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Letter from the President—Cindy Smullen

We are looking forward to another very busy month.

September 17th is our CGC Testing, CGCA Testing and Therapy Testing. What's different about this testing is this September is Responsible Dog Owners Month. This is a nationwide promotion by AKC to educate the public. It's the time we can showcase the wonderful things our club does for members and the community.

We will have an Open House at the same time. We will offer Trick Dog Testing, Puppy conformation and, if time permits, a Novice Rally Course. Bill Long has volunteered to Bar B Q some hot dogs at noon.

The Open House will be on September 17th and we

need your help. You can volunteer with the CGC Testing, or by giving tours of training building to the public or by letting your neighbors know about this event. Word of mouth is the best way for TMDTC to get new students and new club members. Please spread the word about all we do.

The end of September is the Bonanza Kennel Club Show. They need stewards for their Obedience/Rally Trial. If you are not showing in breed or helping with one of the specialties that weekend, your help is needed. This is one of the few local events to offer obedience and rally and with our help Bonanza can continue to offer these events.

Ladonna Doud is the chair for the 2018 Nominating Committee. TMDTC needs volunteers to fill positions on the Board of Officers. No experience is required. You will have an opportunity to get to know the inner workings of the club and strengthen friendships.

Yes, this is a working club and our club is here to promote good dog training and responsible dog ownership. We all like to win a ribbon and award but the bottom line, if you are going to play the game you need to work the game.

Look forward to next meeting—7PM, Sept. 11th—featuring Carol Chase Healy discussing the new AKC Scent Work title.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting—Mon. Sept. 11th at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Public is welcome! Guest Speaker: Carol Chase Healy presenting on Scent Work.

CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing - Sun. Sept. 17th at the clubhouse starting at 9 AM . If you are interested in **CGCU (Urban)** contact Bill Long for testing information.

Responsible Dog Ownership—Sun. 9/17 from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM at the clubhouse—See page 3 for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE—TMDTC Agility Trial—October 13th - 15th!

Happy Birthday To Our 2 and 4 legged Members



September

Stacey Humphreys 9/4	Melody Conatser 9/1/12	Sunny Kubichka 9/15/12
LaDonna Sprinkle 9/20	Piper Contreras 9/1/11	Tucker Conatser 9/15/07
Paul Gulas 9/20	Pepper Richards 9/5/12	Dante Tashiro 9/17/12
Bob Conatser 9/22	Reba Slingland 9/10/10	Calin Fisher 9/18/08
Marcia Rushmer 9/23	Spur Blodgett 9/11/10	Flash Lamoureaux 9/20/07
Linda Collmar 9/26	Darius Healy 9/11/12	Maverick Rossman 9/21/08
Ilona Strull 9/28	Zeta Hay 9/14/11	Enya Lambert 9/28/07
Gail Contreras 9/30		

If we missed someone or have an incorrect date, please email noraboisselle@sbcglobal.net

Agility Trial

The **Agility Committee** thanks all who have already volunteered to assist with our upcoming **Fall (October 13-15) trial at Fuji Park**. We would love to have more of you lend your expertise and skills to our group.

Please contact any of the following club members to volunteer:

Chair: Erna Slingland—eslingland@charter.net or 775-771-6978 (text or call)

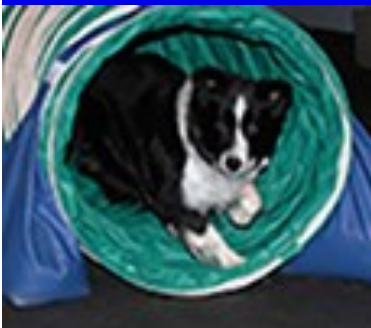
Chief Course Builder: Bill Long - Set courses, changing obstacles, loading/ unloading equipment

Ring Help: Roberta Ramsey—Volunteers needed for Ring Table (Scribes, Clock, Gate, etc.) and Rings

Hospitality: Wende Call or Nancy Mead—Food prep, Table workers, Servers, etc.

Raffle: Marcia Rushmer—Raffle prizes, ticket sales, etc.

The premium has been complete and available on the TMDTC website. Entries close September 29th.



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Responsible Dog Ownership

Join us for the Responsible Dog Ownership Day at the club. Volunteers will be needed for the CGC portion of the event in the form of non-reactive dog and handler teams to help with the testing and volunteers to be a crowd. We will also need help with hospitality, conducting tours of the building, explain what is going on in the training room (testing, puppy conformation, tricks testing), answer questions about dog performance events (agility, rally, field hunt, obedience, therapy dogs) and the like. Bill will be grilling up some hot dogs for everyone and we'll need chips and drinks to go with it. **Please reach out to Nancy Mead kochevoey@sbcglobal.net if you can help!**

September 17, 2017 - 9:00 – 4:00

1320 Freeport Blvd., Suite 103 Sparks, NV

(Hint: use Industrial way to access Freeport Blvd. due to road construction)

Schedule of Events

All Day Information on AKC Pals Program, dog care, puppy selection & more . Learn about AKC Performance Sports . Talk to our Instructors.

