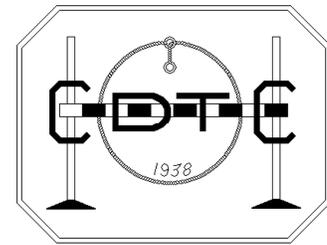


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Notes from the Training Director: Street Dogs of Chile and Peru

I first became aware of Chilean street dogs when my daughter, Jessica, returned from spending a semester in Santiago three years ago. She described loose dogs hanging out in the streets of the city at all hours of the day and night and even, to her considerable surprise, occasionally hopping on the city busses without anyone really paying much attention to them. I was curious about their existence, and was oddly looking forward to seeing them when we got to Santiago. I did not, as it turns out, need to wait that long. Our recent trip took us first to Peru – to Machu Picchu, Cuzco, and a couple of small towns in the Sacred Valley in between those better-known tourist destinations. Our first night (not counting Lima airport) was in the little town of Pisac, which sits at about 9,500 feet in the Sacred Valley, about an hour and a half from Cuzco. Here we saw our first street dogs.

Pisac is quite a small town: you could walk from one end to the other in about 20 minutes. It is famous for its fabulous Sunday market, where the local Inca descendants bring all manner of beautiful wares (all the alpaca scarves and sweaters you could ever want to choose among) to sell. The prices were considerably better than in Cuzco or Aguas Calientes (where you stay at Machu Picchu unless you can afford \$900/night to stay AT the base of the ruins – which we did not). Walking among the stalls and dozing in the sun along the side streets were many dogs. The most typical were what Shannon calls “yellow dogs,” like my shepherd mix, Ginger, only smaller. I would say the typical dog was 25 to 35 pounds. But a few looked like border collie mixes, and I saw the occasional spaniel-looking breed, or small black Lab-ish dogs. I was struck by how relaxed and matter-of-fact they were. The roads were narrow and the sidewalks REALLY narrow, and often one would essentially step over or around a sleeping dog in order not to go into the street and risk being nailed by a zooming car. The dog would not even

twitch. The ones who were walking, usually seemed remarkably “on a mission” as opposed to scavenging. I was struck by this many times in both Peru and Chile: dogs who were trotting purposely along a street, clearly with a goal in mind, but completely independent of any human. In Peru, almost no dogs had collars. Some of them were quite thin, but most looked well-fed or well-enough-fed. Many looked unkempt, a few mangy, but a surprising number of them looked not bad. Jessica has also taken a half-dozen trips to El Salvador and became aware, as she was living with families in a small village, that most of the loose dogs had homes – it’s just that they lived outside for the most part and went wherever they pleased. In Peru it was hard to say whether these dogs had homes, but some of them seemed too well-groomed (not that they were actually “well-groomed,” but relatively speaking) to be utter strays.

From Pisac we went on to Aguas Calientes, which reminded me oddly of Rehoboth Beach: very resorty: lot of expensive jewelry stores and art galleries. Yes, there was poverty, but the whole place was geared to the tourists. Here too, were loose dogs. I spent some time one morning in the main square, waiting while Tim and the girls hiked up a long hill to buy sandwiches. I was saving my back and knees for the climbing at Machu Picchu – so I had a chance to observe some dogs. First, to my delight, a young puppy came cavorting into the square. He could not have been more than two or three months old – breed unknown, but smallish: I’d say he was about 6 or 7 pounds. He looked well-fed and was absolutely adorable. He went running into one of the little flower gardens near the fountain and started to roll in the grass. The next thing I knew a small girl, who couldn’t have been much more than two, came chasing after the puppy, while the parents came chasing after the child, admonishing her in Spanish to leave the

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Celebrate! Please plan to attend our Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, July 12th starting at 7:00pm.

This annual event is to celebrate the many successes the club realized in 2010 and our members and instructors. Club members will be recognized for their new titles earned in 2010. CDTC Class instructors will be recognized for their significant contributions to support club training and classes with their time and skills. All members are welcome and invited to attend. Mary Helen Rice will receive the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for her many contributions to the club. So please mark your calendar for this special event.

This year the event is free to CDTC members and a guest. Members should rsvp in advance to the Trophy Chair **Benita Bottom** via **email or phone: bbottomsvi@comcast.net or 202-486-0321.**

Our menu is as follows:

- Grilled Vegetable Platter
- Grilled Skewers – Chicken or Steak
- Rice
- Garden Salad with assorted dressings
- Breads
- Cake
- Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water or BYOB

Club members Alexis Smith, Lois Kietur and Shirley Blakely have volunteered to assist Benita on preparation for this annual event. Let Benita know if you would also like to assist.

