

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

**October 11
10 AM**
Board meeting
Lakeview team
room

**October 18
9 AM** General
meeting, register
for classes

**November 15
9 AM** General
meeting, elec-
tions

**December 13
11-1 PM** Holiday
luncheon party
at Earls

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Please check our website for scheduling changes. Or call Phyllis Davis, Events Chair.



PAW PRINTS

Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

October 2005

President's Corner *By Jean Buck*

Hi Everyone,
Our board positions are filled with wonderful volunteers, except for the presidency. We still need someone to step forward there. We have to do this or "they" won't let us keep the club, and we have worked too hard to let that happen. Ever wonder why the club didn't do one particular activity or another? That proves that you may be presidential material.

Both Clare and I think that the presidency and vice presidency should be fre-

quently refreshed with people bringing in new ideas. We both said in December 2003 that we don't think one person should remain in those positions too long. Time for new blood and new ideas. I can see this a bit differently in the case of the secretary and treasurer. They have a big contribution to make from being in the club long enough to be able to give continuity and knowledge of their positions. This is especially true of the dog club, in which Juanita Braemer and Judy Wallick are able to provide a stable

framework, know how the club operates, and have any potential "kinks" worked out of their own board positions. This will make for a balanced board.

See you at the October 18 meeting, if not before at Octoberfest.

Jean, Kendra, and Gus

Oct. 18
A special!
slide show of
our dogs
with music

By
Ada Jane
Cowper

Don't Miss The November Fun Fair

Saturday, November 12 will be our next Saturday Fun Fair. It will be held at the dog yard at Fairway Recreation Center from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Our judge will be Florence Sunkin, one of our members. The events will probably include all levels of obedience and possibly agility. Look in next month's Paw Prints for list of events. My sincere

thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make the Octoberfest a success. As in all events, it is impossible for one person to do everything.

Flowers Playtime

Monday and Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Contact Judy Singleton at 815-7896
or e-mail judysingleton@cox.net



TRAINING SCHEDULE

October 19
Competition Agility
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

October 20
10 AM to Noon
Beginning obedience class

October 21
8:30 to 9:30 AM
Novice obedience
9:45 to 10:45 AM
Intermediate obedience class
11 AM to Noon
Open obedience

October 24
9 AM to 10 AM
Beginning agility
10:15 AM to 11:15
Continuing agility

Nov. 12, 1-3 PM
Fun match, obedience & agility

Dec. 10, 1-3 PM
Fun match, obedience & agility

In My Opinion, By Dr. Dan Rice

Q: Dr. Dan, can you please tell us something about the canine flu that is in the news lately?

A: Canine Influenza apparently is a new disease of dogs. Now don't panic! I am unaware of any documented cases in this area but it has been reported in AZ. Canine Flu was studied in Florida early in 2004 in greyhounds at a FL racetrack. It recently has been identified as a disease of the canines that may have adapted to the canine from Equine Influenza Virus. In its earliest stages, Flu mimics the common, milder condition known as Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough). Like that syndrome, Canine Flu is highly contagious but differs in that Flu may be fatal if not treated aggressively. According to Dr. Crawford in FL, mortality rate is usually 1-10%.

Canine Flu apparently was first identified in boarding facilities, shelters, and greyhound tracks, notably those in FL, AZ, WV, WI, TX, and IA. Again, like Kennel Cough cases, Canine Flu usually runs a mild course with some patients developing a serious pneumonia. Mild cases usually recover in three weeks, as in Kennel Cough, but severe cases develop a high fever (106 degrees) and despite aggressive therapy, the patient may suffer respiratory distress and death.

Spread is rapid by aerosol from sneezing and coughing hosts and by objects that have been contaminated by a coughing, sneezing host. It is most often seen in dogs that have recently been exposed to a high concentration of dogs such as boarding kennels but it can result from a coughing dog you meet while walking Fido down a lazy Sun City street. It all depends on the place from whence the other dog originated.

No vaccine is available at this time and no spread to humans has been documented according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Your veterinarian can send blood samples from suspected dogs to a laboratory for positive identification.



November 15

Joyce Weber

Happy Tails Service Dog Program

Help Needed

We need volunteers to change the bulletin board once a month on the Dog House. Contact Skelli Demon..

Picture Your Best Friend

At our last meeting Polly Rice, member of our club but also president of the Camera Guild, demonstrated the art and science of photographing dogs. Remember these good points:

Get a decent background.

Avoid the plant growing from the beautifully shaped canine head.

We may not want our best friend to move, but *we* can move.

Try to sit at the dog's level. Zoom in on face and body.

Have your best friend sit off to the side of something.

Let him/her sit in their favorite place. This will provide special memories for years to come.

Some dogs fear the flash. Natural light is best.

Understand that many of your shots will be "grab shots."

As we saw from Polly's own fine pictures, the art of photography takes creativity, technique, patience. And for what? A moment with your best friend, captured in time and place. A portrait which, in a single glance, evokes love and connection long after your best friend has journeyed on.

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