



The Barker

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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club
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Obedience Classes Only

Due to the heat, flyball and agility classes are on hiatus until the second summer session starting August 28. Obedience classes will resume on July 11 but remember if the heat index is 95 degrees or more at 4 p.m as reported by the KOLN Channel 10 news, classes are cancelled for the evening and will be made up as time allows.

If you have any questions, call Alicia at 402-465-5393 or email at a_graybill@yahoo.com.

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Annual Picnic and Membership Meeting Minutes 6/2/2016

Members present: Tanya Whale, Sherry Tomes, Susan Melcher, Jessica Bruns, JulLee Vincent, Danielle Green, Chris Carr, Gryffin Carr, Rob Sumner, Hailey Dann, Amy Sabatka, Robin Bonge, Kat Potthoff, Dan Moravec, Wanda & Larry Dietrich, Andy Frederick, Gisele Olney, Jennifer Brown, Teresa Barney, Marcie Graybill, Alicia Graybill, Pam Eckstein, Kath Zupancic, Carmen Sandell, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee

Guests present: Margaret Moravec, Allison Hunter-Frederick

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Judy Vitamvas.

Introductions of members and guests present.

Minutes from the May meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Teresa B and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Susan reported income for the month of April. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Alicia and Teresa B. Motion carried.

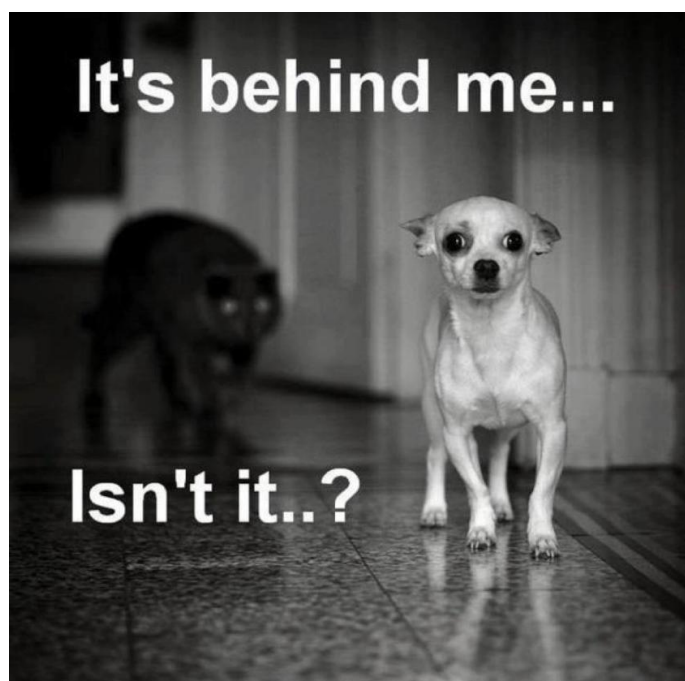
Old Business

Big thanks to Adrienne for organizing the Tails and Trails booth and demos. A good time was had and many tried out agility. Mark your calendars for Bark in the Park on July 11. Kat will organize demos and table. Let her know if you would like to volunteer. GLOC will get our name in the program and have some announcements. This is a good PR event for the club. Alicia has volunteered to be the superintendent for the obedience trial at the county fair. We still need one for agility if we are going to participate. Alicia wants to do an exhibition only Rally Course. The June trial is in two weeks and Robin has the signup sheets. We need everyone's assistance with the trial. There will be 250 runs a day.

Braggs should be submitted to The Barker editor for inclusion in the next publication. Introductions were made of everyone present. Class schedules for the next session have no agility due to the heat. Big thanks to the picnic committee for a great job.

Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.



Instructor's Notes

This month we're going to talk about a method of training our doggy friends called shaping. Unlike luring, shaping gives us the best opportunity to help a dog understand a behavior more completely. Shaping involves observing your dog's behavior until they do something that is the first step toward a more complex behavior that you want them to perform.

