



# The Barker

The Newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club

March 2008

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Jennifer Brown  
Georgia Davis  
Marcy Graybill



## Announcements

### Mat Cleaning

Due to the pending very cold forecast for this weekend, the mat cleaning has been postponed until April 5 and 6.

### Spring Cleaning

Our official Spring cleaning day is April 26 starting at 11:00 a.m. We will have a lot to do including disinfecting all the green mats.

Please mark your calendars to help. The more members who help the faster we can get all the dusting, vacuuming, wet mopping, trashing, etc. done. With enough help we should be done by 2:30 p.m. or sooner. We have a Fly Ball meet May 3 and 4, so we want to make sure our building is presentable to all our guests. Please sign up got either or both by emailing me at [jpetersen@ameritas.com](mailto:jpetersen@ameritas.com)

Thanks  
Jerry Petersen  
Building Chair

### Newsletter

I am doing my best to e-mail The Barker to the address you prefer. However, it is sometimes difficult to tell which e-mails are "good" and which are not. If you want *The Barker* sent to a different e-mail address, please send me an e-mail to [mscheffler1@unl.edu](mailto:mscheffler1@unl.edu) that contains your name, your incorrect e-mail, and the e-mail you prefer.

In some cases I have three or more e-mail addresses for some of the members.

### Pictures

Pictures of you and your dog are welcomed. Send as a digital image to [mscheffler1@unl.edu](mailto:mscheffler1@unl.edu).

### Dog Aggression

Jill Morstad will present a discussion on recognizing and dealing with dog aggression at the April GLOC meeting.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Companion Dog Club Show and Go's are on May 18, June 8, and July 13 in Omaha. We encourage members to car pool.



### Sunday, March 30

#### Registration

9:00-10:30 a.m.

#### Judging

10:00 a.m.

\$6 first run and  
\$4 second run same dog

We will have three obedience rings and Rally will be outside or in a fourth





### Dog Rules

The dog is not allowed in the house.

Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.

The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture

The dog can get on the old furniture only.

Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.

Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.

The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.

The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only

The dog can sleep under the covers every night.

Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

From "My Dog is the World's Best Dog" by Suzy Becker.

## March 6, 2008 Board Minutes

### Present:

Janet Ball, Nancy Bowen, Jennifer Brown, Rosalie Clausen, Marcy Graybill, Cheryl Griffith, Vince Kamrath, Nolie Sherdon, Elbert Traylor

### Discussion:

♦Marcy reported that we have more students this January than a year ago. It was also noted that tuition for classes would not come from Southeast Community College until about April. She also stated that the numbers of instructors who are willing to teach have classes, and that there were two classes in the 7:00 and 8:00 slots as well as a Friday class.

♦Fees for the jump seminar will go to the club less the cost of supplies for participants making jumps.

♦Utilities, insurance, rent cost @ \$4,000/month.

♦Vince will check with Farm Bureau insurance agent regarding why our insurance cost doubled.

♦Nancy suggested and the Board agreed that a committee be appointed to do some financial planning and develop fund raising strategies.

Vince, Nancy, and Janet will represent the Board, others will be invited to participate at the general meeting. Sherry and Jackie were suggested as possible recruits.

### Training:

Marcy stated that she is considering redoing the current booklet. One hundred copies were printed for obedience (cost \$53.50). Spring classes are coming up.

There are three Wednesday Puppy and Intermediate classes that overlap at the start of the spring class schedule. Instructors are aware and this can be worked out. It was noted that the Cornhusker Kennel Club classes on Tuesday overlap with ours.

### Obedience:

Vince stated that the forms for fall 2008, and fall and spring 2009 trials have been signed and sent by Sherri.

### Agility:

The Spring Trial schedules for May 16-18 have been moved to the new 4H Youth Complex at the State Fair Grounds. This is a

covered area, with packed dirt ground. The trial was moved because of issues with AKC created by the fencing the landlord put up. Rather than possibly delay the trial, it was decided to move it and try to work with AKC later. Sharon Anderson who is with the national AKC agility will be here for the trial and we will seek her input. Someone from the Board needs to talk with the landlord about the fence. Nolie sent "demand letters" for payment for the past due money from the last trial.