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President's Letter

Suzanne Miller

There's been quite a bit of chatter on my neighborhood listserv lately about dogs' coats and summer. It seems many people do not know how to deal with blowing coat this time of year. For those of you who already know all about this topic, please don't totally skip this message – share it with your classes, particularly the Basic classes and owners who may not know all about dog care, since we are remiss if we only deal with obedience and don't ever touch other doggie issues our students may be concerned about.

Heavy coated breeds often have double coats – the coarse or silky or smooth or curly outer coat, and a fine, oily under coat. This undercoat (the “duck” layer for swimming dogs) is the primary culprit in the great fur-balls seen around the house in the summer months. This is the coat that must be removed if you don't want to vacuum every day. Unfortunately, the only way to remove this is the good old-fashioned elbow grease method – brushing.

There are wonderful tools on the market these days – I love my furminator. But you still have to use the brush – often for hours (cumulative) until the blown coat is gone. Sorry, no shortcuts. Most of us don't live near the great fields of brambles that pulled dogs' coats on the highlands and moors. You gotta brush.

Unfortunately, helpful people on our listserv (and many other places, including unscrupulous pet store grooming shops) jump to the easiest solution: shave the dog.

So why does this drive me up a wall? Why do I think anyone who shaves a dog should have their own heads shaved? Remember the double coat system referred to above? When the fuzzy underlayer is removed, along with a significant portion of the old, broken outer coat, by brushing, the dog is left with a layer of normal hair that serves as sunscreen and natural insulation that allows air to circulate to the skin. Shaving the dog exposes the skin to the sun, bugs, and dirt. A stripped (brushed) coat is natural and will grow back with the texture and structure the dog was born to have.

Shaving a dog is not only the lazy way out, it significantly limits the dog's ability to stay cool in the heat and tolerate the sun. Figure out whose welfare is paramount here.

And, if you don't want to do all that brushing (see above) there are wonderful grooming shops who will do it for you. But, please, no more silly-looking Golden Retrievers with Weimaraner coats.

Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership yet, you should do so by the 31st July. If you no longer have the renewal form which was enclosed in the June Obichaff, you can print one by going to www.CDTC.org, clicking on “Members Only” (hint: username is *member* and password is *4fido*), then clicking on “Membership Renewal Form”. All other instructions are on the form.

AKC Delegate's Corner: Joyce Dandridge



The following was discussed in the obedience committee meeting:

- Coursing Ability Test (Lure Coursing) is a new fun event for all breeds. AKC started the event in late February and 71 events have signed up to try the event. So far, 54 have tried the event. Canine Partners can participate also. Eighteen all breed clubs are licensed to do lure coursing and clubs do need to get licensing. The reason being AKC needs to verify clubs have the training, equipment and know how to do the test. Already AKC has issued around 40 titles.
- Carrie DeYoung made a presentation on Agility. So far, this year there have been 97,000 entries as opposed to 85,000 entries this time last year. For the Jr. Agility event at Eukanuba, they are using the 4H agility requirements. This will accommodate the juniors coming into the event. She mentioned they are seeing more and more rubberized equipment at events.
- The Canine Partners Program update was presented. It was emphasized they are really stressing partnership with 4H. Each club was given a packet of material.
- Rally recommendations were reviewed by the committee and will be submitted to the AKC Board this summer or fall.
- Curt Curtis, VP of Companion Events, is currently looking into online seminars/education for judges. In addition, there will be three live seminars presented for judges.
- A power point presentation was presented on the sport of Nose Work which is a test of dogs' sensing skills. The test is given to dogs doing detection and search/rescue work. NACSW created a sport for pet people in 2009 and instructors are certified by them. They are located in 21 states and most are in CA. There are approximately 4 trial tests and dogs earn titles. Dogs only have to pass one trial to title. Each level requires four searches, boxes, interior, exterior and vehicle. There are three levels, NW1, NW2, and NW3. Type of scent changes by level. Owners can work on leash at all levels except for interior. That depends on the instructor. Owners can carry a bait bag and reward after the find.
- Curt reviewed the Beginner Novice stats. BN has become very popular.
- Curt again reviewed the 30-day rule for judges presenting seminars.
- Curt discussed the concept of the Open Dog Show which would be for new beginners. It would be for all Novice exhibitors.
- Finally, it was brought to the committee's attention that some parent clubs would like to see CGC as a title and it was being discussed in the Parent Club committee meeting.

