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From your Editor

What a wonderful show weekend. Thursday and Friday was rainy, but the sun came out on Saturday & Sunday. Many thanks to the many members who helped out during the weekend. It was nice to see members from both CCKC & SSKC helping at each other's shows.

Training classes have started. Please check the schedule.

See you at training.

Cynthia

E-Mail Addresses

We have been sending e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings and other reminders to all members who have given us their e-mail addresses. I have been receiving a few back as undeliverable. If you have not received an e-mail from me, please send an e-mail to me so I have your e-mail address. If you have blocked any e-mails, please allow any from **capecodkennelclub@verizon.net**.

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Deadline

Any articles/brags for the July Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 10/20/06.

Upcoming Meetings

October 2, 2006

CCKC General Meeting @ Imbi's @ 7p.m.

Program: Cruciate Disease. Speaker: M. Falkner Besancon, DVM, DACVS, Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists.

October 20- October 22, 2006

CCKC Agility Trial @ Barnstable County Fairgrounds

November 6, 2006

CCKC General Meeting @ Imbi's @ 7p.m.

Program: Elbows. Speaker: Edward J. Kochin, VMD, DACVS, Cape Cod Veterinary Specialist.

December 20, 2006

Christmas General Meeting at Oster-ville Community Building @ 7 p.m. (All classes as regularly scheduled).

Columnists Wanted

I have been wanting to expand what is put in the Newsletter, such as health articles, show reports, agility info etc. and am looking for fellow members to be columnists. Anyone interested should contact me at capecodkennelclub@verizon.net.

4H MUDDY PAWS DOG CLUB NEWS *by Kara Felegian*

The club enjoyed a meeting free month of August to relax and enjoy the remainder of summer. Our annual pool party was a terrific way to celebrate a year full of hard work.

September has been extremely busy! The two major events were the CCKC's Cranberry Cluster Dog Show held and the Barnstable Fairgrounds in September and the Big E Dog Show in Springfield at the end of the month.

Muddy Paws 4H Club members supported the Kennel Club by helping out at the Cranberry Cluster Dog Show. Maria Cappellina spent many, many hours over the four days working hard and managing our participation. We appreciate how she is always willing to help. We also want to thank Kelsey Beers and Picabo Miskiv for working the grounds on Sunday (not a fun job!) and two of our club mom's, Leslie Cohen and Donna Miskiv for stewarding. Our Club Leader, Judy Dow and her PBGV, Lucy had a great day earning 2 points at the match. Good Job!

The September club meetings concentrated on preparation for the Big E with dog knowledge, obedience training with CCKC member Laurie Wyndham and Showmanship with Judy Dow. Our team showing at the Big E: Kelsey Beers (Ace, French Bull Dog), Gloria Cohen (Pippin, PBGV), Kara Felegian (Joy, Bichon Frise), and Jake Smith (Zeb, Golden Labrador) have been working diligently preparing for the competition. The competition is days away at this writing I will post the results in the next newsletter.

In October we will start to organize for our fund raising event at the Osterville Christmas (did I say Christmas?) Stroll and more training, grooming and dog knowledge.

Canine Brags

Janet & Bruce Andrews's Ch. Canal-Sides Kinsman Redeemer ("Boaz") got Best of Breed in the Dalmatian Specialty on Saturday, September 16th and went on to get a Group 1st. He also went BOS on Thursday, September 14th and Sunday, September 17th. Boaz is handled by Alex Wheeler.

On September 14th, Susan Carlson's Shih-Tzu, Junior, completed his CD Title in Novice B with a score of 173 at the Cape Cod Kennel Club show.

Training Classes

The schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE:

6:00 p.m. Basic Obedience—7 weeks

6:30 p.m. Puppy Kindergarten—5 weeks

6:45 p.m. Intermediate Drop-in

7:30 p.m. Attention (7 weeks) Includes theory (how a dog learns), attention games, how to motivate your dog, attention in heel position progressing into attention while moving, introduction to sit stay and down stay, introduction to front.)