*Continued...*



**Building:**

Jerry described various lawn mower options. Janet moved and Nolie seconded, and the Board approved purchase of a mower with a \$300 cap. Jerry reported that Walter Schwartz has updated the office computer and installed Windows 98 and Office 2000 on it as well as connecting it to the printer. It was decided to put the existing files in the vertical file into the lateral ones. Jerry secured and put the vertical file and old desk up for sale to the general membership. If no one buys them, Marcy will put them on "Craig's List", a web based local sale site, much like e-Bay.

**Calendar:**

Jerry purchased two, erasable Three-Month-At-A-Glance calendars. Jennifer's committee will enter information.

**Correspondence:**

Rosalie reported she sent a card to Vince. She's getting duplicate letters regarding the agility trial from AKC. Elbert got a thank you for the club from Education Enterprises.

**Old Business:**

The audit report for the \$72 variance needs to be conducted. Vince will work on this.

**New Business:**

Marilyn should access e-mail addresses off class rosters and send those

individuals *The Barker*.

The Treasurer should get applications for membership, record payment, address, spelling, etc. and give a copy to Dave.

Vince will get a list of current members whose dues are paid and give to Marcy who will update the membership list.

We need to set up a mailing list for obedience to advertise trials, etc. Vickie Graybill will make a list of those who attend Show & Go's.

An obedience seminar with Myrna Malloy will be offered. Jill Morstad will arrange this. Camp Bow Wow is holding an Open house March 15. They would like the club to have some individuals there to talk about opportunities we offer.

It was noted the club should develop a policy and procedure for dealing with aggressive dogs when they appear in classes. Marcy and Elbert will draft one for the next Board meeting.

Meanwhile Marcy offered to contact owners that were informed their dog was not ready for group class as to options.

*Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Scheffler, substitute for Staci Sullivan*

**Treasurer's Report March 6, 2008**

February expenses:	\$4,226.56
February income:	\$1,552.51
February shortfall:	\$2,674.41

**Assets:**

Money market:	\$16,531.78
Checking:	\$1,438.33
Certificate of Deposit:	\$5,674.28

**Total assets: \$23,644.39**

*Respectfully Submitted by Vince Kamrath*

**GLOC General Meeting Minutes—  
March 6, 2008****Attending Members:**

Elbert T aylor,  
Vince Kamrath,  
Cheryl Griffith,  
Diane Nitz,  
Jennifer Brown, Mary  
Schweron, Lisa  
Vann,  
David Hayes,  
Georgette Wolters,  
Kathy Zupancic, Jerry  
Petersen, Marcy  
Graybill, Georgia  
Davis, Robin James,  
Rosalie Claussen,  
Marilyn Scheffler,  
Nancy Bowen,  
Vicky Graybill,  
Nolie Sherdon.

**Guests:**

Jill & Darin Dolberg,  
Gerold Nitz

**Approval of  
February Meeting  
Minutes:**

It was moved by  
Marcy Graybill and  
seconded by Georgia  
Davis that the  
minutes from the  
January meeting be

approved with the  
correction that Janet  
Ball was Past  
President, not Park  
President as reported  
in *The Barker*.

**Treasurer's Report:**  
Please refer to the  
Board minutes above.

**Correspondence:**  
Please refer to the  
Board minutes above.

**Building:**

1. There will be a mat  
cleaning festival  
Saturday, March 15  
at 12:30. Volunteers  
are needed to assist.  
More volunteers are  
needed to pick up  
and stack mats  
Sunday. Jerry  
Peterson noted that  
Goodyear is donating  
a palate full of mats  
almost every other  
week.

## GLOC General Meeting Minutes Continued

### *Building Continued*

2. On Saturday, April 26, there will be a general cleaning frenzy at the GLOC building. Clean freaks, and neat freaks unite. Let's get this place "ship shape" before the flyball meet!

3. Please do not affix things to the glass windows around the office.

4. A lawn mower will be purchased. Please refer to the Board minutes above. Jerry will post a sign up sheet for mowing. Volunteers are needed.

5. Delores, Jerry, and Elbert were the people who secured the new flags and put them up around the building.

### **Agility:**

1. The Spring Trial is May 16, 17, and 18. A judge has been secured for the Fall Trial. Please refer to the Board minutes above for further details. Nolie is in charge.