The following was presented at the general meeting:

- There was a vote on the 4-year term limit proposed amendment. It was defeated because the by-laws state you need a 2/3 yes vote from the Delegate body.
- Ron Menaker presented the information on the AKC Therapy Dog Title. It will become effective July 1, 2011. To apply for the title one must have 50 documented visits and be recognized by a certified therapy dog organization.
- Dennis Sprung mentioned entries are positive and are up 5.2%. He stated the Grand Champions Program provided a big boost to clubs, 482,227 increase or 19%.
- Gina DiNardi presented stats on the financial loss of AKC publications, specifically the Gazette and Family Dog will be technology driven. The Gazette will no longer be printed and will be placed on the website in pdf. The Secretary's page, President's page, Parent Club Breed Columns and link to Parent Clubs' website will be included in the Gazette. She mentioned AKC would need 76,000 subscribers more to exist today without a loss. Family Dog magazine will be digital and also in the print version. Already 27,000 are

mailed to vets, 23,000 to groomers, and also they are mailed to legislators. The AKC Events Calendar will continue to be on the website. Eventually, one will be able to access everything on a computer or cell phone.

- Lisa Gonzales was introduced as the new head of marketing and she made a presentation. She said, “The Environment Changed and We Didn’t”. She stated we need to emphasize the good things we do; for example, the AKC and Search and Rescue. Recently, AKC gave more than \$300,000 in search and rescue in the South. She said the Brand Image needs work. Events and Clubs need marketing. There should be marketing for the casual breeder and pet owners. Legislative Public Education needs to be expanded and marketing of the analytic issues and research needs more emphasis; for example, AKC’s role in canine health.

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dog alone. As they led the protesting child away, an adult dog (who, btw, looked nothing like the puppy) came trotting very purposefully up to within a few feet of the puppy (still lolling in the sun), gave a bit of a snort, and then turned and trotted off. A couple of minutes later, the puppy pulled himself up, shook, and took off in the direction of the older dog, who had since disappeared. Throughout this little drama, an old-looking black dog, who looked to have some lab in him, was lying in the sun about 20 feet away near a bench. He never twitched, even as the puppy ran by within a couple of feet of him.

In Cuzco, I got to see a little more drama. I should say that, as in Pisac and Aguas, and Ollantaytambo where we stopped on the way back to Cuzco, dogs were everywhere. One evening, as we crossed the Plaza around sunset, we noticed a group of three or four dogs running (which was quite unusual – normally the dogs we saw were either inert, or trotting) across the plaza. About the same time, we became aware of a dog across the plaza barking (also unusual), and then the sounds of dogs fighting. The dogs who were running were clearly heading to join the fray. As we got closer we saw that one dog had what appeared to be a large bone. It was a large dog (probably 50 lbs, which was quite large compared to the typical dog in Peru) and it was standing up with the bone in its mouth growling. A good 7 or 8 smaller dogs had formed a sort of “U” in front of him, barking and lunging from a few feet away, but never quite engaging. After a minute or two of this, the dog with the bone lunged toward the main part of the group, but then spun around and took off, with the other dogs in pursuit. He ran up a side street and I know no more beyond that.

It’s worth noting that none of the dogs we saw in Peru seemed interested in being friendly, although they did not act at all aggressive towards us either – they simply seemed completely uninterested. Chile was a little different.

In Santiago, the dogs were a little more varied, and occasionally we even saw one on a leash – usually a toy breed. We also occasionally saw that a loose dog would have a collar. I sadly never got to see one get on a bus, but Jessica said it was just as well, because sometimes the ones on the bus were scary. The street dogs in Santiago seemed more out of place, because it is such a modern, western city in comparison to the towns in Peru’s Sacred Valley. Even Cuzco, which has a population of 250,000, maintains an aura of a small town, with relatively quiet, narrow cobblestoned streets. In contrast, Santiago is bustling with First World retail and skyscrapers. It is a strikingly beautiful city when the air is clear enough (as it was when we were there) that you can see the stunning, snowcapped mountains rising 18,000 feet above the buildings. And yet, dogs are hanging out everywhere: in the doorways, in the subway, in the parks – everywhere.

One of the evenings we were meeting one of Jessica’s friends at a local metro stop and in the square there we happened upon a protest against Monsanto’s proposed patenting of bio-engineered seeds. Honestly, we could learn some things about how to encourage and enjoy protests from the Chileans. They had a great band, and everyone, including the people holding up the signs, was dancing. The local dogs, however, were not pleased. I can’t really know, but what appeared to be the case is that the dogs that normally hung out in the square

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In Memory: Gabi Golec

As many of you are aware, we lost a beloved longstanding club member and talented instructor when Gabrielle (Gabi) Golec passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Gabi was diagnosed with advanced cancer and underwent extensive surgery on May 10, 2011. There were complications following the surgery yet she died unexpectedly at a rehabilitation center.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, July 10, 11AM, at the Canine Training Association (CTA) facility in Beltsville. If you would like to attend the event, please email Gabi's neighbor & friend Lynne Hone at lyn113@comcast.net and RSVP so the proper amount of food is ordered.

