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Meeting Notice

spend an evening
with friends

Saturday, November 23, 1991
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

at The Goddard's

4325 La Orilla
Rancho Santa Fe
(619) 756-3836

The President's Spot

Those of you who missed Dog Daze in October missed out on some side splitting fun. Nan Phipps and Cindy Lyford put on some hilarious and challenging games. The Blacks and the Livers walked (limped?) away with two games apiece. The incriminating video will be available at our next meeting. Don't forget to bring a blank tape if you want a copy ...

As mentioned in the last meeting, Cindy Lyford, Carol Petit, and I brought three dogs to Carlsbad Village Children's Center last month to talk to preschoolers about pet health and safety. This is an excellent example of ways the club can provide both a public service and promote our goal of public education. If you know of an opportunity we should be involved in, bring it up at a meeting or to one of the Board members ...

Speaking of Board members, November is the month to make nominations for the Board from the floor, in addition to the people nominated by the Nominating committee. Elections will be held at our annual meeting in December.

Don't Forget

Our Annual Meeting
and
Christmas Party

December 21

at the Petit's

...Have you seen the delightful products in the *See Spot Shop* catalog? It's put together by some Dal friends up north, Carole Harris and Liz Moe. Be sure to write for the catalog:

See Spot Shop
20311 Riverside Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92707

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Canine catch-phrases dog our every word

By Michael Burn, in the Herald Sunday Magazine, Calgary

Submitted by Carol McAndrew - thanks!

Everything reminds me of my dog ...

-Jane Siberry song

Fact is, nothing needs to remind me of Wotan, our adolescent Hungarian Vizsla, because he's always under foot, at hand, poking us with his paws, dancing attendance, dogging our heels and footsteps, shedding on the furniture - you name it. A Red Shadow, as one dog-experienced *Herald* colleague suggested.

"Where you going now? Basement? What are you doing? Getting a beer? Can I have one? When are we going walkies? Oh, were those your favorite slippers? Well, *one* of them's still OK, right? When's supper?" Et cetera. Sigh. Living with a dog makes for a dog's life, now and then.

Probably the finest book ever written about our relationship with dogs is Konrad (Father of Ethology) Lorenz's *Man meets Dog*, and I couldn't hope to match his wizardry with words on the subject. But it's interesting to consider how deeply the domesticated descendents of the wolf (and of the golden hyena, if Lorenz is right) have affected our lives and language.

Try it on the dog; you can't teach an old dog new tricks; call off your dog; dog eat dog; in the doghouse - our daily speech is heavily laced with such expressions. *The Oxford Dictionary*, even in its concise version, lists several dozen dog words and phrases.

Considering the closeness of the age-old bond between humans and dogs, it's odd that so many of the phrases should be derogatory. *Oxford* defines a dog's life as one of misery or wretched servitude. But surely dogs seldom see it that way.

Recently I read a quotation (source forgotten) along the lines of "to every dog his master is Napoleon; hence the continuing popularity of dogs." A mutual admiration society, in fact.

There are of course a few cruel owners, but the majority of dogs appear to have a great time, once they have got their owners properly trained.

My references don't give the literal meaning of gone to the dogs, but in England "the dogs" was the term for greyhound racing, and we believed the source of gone to the dogs was to have gambled and lost everything at the track.

The original dog in the manger didn't want to eat the hay there, but lay on it just so that an ox couldn't eat any.

A dog's breakfast is a real mess, so why does got up like a dog's dinner mean to be smartly or flashily dressed? And putting on the dog mean being pretentious.

A dead dog is something totally worthless; to die like a dog is die shamefully.

Surly, dirty and dull dogs are to be avoided, but sly and gay dogs are people grudgingly admired.

Dog eat dog we all know, but in the U.K. they also have the contradictory Dog don't eat dog, i.e. there's honor among thieves.

Dogs were probably as common in the days of Rome as now, and presumably their owners had a hoard of phrases to match our own. *Cave canem* - beware of the dog - was often carved on house doors

Dog-days, the hottest of summer comes to us from Latin, *caniculares dies*, but not because the the extreme heat dogged the Romans.

Canicula means small dog, which was their name for Sirius in the constellation *Canis Major*, the Greater Dog. The Romans are said to have believed that when this bright star rose with the sun in high summer, it added its share of heat.

Dog star is still a common layman's name for Sirius.

Obedience

Thinking about taking your dog into Obedience? Or maybe just want to know what those Obedience exhibitors are talking about? Here is a brief list of definitions of the most common Obedience terms.

Any A.K.C. obedience title (C.D., C.D.X., or U.D.) is received after earning qualifying scores under three different judges. A qualifying score consists of a minimum of 170 out of 200 possible points and at least 50% of the available points for each exercise (this means that if a dog fails any single exercise, he will not receive a qualifying score that day). And note, a dog earns a title, not a degree.

C.D. - This stands for Companion Dog and is earned in the Novice class. Any registered dog six months or older can compete in this class. The exercises consist of heeling on and off lead, stand for exam, recall, sit-stay, and down-stay.

C.D.X. - This stands for Companion Dog Excellent and is earned in the Open class. Any dog holding a C.D. title may compete in this class. The exercises

consist of off-lead heeling, retrieve, retrieve over high jump, drop on recall, broad jump, and a sit-stay and down-stay with the handler out of sight.