One example is teaching your dog to turn to the left. Shaping is easier to do with a clicker because of its ability to precisely mark a specific behavior but you can do it with a verbal marker like "Yes" or "Good." You watch your dog until she makes a move to the left. This can be a head turn or the movement of a foot in that direction. When you see your dog move, click or say your marker word then reward.

Once your dog is reliably performing the head-turn (no cue because the behavior isn't complete yet), you start waiting for more. Something more can be turning her head farther, taking a step, or any other movement in the correct direction. Because you aren't directing the dog's learning, just rewarding her when she guesses correctly, she will understand what you want from her.

When Fifi finally performs the whole behavior, you can add the name/cue. Just think of that old ad slogan "The quality goes in before the name goes on." The important point to remember is not to reward Fifi for performing if you didn't tell her to.

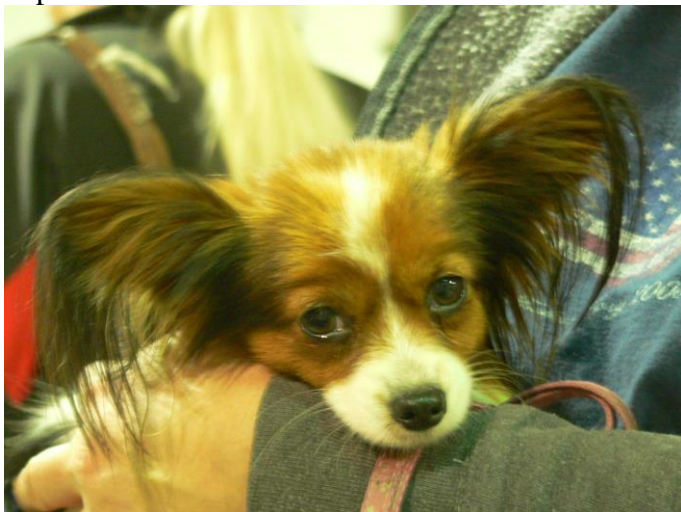


Gallery of Brags

Herding dog Nitro made his debut in Rally at the NKC trial in Omaha in May. He qualified twice for his first two AKC Rally Novice legs, winning a tough class on Sunday. Yay Nitro! – Mary Schweitzer



Riko entered Novice Obedience and Advanced Rally during the recent trials in Seward and Omaha. Learning lots about competition settings and did receive a few Qs too. Riko also expanded his water sports list and had 2 successful days of Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) at Yankton SD. So Riko joins the other SUP Pup enthusiasts and we hope to do it more this summer. – Kat and Riko



Glory and I have been busy in May and June. Glory finished her rally novice title in Seward and then 2 legs in rally advance and 1 leg in novice obedience at the Ne Kennel Club show. We also competed at the Humane Society CPE. Glory qualified in 8 out of 10. At the BDOC she qualified in 5 out of 5 and earned Strategy level 1 and Fun Games level 2 titles. We also competed at the GLOC AKC agility trial. Glory qualified in 2 out of 3 and earned a leg in novice jumpers and novice standard. Best of all, she really likes to do agility now. – Pam Eckstein



At the Nebraska Kennel Club trial, held in Omaha at Companion Dog Club, this little blue dog (Kiwi) rocked. She picked up her first two AKC Rally Advanced legs and her first two Beginner Novice legs, all while celebrating her 2nd Birthday! Awesome photo courtesy of Gary Platt ~ Two weeks later, Kiwi had another great weekend in Council Bluffs at the Friends of BDOC UKC obedience/rally trial. Her first time competing in UKC, picked up her U-CD and U-RO1 titles, and her first U-OR2 leg with a HIGH IN RALLY TRIAL!! Submitted by Mary Schweitzer

Hello GLOC Members –

GLOC will be a sponsor for the Bark in the Park – Night at the Saltdogs on Monday, July 11. Please join in the fun to meet the public and also enjoy the game with your canine companions. **YES** – you can bring your dog! This will be a great opportunity to showcase our club and spread the word to potential members and class enrollees.

Booth & Demos:

We will have 2 tables for a display area under the concourse at the front gate. We will be able to do some demonstrations near the table. We will also be able to do 2 short 45 second demos / races on the field as the teams change positions at inning breaks.