Many club members can tell you of Gabi's success as a dog trainer, handler, owner, and training class instructor. A strong and courageous woman, she was both knowledgeable and generous with that knowledge. Let us look back at Gabi's life, before her membership at our club, to gain a glimpse from where this strength, knowledge, and graciousness came.

She was born July 24, 1941. She grew up in New York, living with her mother, who herself was a firebrand. From 1934-1940, Gabi's mother owned, and piloted, an airplane. While not raising eyebrows today, in those years a female as aviator and aircraft owner was considered quite an adventurer. As a point of reference, Amelia Earhart was lost in 1937.



Gabi with Rommel, 2003



Gabi seemed to inherit her mother's sense for adventure and activity. However, Mother thought differently. Mother desired Gabi to be feminine, and enrolled her in weekly ballet lessons and horseback riding. She endured the ballet lessons, which she hated, to appease her mother and ensure that the horse work could continue. Gabi developed a deep love and thorough understanding for horses through these lessons. She studied under a teacher who was a perfectionist, never compromising when it came to practice and the care of the horse and equipment. Gabi embraced these principles as her own, and it showed in her training, teaching, and results.

Gabi became a successful horsewoman. She participated in "Eventing," the equine version of a triathlon, incorporating three of the most strenuous professional horse showing disciplines - Dressage, Stadium Jumping, and Cross-Country. In

order to compete at this high level - the demands of strength, courage, and fitness are for both horse and rider. Done well it demonstrates a great deal of trust on both sides of the relationship. Training a horse to do that takes years; and it is a massive commitment to do it in a fashion that keeps your horse sound.

She moved to the Washington, DC area when her Mother's fortunes brought the two of them here. Gabi got a job with the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, and would marry three times. Gabi bought a former

animal outbuilding of a farm, built in 1923, and remodeled it into a cozy home, with plenty of space for wrangling animals.

Gabi would hunt fox, as a member of Iron Bridge Hounds. Foxhunting is a serious sport, once you get past the wine and canapés. During one hunt, Gabi recalled seeing horses ahead “fall away,” thus they were riding down some hill. But, did she also hear screams at the same time? As she and her mount arrived on the scene in full gallop, an eight-foot drop appeared, and the strong Gabi was able to make the jump and continue the chase. Such fitness was a result of her cross-country work.



Cross Country at Jackson's Hole, WY, May 1981

Photo by Anne Holden:Fox Ridge Farm

Gabi boarded her horse, Chessie, just down the lane. Gabi's professional career required her to ask a friend to ride Chessie to keep her horse fit. One particularly hot day on the Rocky Gorge Reservoir bridle paths, Chessie collapsed while under saddle of the horse-rider. Gabi's heart was broken, and she determined that she could not get another horse, unable to replace her beloved companion.

The loss of her horse also meant the loss of a lot of Gabi's exercise. Having always been an active woman, she tried hiking (37 miles on one particular day), and then bike riding (Frostburg to College Park as an example). Neither approached the rewards of working with animals, however. She found the perfect outlet in dog training (alongside weightlifting and aerobics three times per week).

Gabi had “Cuddles,” the Saint Bernard, and “Sasha,” the Sheltie. Gabi began to train her rescue Dobe, “Sidney,” in competitive obedience. She earned a CD, and was competing at the Open level when he was diagnosed with Wobbler Syndrome (Cervical Vertebral Instability), and his jumping career was over.

Gabi researched dobe lines and breeding and found “Reno,” her first dog designed for the Conformation ring. Reno earned a BIS in Beaufort, SC, in His long-time handler was unable to appear at the ring, so Reno's co-owner grabbed another handler and asked if he could handle this dog that day. Reno was awarded “Best of Opposite” with an unknown handler in a great pressure situation!

Reno developed cardiomyopathy, and Gabi did all she could to extend her Champion's life. Unfortunately, she suffered another heartbreak as her beloved Reno's heart failed him.

Around this time, she also earned a UD with GSD “Phoenix.” She also trained another dobe, “Xena.” Gabi decided to focus on German Shepherds. She fell in love with the breed, for their intelligence, drive, and eagerness to please. She got Rommel as a pup, who would earn championships in Obedience, Agility, Tracking, and Rally. Rommel earned a Variable Surface Tracking (VST) title in Maine, a very challenging exploit.

She earned this spring a TD title with Zepher, her youngest of three GSDs. “Zepher” spells exuberant in dog language. Gabi's brag appears in the May Obichaff. Typically, tracking is a solitary training. One club member made a point to note Gabi's generosity helping members lay tracks and work their dogs. Gabi became secretary of the GSD Club of Greater Washington. She worked diligently on recruiting members and generously let the Club use her field for matches and their annual Show. She was also active in Schutzhund training, earning a SchHI with Gesa and a BH with Phoenix, Rommel, Gesa, and Zepher.