9 AM to Noon Testing for AKC

- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Community Canine (CGC-A)
- Therapy Dog Evaluations by Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD)

Noon to 1pm Hot Dog lunch available

1pm – 2pm Puppy Conformation class

2pm – until done Testing for AKC

- Novice Trick Dog
- Intermediate Trick Dog
- Advanced Trick Dog

Time Permitting: Try your hand at an AKC Rally Novice course with your dog

Come watch some amazing working dogs and cute puppies or bring your own dog to be tested.

Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times. \$10.00 Testing fee will apply to individuals having their dogs tested (except for Therapy Dog tests)



2018 Board Nominations

ATTENTION MEMBERS! Election of 2018 officers and board members is coming up. There are several positions that will need filling. I would like anyone who is a member of TMDTC to step up and volunteer to hold an office.

PLEASE Email Ladonna Doud ladonna@charter.net if you are willing to help make our club thrive by taking an office or position. We will be calling people to ask you to volunteer.

Introduction to Scent Work

Interested in learning about the hottest new AKC sport inspired by working detection dogs? Carol Chase Healy will be presenting on the new ACK Scent Work title and Scent Work at the Sept. 11th TMDTC meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

Scent Work is a fun searching game designed for dogs of all ages and sizes. It increases confidence and team building with your dog. Covered in the class will be foundations of scent work and an introduction to target odors. Both AKC and National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) rules and procedures will be covered. No special equipment is required for the first classes but students will want to purchase their own odor kit eventually.

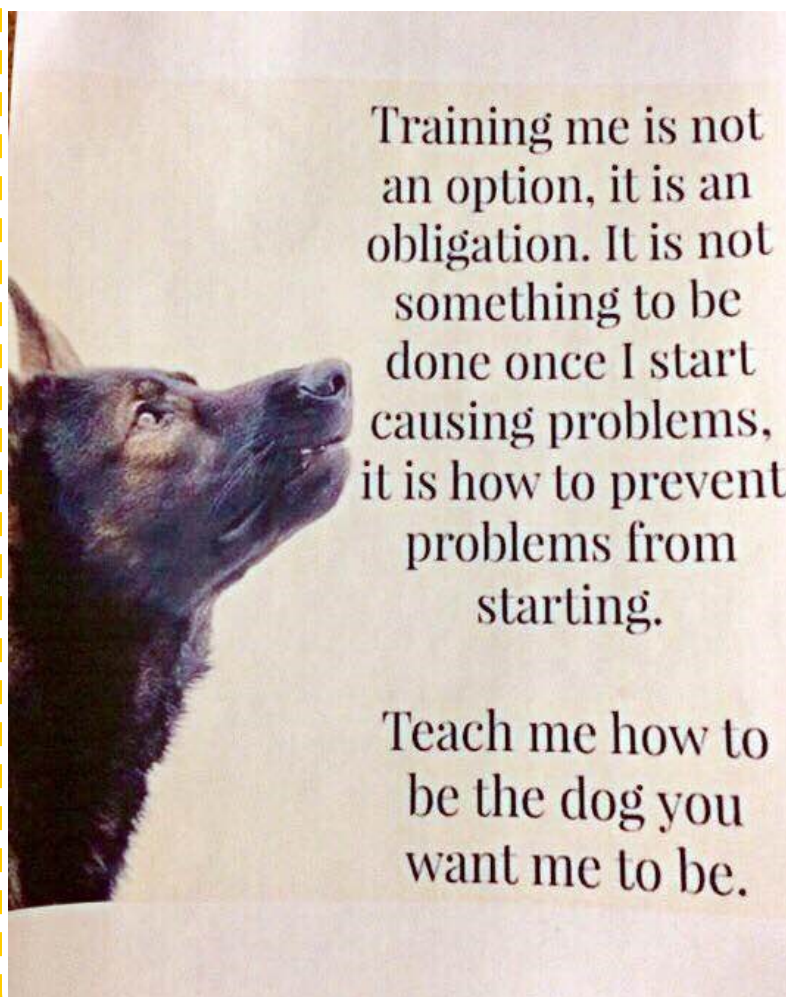
Instructor: Carol Chase Healy

Mondays at 7:00 PM

10/9 thru 11/27 (no class 11/6 due to club meeting)

1320 Freeport Blvd, Suite 103, Sparks, NV

Please don't bring dogs on the first night of class! The class is open to dogs of all ages. Proof of vaccinations required. Class size limited to 10 dogs. Register on-line at TMDTC.org



New AKC Puppy Achievement Program

Puppies are the future champions of our sport. Our clubs offer Puppy classes and encourage owners to participate in them. The Puppy Pilot Achievement Program is a new certificate to encourage exhibitors to compete by providing a realistic goal for puppies while they gain ring experience. The program requires that a puppy earn 10 POA points from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition and/or regular Puppy classes.