U.D. - This stands for Utility Dog and is earned in the utility class. Any dog holding a C.D.X. may compete in this class. The exercises consist of signals, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, directed jumping, and moving stand.

O.T.Ch. - This stands for Obedience Trial Champion. Any dog holding the U.D. title may compete for this title. To earn it, a dog must collect 100 points by winning first or second place in either the Open B or Utility B class. Points are based on the number of dogs defeated for the placement. In gaining this title, the dog must earn at least three first placements, (one in Open B, one in Utility, and one more in either class).

N.Q. - Non-qualifying score.

leg - A qualifying score that counts toward earning a title.

recall - An exercise in which

the dog is left in a sit-stay until called. The dog must then go briskly to, and sit squarely in front of the handler.

green ribbon - At its discretion, a show giving club may award each dog with a qualifying score with a dark green ribbon.

High in Trial - Award that goes to the dog from any regular class that earns the highest score that day.

High Combined - Award that goes to the dog with the highest total points from Open B and Utility.

Brace - A non-regular class (just for fun) in which two dogs must perform the Novice exercises together.

Veterans - A non-regular class for dogs over eight years of age.

Graduate Novice - This is a non-regular class. Any dog holding a C.D. but having no qualifying scores in Open may compete. The exercises consist of heeling on an off lead, drop on recall, stand for exam, and the Open sit-stay and down-stay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8, 1991

All Breed B/OB Fun Match. Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club at Kennedy Park in El Cajon. Flyer attached

January 18 and 19, 1992

Obedience Seminar. All Breed Obedience Club Inc., presents Amy Ammen "Training the Average Dog to Win", Contact Suzanne Castle (619) 693-8254

If you know of an upcoming event that would be of interest to club members, send the info to the editor!

Braggs and Wags

Sorry, but we have no braggs. This must mean that members are not exhibiting. Can this be true?... If you don't want to be inundated with the latest things my baby is doing, tell me what your babies are doing!

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

MINUTES OF MEETING 10/19/91

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem, Lisa Means at 8:00 PM. Lisa thanked Cindy Lyford and Nan Phipps for the great pre-meeting activities.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa reported that herself, Cindy Lyford and Carol Petit took 3 dogs to a day care center for pre-schoolers for discussion on dog care as a community service project. She suggested that the club may want to get a group of congenial dogs together to be available for such groups on an as requested basis. Debbie Goddard mentioned that she has worked with the Therapy Dogs and that they require that your dog pass the Canine Good Citizen Test before being allowed to work with this group. Lisa suggested these activities might help us maintain a visible profile in the community

MISC BUSINESS

Upcoming matches were announced for conformation, obedience and agility.

A newsletter from the Tulsa Dal Club was received in response to our sending a copy of our newsletter to them. We are now sending approximately 30 clubs copies of our newsletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Randy Thomsen reported that the Nominating committee presents the following six candidates for the first elections: Nancy Dandrea, Debbie Jones, Cindy Lyford, Lisa Means, Carol Petit, and Sharon Thomsen.

Nominations will be taken from the membership at the next meeting. elections will be in December.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Debbie Goddard reported that she is working on a flyer that can be handed out to persons inquiring about the Dal Club in San Diego. She'll have a copy ready by next meeting. She will also work on creating an information packet that we can give to potential Dal owners, or those who have purchased their first Dal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Randy Thomsen reported on the dog law legislation and the committee that has been formed to keep track of such legislation. It appears that there is little organization and a member of a local all breed club went as his club's representative and was very disappointed in the progress of this committee. It is decided that the Dal Club will watch these activities and will be advised by Randy (via the other club) on when it may be time to participate in the activities of this organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy mentioned anyone interested in Agility, there is a good instructor locally and we could perhaps get a team together. There was enough interest that Cindy will get the details.

The next meeting will be November 23rd at Debbie Goddard's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary



Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club

ALL BREED

ALL BREED CONFORMATION AND CBEDIENCE

FUN MATCH
AT

KENNEDY PARK, EL CAJON, CA.

DECEMBER 8, 1991

COME JOIN US FOR THE LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR AND BE READY FOR 1992!!!! CONFORMATION WILL HAVE BEST IN MATCH "JUNIOR AND SENIOR"

WE WILL ALSO BE OFFERING: INTRODUCTORY AGILITY AND A HANDLING CLASS. MATCH STARTS AT: 11:00 A.M.

Entries taken from: 8:30 to 10:30

Entry Fees: Day of Match: \$5.00 Each Additional Class: \$2.00

Pre-Entry: \$4.00

Sorry know Pre-Entry for Introductory Agility but, we will offer two(2) complete run-throughs

Mail Pre-Entry to: Peggy Terrel, 324 Mimosa Ave.,
Vista, Ca. 92083

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR YOUR SPECIALTY CALL

CONFORMATION: Michael Macnamara; 276-9295 or North County
Peggy Terrel; 727-1050

CBEDIENCE: Gina Nolan; 276-0564

Introductory Agility: Robin Brooke; 277-4793 or
Vickie Hill; 561-6085

"SEE YOU THERE"

ENTRY BLANK

Reg Entry _____ Pre Entry _____ Armband # _____

Name of Dog _____ Sex _____ DOB _____

Owner _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Class _____ Add Class _____

I agree this Club will not be responsible for nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this event.

Owners Signature.

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