

By Nancy Evans

(From Newsletter of the Pasanita Obedience Club)

Having recently been presented with several severe injuries resulting from dogs being led?" or perhaps leading their owners in Haiti TM or Gentle Leader™ head gear, I would like to make a few comments. These devices are designed to function on a dog, in the manner that a halter functions on a horse. They provide control of the head and some lateral stability for the dog that bolts 90 to the owner or handler. By theory and design, a gentle tension brings the nose around the dog "gently" circles back into "heel" position.

In reality these devices are appropriate for use on the obedient dog that never becomes excited, never tries to break loose or run at, over, or after another dog. It is virtually impossible for the amateur owner/trainer/handler to control a dog without jerking his head in the opposite direction from which his body is traveling. It is also impossible to pull hard enough to stop the dog intent on mischief-without cutting the skin under his ears, or worse damaging the skull structures that protect the middle and inner ear, and brain stem. The result of this could be Vestibular syndrome, a neurological injury to the nerves of the inner ear that control the balance mechanism of the animal, damage to the spinal cord, and dislocation, perhaps fracture, of the cervical vertebrae.

For complete copy of the article, see the GLOC website, articles of interest or contact Marilyn Scheffler at mscheffler1@unl.edu or 477-5593.

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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.

Braggs

For Pat Guticz:

CATCH/NATCH/GRATCH
/VERS NATCH U-CD
Diego MX MXJ P1 MAD
EF WV-E TN-E
TNG-E EAC EGC EJC
GS-E JS-E RS-E
RA novice/open/elite
versatility
Diego earned another
double Q and two other
legs plus many mach
points and another
Excellent Fast leg towards
his Master Fast title.

GRATCH Frankie EAC
ECC EJC RS-O RG-
E RJ-O TNG-E TN-E WV-
E CL3-S AX
CL4RFH AXJ PT AAD XF
novice/open/elite
versatility

Frankie had two fantastic
fast runs to finish
her Excellent Fast title.
She was only entered in
the fast classes this
weekend, this was
Frankie's 60th title. What a
nice way to start 2008!

Proud to be the home of:
CH/UACHX/U-CD/ROM
LLYR CGC CD CL4-
RFH AX AXJ CL3-S NJC
NAC NGC PT
CATCH/NATCH/GRATCH
/VERS NATCH U-CD
Diego MX MXJ P1 MAD
EF WV-E TN-E
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E CL3-S AX
CL4RFH AXJ PT AAD XF
novice/open/elite
versatility
Brasstax Take It To the
Limit Trip, blue and white
merle boy.

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!

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