8:15 p.m. Show Handling Drop-In

AGILITY:

Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op, West Yarmouth

6:30 p.m. Foundation 1 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Foundation 2 – 6 weeks

Sea Horse Farm, Harwich

6:30 p.m. Teamwork 1 – 6 weeks

6:30 p.m. Handling Skills – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Teamwork 2 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Course Skills – 6 weeks

COST:

Basic Obedience: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Puppy Kindergarten: \$60

Attention: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Drop-In Classes: \$7 non-members/ \$5 members

Foundation Agility @ Imbi's: \$95 non-members/\$90 members

Agility @ Sea Horse Farm: \$90 non-members/\$85 members

Next class starting dates:

Basic 11/08/06

Puppy 10/25/06 & 12/13/06

Attention I 11/08/06

RALLY

BY

Dianne McDonough & Mikki Castonguay

The Honor Nazi

What is the easiest exercise in Rally? Did you guess the Honor? Of course it's easy, you just stand with your dog on lead and reinforce the sit or down as much as you need to. So why did over half a dozen teams N/Q at a recent show?

Many handlers blamed the Honor Steward. Some of the more colorful referred to her as the Honor Nazi! Others blamed the judge. However it was clear from their comments that some handlers do not understand the Honor, and it is a shame to N/Q after a food run.

AKC rules for the performance of the Honor Exercise are:

50. HONOR. This exercise will be performed on leash.. Dog and handler will enter through the exit gate o proceed directly to he honor station after completing the Excellent Course. The judge will designate whether the dog is to perform a sit-stay or a down-stay, which shall be for the duration of time it takes the next dog to run the entire course. The judge will also designate whether the handler will stand next to the dog or facing the dog during the Honor exercise. All dogs in the class will perform the exercise in the same manner. The honor dog will be monitored and scored by the steward as directed by the judge.

Remember that all other obedience rules still apply when performing the Honor or going to the station to honor. You may not touch your dog or give any physical or leash corrections. Forcing the dog into position, using the leash to position the dog, touching the dog and/or using loud or intimidating commands can result in an N/Q. If the dog does not hold the position , whether it is a sit or down this is definitely an N/Q.

The Honor Steward is charged with monitoring the dog/handler team as directed by the judge. Getting enough stewards for rally is never easy. Often the Honor Steward is the first person who doesn't say No! The judge is responsible for instructions to the Honor Steward but cannot control their interpretation of those instructions. As with everything else, people are open to different interpretations to the same instructions. And instructions I have overheard are as brief as, "Let me know if the dog gets up."

So How can you avoid N/Qing the Honor Exercise?

1. Know the AKC rules and follow them. Call the AKC at 919-233-9767 to get a free copy of Obedience Regulations. Read them and keep them with you.
2. Teach your dog a set up signal or command for each honor position. Avoid any signal that could seem like a touch or a leash correction. Use a happy, moderate tone for commands.
3. Have a lead that is long enough to appear loose. A very short lead can become tight it the dog moves it's head.
4. Practice all 4 Honor positions. Practice with distractions. Try the parking lot at the mall.
5. At shows, volunteer to honor the first dog in Excellent. Doing this when you are in Advanced or Novice is the best practice you can get.
6. When showing be sure you know:
 - a. Where the honor station is.
 - b. What the honor position is.
 - c. How to get to the station after putting on your lead. Sometimes the judge will have you leave the ring and return. While other times you may go directly to te station after leashing your dog. **REMEMBER: YOU ARE STILL BEING JUDGED UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE HONOR EXERCISE!!**
7. Know when the Honor exercise is over. Will the Honor Steward release you? Will the judge tell you? Or are you done when the dog you are honoring crosses the finish line.? Be sure!
8. When setting up to Honor don't get too close to the gates. I have seen spectators bump the gates, causing them to hit or spook the honoring dog.
9. Check the surface before setting up your dog. Especialoly outside-don't set them up on an anthill!
10. When honoring,look aat your dog. This is not the time to check out how the competition is doing . If you become interested and turn, this is a signal to move and break. **Give your dog all your attention** while quietly praising him or her.

If you do N/Q and don't know why, ask at the proper time. Sometimes you do a thing out of habit and aren't even aware of it. If you can find this out you can correct it, even if the Honor Steward IS a Nazi about N/Qing teams. **DO NOT ARGUE.** Show good sportsmanship. Report your feelings to the show chair and the AKC if necessary. Try to remember that Rally is meant to be fun. There will be other shows.