Tracking with Rommel

Gabi also taught classes at the club. Even though she had vast success in the show ring, she never was heard tooting her own horn. Gabi wrote this email to a member of one of her classes after they earned their CD:

Oh ..., that is wonderful you have worked hard for this title and you deserve it. Wow, you have a titled dog, that is really something to brag about.

Gab

Gabi's death was too soon. In Gabi's dog show chair is found a folded Trial Entry Confirmation for Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland, March 8, 2011. Kiley CDX, the Border Collie with PAL number, "by unknown - unknown," was entered in Utility A at a jump height of twenty inches. Since competing with Kiley, Gabi decided

that her breed of choice would become Border Collies. Again, she was impressed by their drive and eagerness to please, but she felt that the Border Collie intelligence could take her training to a new level. We will never be able to celebrate her success with that endeavor.

Gabi's Kiley has a back story that demonstrates her eternal kindness. He and five littermates had been left in a barn. When someone reported the crying coming from the building, animal control collected the pups. When Gabi met him, he was five months old and "very spooky." But, within a year he had earned his CD, and the next year had his CDX. At 3 years old, Kiley has one leg in utility and his novice standard and jumpers title. Besides being smart he loves to cuddle, and is friendly with cats and a rabbit. When Gabi taught novice classes, Kiley was her assistant!

Gabi had no children, and considered her animals and close friends her family. Her home is currently occupied by Rommel, Zepher, and Gesa, the German Shepherds, and Kiley, the Border Collie. There are also four great cats, and a beautiful bird. And an outdoor pond of fish. And more than a few chocolate bars (another love). Spending time in the living room you learn that Rommel routinely pokes fun at one of the cats, using his big snout to push him around. This domestic scene plays on while Gabi strives for that CDX with Sidney on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. On this side, Gabi's ashes will join Chessie's on the grounds of her home.

Contributed by Ken Harringer, Joan and Sandy Adler, Lynne Hone and many of Gabi's friends and students.



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felt displaced and displeased. Several dogs were standing on the outskirts of the dancing, undulating protesters and barking at them pretty much nonstop. At one point, a man threw a rock at one of the barking dogs (boo, hiss), and hit him, which caused the dog to follow him down the street from a few feet away, barking in great earnest. Another dog came over and started accompanying him – not barking, but just sort of adding moral support. Eventually the man left, and the dog turned around and resumed barking at the crowd more generally.

It was in Valparaiso, the beautiful coastal city an hour from Santiago (very reminiscent to me of San Francisco), where we had our most interesting and intimate experience with street dogs. I should mention that I was surprised in Santiago to once or twice observe a passerby petting a street dog, and the street dog responding in a friendly way. It appeared to me that they knew one another, but were not in a structured relationship – more like they saw each other frequently and had gotten on a first name basis. In Valpo’ (as it is called for short), I saw this a number of times in our short day there.

But the best and most memorable dog experience happened after we left the lovely little French restaurant on the hill of Happiness and started down to where we would meet our driver. It started with me doing something probably quite foolish – but, as I’ve always told my children: everyone’s a moron occasionally. As we were leaving the restaurant, I saw a dog that reminded me strikingly of Ginger, and I immediately registered a constellation of things in her body language: first she had a low wagging “helicopter” tail; second, she was smiling (most street dogs had closed mouths if they were moving around “on mission”), and third, she appeared interested in giving me friendly eye contact. So I did two things that I had, up until that point, not allowed myself to do with street dogs: I made eye contact, and then, when she trotted over to me – I tossed her a piece of granola bar. Well, we all had to laugh when she turned up her nose at the granola bar (whose brand shall go nameless), because we all thought they were terrible, but it was the only thing we could find in Peru that would fill the “desperate for protein at 3:00pm” void. We referred to them as “dust and ashes” and if you don’t know your Tolkien, you can google the quote I’m sure.

My tossing of the granola bar did have an effect, however, and if I had thought before I acted, I would have realized what a truly bad idea it might have been. As it was, only two other dogs appeared out of nowhere to see what I might be handing out, and fortunately neither seemed aggressive in any way. They were also not one notch more inclined to eat the “dust and ashes” than “Ginger” as we named her, had been. However, all of this