2. Contact Jennifer Brown or Marcy Graybill to volunteer to help with the Spring Trial.

3. Lisa Vann described the One Jump Seminar.

### **Obedience:**

1. Paperwork is complete for the spring 2008 trial as well as

spring and fall 2009. Please refer to the Board minutes above.

### **Flyball:**

1. People will be setting up for the flyball meet the first weekend in May. Volunteers are needed. Earplugs will be provided. *If the earplugs don't work, please see Marilyn who will hook you up with someone who can discuss ear protection and assistive listening devices!*

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

1. Volunteers are solicited to be at a table for the grand opening of Camp Bow Wow that will take place March 15 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

in the strip mall across from Earl may on South 49<sup>th</sup>. Vicky Graybill volunteered. Please, some one else or a couple some ones, come help Vicky! Marcy will provide brochures and class schedules.

2. Jerry thanked Walter Schwartz for setting up the computer and printer. We thank Jerry for salvaging the computer, new desk, and files in the office area.

3. A committee is being formed to address financial planning and fund raising. Anyone interested, contact Janet Ball or Nancy Bowen.

4. Judy Vitamvas with Nolie discussed two bills

pending in the Unicameral. The first, LB 1055, is related to dogs at large and labeling dogs "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" and the owner's ability to move with such dogs. The bottom line is that the owner cannot move with their dog to another county without approval of the sheriff of the county they wish to move to. It was noted that it is very easy to get on these lists and a variety of experiences and scenarios were described. This proposed legislation is very restrictive. It looks likely to pass. Members are urged to contact their senators if they oppose such legislation.

The second bill is LB 1173 that provides for licensing of certified animal therapists such as masseuses. This bill requires such individuals to be supervised by a licensed veterinarian, sanctions if the individual provides services outside their scope of practice/training, and seems to open the door for provision of more holistic medicine approaches to care. This bill appears unlikely to pass.

5. Dave Hayes noted that the earlier spay/neuter proposal before the city council seems to have been derailed. The Council is concerned about unwanted pregnancies, dogs at large, and the number of dogs that are

euthanized at the Capitol Humane Society. Instead, it appears they are looking toward an aggressive public education campaign.

6. New members: First readings were as follows:

**Jill and Darin Dolberg:** Dog- Darma, Shetland Sheep Dog (sponsors Dave Hayes and Donna Ruhl)

**Jessica Bruns:** Dog- Twinkie, Retriever/Collie (sponsors Marcy Graybill and Staci Sullivan)

**Kyle & Nikki Kopetsky:** Dogs- Macie-Black Lab and Bailey-Beagle (sponsors Elbert Traylor & Janet Ball)

7. Dave inquired whether anyone knew of someone who would teach Canine CPR on site. It was noted SCC offered it at one time.

8. Elbert described a project his theater group is doing related to describing the impact of having a dog in your life. See him for details.

9. Marcy moved and Dave seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passed

*Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Scheffler who probably misspelled half the names and mixed up a few things as substitute for Staci Sullivan.*

## Your First Time At A Trial?

If you've never entered a trial you may be nervous the first time. Just to help calm some of the nerves here are some things to be aware of and take to the trial. Whether you're entering an Obedience or Agility trial you should have received a confirmation letter and judging program in the mail. So check out when you are supposed to be in the ring, and arrive at least a half an hour a head of time. Remember that Agility trials times can change at any time. You might want to arrive earlier to an Agility trial to watch the upper level teams compete. Volunteering at Agility trials are a great way to learn how trials are run. Clubs are usually short of volunteers and would appreciate your help.

### Check In:

As soon as you get to the trial site, check out where crate space is available and where your ring is located. Since you're there in plenty of time: set up your crate, get your dog settled with his chew and cover his crate if needed, then check in. If you are at an Obedience trial, you will need to check in at the table next to the ring. You let the steward know you are present and get your armband. Remember to pick up some rubber bands at

the table to attach your armband. If you have a ring conflict, ask the steward about it, they may need to talk to the judge before changing the running order. Be patient with the stewards, they are volunteers. If the trial is an Agility trial there most likely will be a place to pick up your number and check in near the Secretary's table. Be sure to pick up a copy of the course while you're there. You will also need to ask the about having your dog measured at the Secretary's table. Usually the judge will take some time before the Novice class to measure all the dogs that need it. If the judge is a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) or if a VMO or Field Representative is present then you will also need your dog's Registration or ILP number, so be sure to bring it along just in case.