This program is an excellent way to get your dog started in Conformation and a first step toward becoming an AKC Champion. We encourage you to learn more about the program and participate.



Secret to Dog Training by the Terrier Man

PSSST! I'm whispering. That's because I am a dog whisperer. I know secret things that others may not be willing to tell you. Are you sitting down? Good. Now brace yourself, because I am going to (pardon the expression) let the cat out of the bag. Here it is: there are a LOT of ways to train a dog, and almost all of them work.

Yes, that's right: William Koehler's methods work, and so too do Ian Dunbar's. Cesar Millan's methods work, and so do Karen Pryor's. Victoria Stillwell's methods work, and so do Tamar Geller's, Jan Fennell's, Patricia McConnell's, and Barbara Woodhouse's. All of these people have made careers out of successfully training dogs.

You want another secret? Fine. Here it is: Like everything else in the world, dog training is subject to fads, philosophy and branding. Everyone is trying to sell you something (if only their own expertise), and part of sales is to convince you that they have something better, and the other guy has something worse. Sometimes it's true. Mostly, it's bunk.

You want more? Fine. Here's a little about dogs – the tabula rasa we are working with.

Dogs, like humans, are pack predators and scavengers that operate within a loose social hierarchy. Like humans, they have their own language, and like humans they learn best when instruction is clear and consistent and when it comes after a "recess" period involving physical exercise. Like humans, dogs operate for rewards, but they also shy away from adverse consequences. Like humans learning the alphabet, dogs can learn to string small bits of knowledge together to form entire sentences of instruction, but first they have to learn the vowels and consonants.

You want more? Fine, here it is: While there are a lot of ways to make a puppy or young dog learn the basics of walking, sitting, coming, etc., most out-of-control adult dogs are a mess for the same three reasons:

- Not enough ACTIVE one-on-one time with the owner (including real exercise and long walks);
- No consistency, and;
- A confusion, by the owner, that the dog is a child.

Watch any dog trainer, and you will see I am right. What most dog training professionals bring to the table is simply a routine:

- If you spend 10 minutes, twice a day exercising a dog, and another 10 minutes, twice a day, training a dog with ANY training system you find on a shelf, your dog will probably end up brilliant within a few months.
- Of course, that will only happen if the owner/trainer is consistent. This is the second thing the trainer brings to the table. Most people and most families are wildly inconsistent and, as a consequence, are poor communicators. Professional trainers teach owners to be consistent in their messaging.
- Of course, it is the third point where a great deal of the controversy lies. A lot of dog people are terribly confused about dogs. They think a dog is a child, and they think children should only have positive rewards. In their mind, no child and no dog should ever get a correction.

Here's a hint about dogs; dogs are the actual experts. Dogs communicate through body movement, voice, and yes TEETH. What? Dogs use "coercion" with each other? Yes, sometimes. A couple of times a day in my little pack. And, of course, dogs have pecking orders every bit as developed as that of chickens.

And YES, dogs are looking for a leader. This last point is one of the secrets every successful dog trainer brings to the table. Most dogs crave leadership every bit as much as they crave food, love, and time in the sun. Most dogs have the capacity to be submissive to a true leader. Puppies are submissive to older dogs, and smaller dogs are submissive to larger dogs. Submission is not fear – it is followship, the analog to the leadership you should be providing.

Slip a simple chain slip collar on a dog, and give a decent jerk every time the dog pulls at the end of the lead, and your dog will straighten up and be walking at your side in no time. Reward it with a small piece of hot dog, or a scratch on the head when it walks slightly behind you on a loose lead, and he will get the message even faster. Yet, there are people adamantly opposed to simple slip-chain collars, just as there are people adamantly opposed to levying negative consequences on their own children for bad behavior.

As noted at the beginning, almost any published dog training method will work provided it is done consistently, every day, by a calm owner who clearly communicates with his or her charges after a decent period of exercise.

This is the real "secret" to dog training, and it's really no secret at all.

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We train you to train your dog

Other Events

Battle Born Rat-tacular Barn Hunt—Sept. 1st—4th, Carson City, NV. More information at www.revolutiondogsports.com

Bonanza Kennel Club All Breed/Obedience/Rally Trial—Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st, Carson City, NV. More information at <https://bonanzakc.com/>

Slodog Obedience/Rally Trial—Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st, Santa Maria, CA . For more information, contact Cindy Decker cdecker@calpoly.edu

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