led to the odd result that the dogs decided we needed an escort. The two new dogs actually looked quite striking: they had border collie type bodies with husky-curved tails: black and white in coloring – pretty clearly related. So the collie/huskies and “Ginger” fell into step with us (me and Tim, Jessica, and Melissa) to the point of virtually heeling – they were THAT close. Melissa was a little alarmed and expressed the desire that I get them to go away. My response was to point to their relaxed faces, bodies, and tails and reassure her that I saw no hint of aggression on their minds. I also gently reminded her that her tensing up would not improve the situation. After a couple of blocks of their quiet companionship, she relaxed and started to notice more ways in which our new “Ginger” reminded her of our Ginger at home. At one point, one of the dogs found something interesting to eat across the quiet street and they all headed over there to check it out. For better or for worse, I looked back at them and “Ginger” made eye contact again and trotted back to fall in with us and the others followed. For about 5 or 6 blocks they casually accompanied us, until we reached our car and driver down at the dock. The oddest part is that as we got into the more heavily trafficked area, “Ginger” started barking at random people whom she apparently considered threats to us. It was very odd and slightly embarrassing, as the dog acted as though she was “with” us. At the end, I was actually concerned that Ginger might try to get in the van with us, she seemed so attached, but she did not. As we drove off, one of the dock police officers walked up to “Ginger” and rubbed her neck. From her reaction, she knew him well. Foolishly, I felt a slight pang of jealousy as watched her permit an intimacy that I would not have dared. I still wonder what her story is.

Here are a couple of links to info about the Chilean street dogs and the controversy they engender, plus a YouTube video featuring one Chilean dog rescuing another:

http://www.oregonlive.com/pets/index.ssf/2009/08/in_lost_dogs_bend_filmmaker_do.html

<http://davidlansing.com/the-strays-of-santiago/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofpYRITtLSg>

Of Note

Instructor Request

Please do not dismantle the high jump. Leave the bottom board attached to the two uprights at all times so that classes and training groups coming after yours do not have to reassemble it.

Thank you!

CDTC Library Books/DVDs/Videos

Please look around your home and return any library items which you have borrowed and are no longer using. And don't forget to put the index card back inside the item. If you have borrowed high-demand DVDs, please be considerate of other members and don't keep them for months on end. For instance, the library should have several copies of Positively Fetching, but there have been none on the shelves for at least two months.

CDTC Inventory

Thanks go to Ken Harringer, Bob Reinhardt, Carrie Solomon, Donna Cleverdon, Suzanne Miller and Robin Siegel for carrying out the physical inventory at the Club.

Run-Thru News

Dear Members. Our June Run-Thrus were, as a fund-raiser, a bust. However, we did get some nice dog training done, and everyone who was there had a good time.

Novice class had 3 runs; Open runs were seven; and Utility had three. Total money made was \$89. Our member/non-member count was 13 runs all except 3 were by members.

I hope July is better, but I have been informed that another club's trial is that day, so we may have another truncated day. Our last date of this year is August 7.

Next year there may only be 5 dates, as January 1 falls on a Sunday. If you are interested in taking up the baton, please let me know, as I will not be doing this next year. It is not a complicated task, and many people do come forward to help. However, I hope to be turning my attention to my own dog in the coming months.

Donna Cleverdon

WHAT: All Breed Canine Health Clinic

WHEN: Sunday August 14, 2011 - 9AM to 2PM

WHERE: Oriole Dog Training Club
1718-C Belmont Avenue
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Summer Puppies!

Ken and Betsy Harringer and Bruno

Horst Bruno von Hillside
Golden Retriever
Birth date: April 20, 2011

Bruno joined Ken and Betsy and their two other Golden's Otto and Rudi on the 12th June. His breeder was Mary Ellen Williams, "Hillside Golden Retrievers," of North Potomac, MD. From "*Hillside Shining Star*" by "*CH Eldorado's Adirondack Timberline*".



Reminders From The Treasurer:

I would like to remind you of several items which will assist me in the proper execution of my duties.

1. No cash is to be placed anywhere in the clubhouse, including the suggestion box, the equipment room or the file cabinet. Please write a check to cover the cash or wait until you are able to hand the cash directly to me.
2. Please remember that all checks should have a notation as to what the checks are for to assure appropriate credit.
3. Manila folders are located in the Treasurer's Accordion Folder: one is for checks, one is for reimbursement forms, one is for w-9 forms, one with envelopes, and one is for miscellaneous items.
4. Please use the reimbursement forms located in the Treasurer's folder for any reimbursement requests and attach any receipts thereto.
5. Please provide at least a week's notice for any checks that need to be written so that payments are delivered on time.
6. Please be certain to give the check to the appropriate chairperson. In most cases, checks need to be recorded before they are given to me.
7. Please do not place any items in the suggestion box. This box is not for checks, cash, or keys.



Thank you,

Dianne Harab

Braggs!

At the CDTC Agility trial (April 8-10, 2011), Lucky earned his first AKC agility titles in Standard and JWW. It was especially exciting to earn these at our own club's trial! Last year, Lucky spent four months recovering from a hip injury; we weren't sure that he'd be able to participate in Agility ever again but he's made a full recovery! Keep up the good work, Lucky!