First pitch is at 6:35 pm – Gates open and set up booth at 5:30 pm. Volunteers can come at 5:30 pm or later. (At the July 7 GLOC club meeting - we will split into shifts so people can also watch the game)

Volunteers involved in the demos will get in free and we also have free gate passes for those assisting in the booth area.

Please contact Kat (call or text – [308-350-1750](tel:308-350-1750)) if you plan to come to Bark in the Park! We need to keep a list to be sure everyone gets a gate pass or on the demo list. We will hand out the gate passes and finalize plans at the July 7 club meeting.

Spectators may watch the game in the berm area with their dog. It might be good to bring a blanket or rug to sit on and a water bowl for your canine.

- Submitted by Kat Potthoff



Our sincere condolences to Robin Bonge whose beloved Emma passed away last week.

**Agenda: General Meeting July 7, 2016 7:30 pm
GLOC Building**

Greetings/Introductions

Minutes June - Teri
Treasurer's Report- Susan
Correspondence- Kathy

Committee Reports
Sports Director - Jayne
Obedience Director - Alicia
Building - Andy
Membership - new member applications

Old Business
Salt Dogs Bark at the Park
new keys

New Business
Agility trial secretary
Other business?

Announcements
Braggs
Judy Vitamvas, President
Greater Lincoln Obedience Club



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Our deepest condolences to the Hartshorns on the loss of their Cali.

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PUPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, July 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Bark at the Park, watch the Saltdogs with your dog – Monday, July 11.

Scent Articles Seminar – Thursday, July 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Barker Deadline - Wednesday, July 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

Dog Splash – August 21, 2016, at Star City Shores.

VOLUNTEER PUPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at a_graybill@yahoo.com or Jayne at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

There is a box at the GLOC building on the table in the office. Next to the box is a notebook. If you find yourself with a few idle minutes, look in the box and find a quick chore. Make sure, if you complete a task, that you write it down in the notebook. These are quick and easy tasks that will contribute to your volunteer hours.

July 11 will be Bark at the Park, dogs can bring their families to watch the Saltdogs game. GLOC will be having a booth there and demos. For more info, contact Kat Potthoff at kpotthoff1@unl.edu.

Check for other volunteer pupportunities in the GLOC calendar. If you have a pupportunity for GLOC members to volunteer, submit it to the Barker to be included.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the GLOC volunteers who helped with the agility trial last weekend. Special thanks are due to (alphabetically): Teresa Barney, chief course builder, Jennifer Brown, Jessica Bruns, Chris Carr, Robin James, Carrie Johnstone, Leath McLaughlin, Kerri Paulson, for her expertise in efficiently loading the truck, Kat Potthoff, Amy Sabatka, trial secretary under difficult conditions, Kathy Zupancic, who drove the truck, all of whom were working from Thursday night to Sunday night, during which time we loaded and unloaded the equipment four times. There were several others who showed up at critical times and others who were ring crew, especially Saturday in the heat. If I missed anyone, please chalk it up to a muzzy brain and failed memory.

We had wonderful competitors who stayed and helped be ring crew on Saturday and who also

helped move equipment. We received many compliments from competitors who stayed the entire trial and for whom we made the weekend as much fun as possible, more than they had anticipated.

Judy Vitamvas, Trial Chair



**New Puppy Recently?
Did you adopt an older dog? Send us
a picture and a story. Believe us,
we're interested!**



**Sunday August 21st at Star City Shores
4375 South 33rd Street**

Volunteers wanted to have fun poolside while watching over frolicking, splashing, and pure doggy joy!

The hours are easy - 5:45 pm to 8:30 pm

The work simple - Helping to collect entry fees and walking around the pool making sure dogs and humans are safe.

The benefits - easy money for the club, a chance to take your dog swimming (**work for an hour and then play with your dog. Bring a crate for your dog to stay in while you are working**), AND you get to hang out with club members, the public, and lots of furry friends.

Plus a fun way to put in volunteer hours :)

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