### Entering the Ring:

Remember not to wear jewelry that makes noise and empty your pockets before going into either the Agility or Obedience rings. Food and toys are not allowed in the ring; cell phones and keys should not be taken in either. Your dog should be wearing a collar that does not have any tags attached. Remember to

wait for permission to enter the Obedience Ring, the judge will invite you in when s/he's ready. In Agility you will need to be ready to go into the ring when the Gate Steward tells you to, so stay aware of the running order. This should be posted by the ring gate. Be aware that some venues don't allow a dog to wear a collar, others require it.

### Be sure to bring the following:

- Your confirmation letter and judging program
- The premium list and directions to the show site
- A copy of the rule book
- Vaccination records
- Your dog!
- A portable crate
- Sheet or blanket to cover the dogs crate if needed
- A battery powered crate fan
- Dog treats/toys for rewarding the dog (out of the ring)
- Chew or toy for crate time
- A jug of water for your dog
- Water Dish for your dog
- Plastic clean up bags
- An extra collar and leash
- Brush or grooming tools for touch ups before going into the ring or before pictures
- Towel for drying off a wet dog

- A folding camp chair or lawn chair. Some shows have chairs available, but it's not guaranteed.
  - Snacks/Lunch for you
  - Cooler with Drinks for you
  - Box of Tissues/Roll of Toilet paper (sometimes show sites run out)
  - Roll of paper towels for cleaning up spills
  - Camera (some shows don't have photographers)
  - A book to read
  - Notebooks/Training Diary
  - Pens to write down scores, etc.
  - First aid kit
  - *If it's an outdoor trial, you will also need:*
  - Shade for you and the dog
  - Hat for you
  - Sunglasses
  - Suntan lotion
  - Insect repellent
  - Rain gear
- Change of clothes/shoes

### Remember:

What's most important is to have fun, this is our hobby. No matter how you and your dog do in the ring, you get to take your dog home and love him/her. We all will have the good and bad days, but our relationship with our dogs are the most important part of what we do.

By Marcy Greybill



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Upcoming Events

### Training With One Jump

*A make-and-take jump clinic, limited to 10 working teams  
Auditors welcome*

**Date:**

Sat., March 15  
10:00 a.m.—Noon  
Repeated  
Wed., March 26  
10:00 a.m.—Noon (spring break)

**Location:**

Greater Lincoln  
Obedience Club; 5740  
Johanna Rd, Lincoln

**Price:**

Includes a jump to take home and instruction for one date  
\$22 gloc activity-pass holder (current with fees)  
\$26 gloc member  
\$30 non-member  
Half-price for auditing (No jump included)

Repeater price is \$10 for Instruction (no jump included)

A limited number of additional jump kits will be for sale.

**Instructor(s)** Kathleen Wingard & Lisa Vann

Kathleen has more than 45 agility titles on Roxie, her 9 year old Labrador. Jet's next in line. Jet has

his cd and is working towards his CDX in obedience.

Lisa has completed her cd and Rally Novice Titles on Kara. She is working towards her debut in agility.

Please note: This program is appropriate for anyone with a sincere interest in training obstacles (both obedience and agility) and who has a dog who can work off leash with a reliable sit-stay. GLOC rules will be in effect for this program including cleaning up after your dog, dog on leash when not working, and no tolerance for aggression. If you are unsure about your dog's ability to stay under your control, auditing would be the best choice.

**Register by contacting Kathleen at**  
[kathleenwingard@earthlink.net](mailto:kathleenwingard@earthlink.net) or 488-8676.

### First Aid For Your Dog

Would you know what to do if your dog suffered heat stroke on the way to a show? Or collapsed while out working in a field? Or was injured while working stock?

Could you perform CPR on your Yorkie? How about CPR on your Newfie? If you are not prepared for canine emergencies, then maybe its time to attend **Pet First Aid** class and learn the skills that could save your dog's life!

The four-hour class utilizes mannequins to learn the correct skills for small, medium, and large dog CPR. You will learn rescue breathing, what to do during a choking emergency, how to control bleeding, emergency care for poisoning and much, much more.

This course also covers disaster preparedness to help you plan ahead

should you be struck by a life threatening natural disaster, hazardous spill or terrorism attack.

Gain confidence, earn your Pet First Aid Certification card and improve your resume!