Kathy Sheehan



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Marzipan, an All American/Mixed Breed, completed the final two legs of her Rally Novice B title at the Clarion Canine Obedience Club Obedience Trial in Knox, PA, April 23 & 24, 2011. She earned the first leg of her title on September 26, 2010 at the Hyattsville Dog Club Obedience Trial in Beltsville, MD. Marzipan did great job despite a handler without much of a clue about Rally. She won her title in three days of competition. Good girl, Marzipan!

Theresa G

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Herr Otto Wilhelm, CDX, RA (aka Otto), handled by Ken Harringer, CDTC's Member at Large, Betsy Harringer, and Carol Rosen, filmed his first HBO Movie, 'Game Change', starring Woodie Harrelson and Julianne Moore.

'Game Change' is a film adaptation of the book, 'Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime', by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin.

Woodie Harrelson plays Steve Schmidt, the man who is pulled out of retirement to run the McCain/Palin campaign. Julianne Moore plays Sarah Palin.

Otto, whose acting career began in 2005, plays the character of Steve Schmidt's family dog.

Otto's main scene takes place at the Schmidt family's rural home. Otto is walking off-lead with Schmidt (Harrelson) along the Schmidt's beautiful property, when Schmidt receives a cell phone call that literally changes his life: The call is from McCain, begging Schmidt to come out of retirement, to run his campaign for presidency.

Otto demonstrated what a phenomenally well-trained dog he is & Ken demonstrated his finely tuned skills in handling Otto. It was a pleasure to watch Ken & Otto work as a team on the set. The bond &

communication between these two, demonstrated how important it is to develop a strong relationship of trust with your dog.

Otto's next scene was in the Schmidt's kitchen, after the walk. Otto held his perfect stand stay in the tiny kitchen for a good 40 minutes, without moving, waiting for the first take with Harrelson, as he entered the kitchen & walked with Otto across the kitchen, to announce the campaign news to his wife.

Rudiger Von Plzen, CDX (aka Rudi), handled by Betsy Harringer, was Otto's backup dog. He received many compliments on his flashy looks & his good manners.

All in all, it was truly a great day for Ken & Betsy to show how to combine strong obedience skills with other, useful applications.

Footnote: The Director, Jay Roach, was a delight to work with. He absolutely loved Otto's acting.

Good Job Otto, Ken, Rudi, Betsy, & Carol,

Carol Rosen CPDT-KA (Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed)
Positive Dog Training and Animal Actors, LLC
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On May 22 at Mattaponi, Kara and I finished an exciting two months of trialing. Starting with Dog Owners on March 20, she earned her RN, APDT RL1 and Beginner Novice Titles all in three straight shows. Along the way she earned 4 first places, 1 second and 3 thirds, lots of beautiful rosettes and so many toys I won't have to buy any for years! I'm very proud of my girl and the start of her show career.

Liane Luini and Random Wind Kara Vica at Toflaki, BN, RN, RL1, CGC

Bunny's Spring of 2011

In the fall of 2010 we decided that Bunny would stay at home for the winter rather than going south with a professional dog trainer. Bunny's first career is that of a field trial dog, so spending winters away from home with a professional was the norm.

Coming to us as a two year old in 2005, Bunny began competing in trials and became All Age Qualified during that year. In 2006 she completed her Master Hunter title and won three Qualifying stakes: two is the maximum allowed unless the entries have already closed for the next trial. In 2007 she qualified for and competed in the National Amateur; she has also qualified for and competed in that trial in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In addition she qualified for and competed in the National Open in 2009. 2008 was a banner year for Bunny; she completed her Field Champion title, her Amateur Field Champion title, and she won a Double Header: winning both the Amateur and Open stakes the same weekend with an amateur handler.

Bunny likes to learn. She loves drills. She's a team player. She lives in our house. As the next logical step for Bunny was a winter of obedience, we trained in the living room, in the driveway, and in the Canine Training Association buildings in Davidsonville and Beltsville.

In February she went to her first and only match which was held by the Labrador Retriever Club of the Chesapeake and was High in Match. Entering all three days of obedience at the Maryland Sporting Dog trial in March, Bunny won all three of her classes and was awarded High in Trial at her first show. Today she is a Companion Dog, having earned all of her scores in the mid 190's.

In mid-April Bunny was entered in rally and obedience for three days at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac specialty show. At this show Bunny earned her Rally Novice title and was either first or second in all of her classes. A week later she was entered in an all-breed show where she won her novice obedience class and earned her first rally advanced leg with a class second.

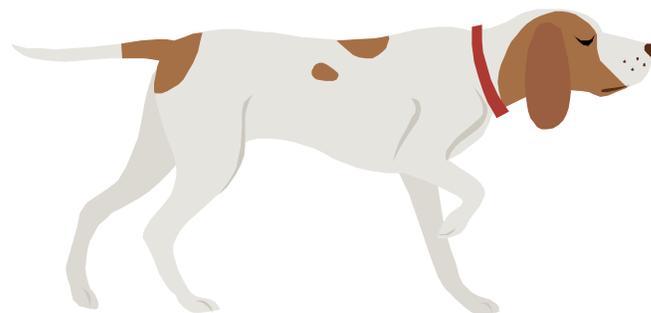
The following weekend she won first in the Amateur stake at the Labrador Retriever Club's spring field trial.

Co-owned by Milly B Welsh and Charles L. Hayden, Bunny is our dog of a lifetime. Milly has trained and shown her for hunt tests, qualifying, and obedience while Charlie trains and shows her in amateur and open field trials. She shares her affection (almost) equally with Charlie and Milly, but she always sleeps with the person who is her current trainer.

Bunny's registered name is *FC AFC Lil Mac's Black River Rabbit, MH, CGC, CD, RN.*



Class Schedules



Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY			
10-11:30	Freestyle TG	Ely	1-2-3
6-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
7:15-8:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
7:30-8:30	Basic 6/6-7/25	Rice	3
8:15-9:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
8:30-9:20	AB 6/20-8/8	Hall	3
TUESDAY			
a.m	Building Cleaning		
9:30-10:30	Novice TG		
6-6:50	AB 6/21-8/23	Daniel	1-2
6-7	PK 6/21-8/9	Hathaway	3
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
7-8	Basic 6/14-8/9	Crawford	2-3
8-10 2 nd Tues.	Club Meeting		Bldg
4 th Tues.	Board Meeting		Bldg
WEDNESDAY			
11-12	Clicker 2	Riley	2-3
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2-3
5-6	Basic 5/18-7/6	Atkinson	2-3
6-7	Basic 5/18-6/22	Hall	2-3
THURSDAY			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	3
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	1-2
10:30-11-30	Open	Holt	1-2
11:30-12:20	Rally 6/16-7/21	Daniel	3
12:30-3:00	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
6-7	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6-7	Utility Prep	Harry	3
7-7:50	PK 6/2-7/21	Gordon	3

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
THURSDAY			
7-8	Utility	Harry	2
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
FRIDAY			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
7-8	SN	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30	CCI***	Hathaway	3
SATURDAY			
9-9:50	PK 5/21-7-16	Solomon	2-3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
3-3:50	Basic 6/18-8/20	Daniel	2-3
4-5	Comp. Rally TG		2-3
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
8:30-9:30	Flyball Comp.	Dwyer	1-2-3

Special Events

July 3rd run-thru
July 31st Agility Seminar all rings all day

*** Canine Companions for Independence

Class Schedules

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
PUPPY			
KINDER GARTEN			
Tues	6/21-8/9	6-6:50	Hathaway
Thur	6/2-7/21	7-7:50	Gordon
Sat	5/21-7-16	9:9:50	Solomon
BASIC			
Mon	6/6-7/25	7:30-8:30	Rice
Tues	6/14-8/9	7:00-7:50	Crawford
Wed	5/18-7/6	5-6	Atkinson
Wed	5/18-6/22	6-7	Hall
Sat	6/18-8/20	3-3:50	Daniel
AB			
Mon	6/20-8/8	8:30-9:20	Hall
Tues	6/21-8/23	6-6:50	Daniel
SUB-NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:15-8:05	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Adler
Thurs	C	8-9	Dornak
Fri	C	7-8	Cleverdon
NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:30-8:30	Golec
Tues	C	7-8	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Holt
Thurs	C	6-7	Gurvin
OPEN			
Mon	C	6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	10:30-11:30	Holt
Thurs	C	8-9:15	Harry

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
UTILITY			
Mon	C	8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs	C	6-7 (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	8-9	Harry
FREESTYLE			
Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
BEGINNING RALLY			
Thurs	6/16-7/21	11:30-12:20	Daniel
TRAINING GROUPS			
Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Tues	C	9:30-10:30	
Wed	C	12-2:30 Ob.Skills	Spodak
Thurs	C	12:30-3:00	Goldstein
Sat	C	4-5	
FLYBALL			
Sat	C	6:30-8:30	Lindberg/ Dwyer
OUTSIDE GROUPS			
Fri	C	7-8:30 CCI	Hathaway
BUILDING CLEANING			
Tues	C	a.m	Montgomery Cleaning Co.

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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

Capital has a fully matted indoor, air-conditioned facility in Silver Spring, Md.

Important Dates at Capital

Sunday, July 3: Run-Thru

Tuesday, July 12: CDTC Annual Awards Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31: Agility Seminar



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