**Class dates and times:**

Thursday, April 3, 2008  
6:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 12, 2008  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Class location:  
BonaFide Dog Academy  
14840 Grover Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska

Class fee:  
\$60.99 (\$57.00 + tax)

**ASPCA APPROVED/American Safety and Health Institute Course**

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## Dental Care: Healthy Teeth for Healthy Pets

By Nick Lansing

(From *The Humane Society of the United States*)

Most people know they must care for their pearly whites. Plaque and tartar buildup can cause bacteria to migrate into our bloodstreams, resulting in serious health problems.

The same holds true for cats and dogs. Along with love, good food and exercise, a daily brushing of their teeth is one of the most important things we can give our animal companions.

"You can imagine if we didn't brush for five years how bad things would get," said John Lewis, president-elect of the American Veterinary Dental Society and assistant professor of veterinary dentistry and oral surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. "More and more evidence points to the mouth as a source of inflammation and infection that can cause adverse effects elsewhere in the body."

### Tenacious Tartar

In one study, Penn researchers found lower levels of inflammatory substances in the bloodstreams of dogs after their teeth had been cleaned. Plaque—a mix of food particles, saliva and bacteria—is easily brushed off, until it

calcifies and becomes tartar, which brushing cannot remove.

"It takes about 24 hours for tartar to form, so brushing your cat's or dog's teeth every day can do a lot to prevent periodontal disease from beginning or advancing," Lewis said. Another upside to brushing your pet's teeth? No more bad breath.

### Start Brushing Early

Young animals generally accept the routine more easily than their older counterparts, so start brushing when your puppy or kitten still has baby teeth. Make it fun by talking in a happy voice, and give your pet a treat at the end. With older pets, you'll likely need more patience, but keep trying.

For pets that resist strongly, consider special foods and diets aimed at promoting dental health. The Veterinary Oral Health Council awards its seal of acceptance to such foods and treats based on studies that prove a product's effectiveness.

### How to Brush

Lewis says toothpaste isn't necessary.

"The mechanical effect of the bristles is far more important than what you put on the brush," he said.

Start by moistening the bristles with warm water. Don't pull open your pet's mouth. Simply lift the animal's lips and insert the brush, paying special attention to the back teeth. Brush in a circular motion that allows the bristles to gently get at the gum line.

Finish up with a treat and lots of praise. If you do use toothpaste, use only products designed for dogs and cats. And as part of your pet's regular physical exam, your veterinarian can let you know if a professional cleaning to remove tartar and restore teeth to pearly health is necessary.



*The Irish Wolfhound has a peaceful and quiet personality. He is affectionate and loves to be with people.*



*The Irish setter is noted for his personality. Typically Irish, he has a devil-may-care attitude and an undeniable sense of humor.*

## Contact Us



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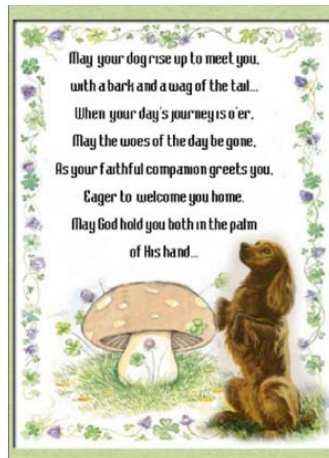
### About Our Organization...

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

"Lark", Ch Jamaica the Painted Prairie UD, a Belgian Tervuren owned/trained by Jill Morstad finished in the 2007 Top Ten in two categories: Obedience Trial Championship points, and High-Combined awards. (AKC/American Belgian Tervuren Club obedience ranking system)



*Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor ([mscheffler1@unl.edu](mailto:mscheffler1@unl.edu)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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!*

## Agility/Flyball Club Survey

Jamie Smith a fourth year student at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and is doing a dissertation which is entitled "canine sports science" as part of her degree in Animal Care.

She is required to collect data and design an online questionnaire that investigates how agility/flyball clubs train and condition their dogs. The survey will compare how agility/flyball clubs in the UK, Canada, Australia and America train.

The questionnaire will take around five minutes to complete and is strictly confidential. As an incentive to complete this survey, all clubs that chose to participate will be sent an e-mail of the summary of the findings upon completion. To take the survey copy and paste the link below in your web browser.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/~u27js5/dogs/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~u27js5/dogs/)