

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

**September 20
9 AM** General meeting, register for classes

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

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

**November 15
9 AM** General meeting, elections

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

Paw Prints is published once a month. Between the time of publication and the actual event, it's possible for times to change.

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



PAW PRINTS

Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

September 2005

President's Corner *By Jean Buck*

The September President's Corner was going to be about the updated information on the Fairway dog training yard plans, but watching the hurricane has sent this article off in a different direction.

During the Cave Creek Complex Fire, the need for people trained to work with the Humane Society became apparent, and the need is arising again with the footage for New Orleans. So many problems that no one has time or energy to help the animals.

I'm sure special training is necessary for this, and tried to contact the Humane Society to find out if there is a rescue training program available. Does anyone know if they give training here in Phoenix? Would others from the club be interested in taking that training if someone was able to find out about it?

See you at the September meeting with your ideas.

Thanks,
Jean, Gus and Kendra

Officers Needed

The Nominating Committee is seeking interested members to become an officer on the "BFDC" Board.

The board has a lot of exciting things going on with the club and possible new facilities when Fairway is renovated. . . . They need all of the input and interest they can get. Contact Caryl Jo Dagro, Thayer Hoff, or Skelli Dedmon.

"My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am."
Unknown

Octoberfest At The Fairway

Best Friends will participate in an Octoberfest at the Fairway Recreation Center Saturday, October 22 from 9 to 3 p.m. with Obedience Trials including Novice, Open Class and possibly Utility Class. We will demonstrate agility and fly ball as well. Cost to participate in the competition is \$3.00 per dog for the first event and \$1.00 per dog for each additional

event, payable at that time. President of the Phoenix Field and Obedience Club, Jane Simpson, will judge.

We are trying to arrange a Fly Ball demonstration by "Arizona Heatwave," a team of competing dogs with the Western Division Fly Ball Association—an exciting group of dogs to watch. Hopefully we can

get approval to bring them to Sun City.

We will also have a dog parade and would like to include as many of our dog members as possible. All are welcome! If your dog has a "special talent" i.e., therapy dog, competes in any type of competition, etc. we would like to let everyone know about it. If

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

**October 8
9-11 AM**

Fun match, agility & obedience

October 19,
Competition agility

**October 20
10 & 11 AM**
Beginning obedience class

October 21, 9 AM
Advanced obedience classes

**October 22
9 AM to 3**
Octoberfest

October 24
Beginning and 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: A pesticide company has been spraying my neighbor's gravel yard as if they were watering it! What should I watch for with my dog?

A: Personally, I wouldn't want to expose my dog to ANY insecticide or herbicide. The danger of the scenario seems to lie in the possibility of a toxic chemical pooling in a low spot. A dip in the sidewalk for instance or a "cup" formed in the plastic sheet. When that happens, the chemical will become concentrated in the pool as the water evaporates. When the pool dries up the chemical will remain in crystal or powder form. Then when an unsuspecting dog comes along he may decide to lick the remaining pool or he may step in the powder and lick it off his feet. Whether or not he will become ill depends on the toxicity of the chemical and the dosage he's consumed. It may or may not be sufficient to cause serious health problems for a dog. Like I said, I wouldn't want my dog to play in that yard!



Octoberfest

(Octoberfest Continued from page 1) you are interested, please contact Phyllis Davis, either by e-mail PhyllisCMA@msn.com or phone 623-583-8016. We will need your name, dog's name and breed, some information about him or her.

If interested in any other type of demonstration, please contact Phyllis and the committee will try to arrange for a presentation.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Octoberfest.

Pet Grief is an Individual Journey

The loss of a pet may be the only time your best friend ever brings you sorrow. Here are some pointers condensed from pet bereavement counselor Marty Tousley, courtesy of Jan Sniderman.

Never make light of the loss or try to be "normal" to please other people. Follow your heart and always do what you need to do to take care of yourself. Ask, "What did I do in the past to get through hard times?" Memorialize your best friend through a scrap book or other creative endeavor which you can revisit at a future time. Talk with people who have gone through a similar experience and if you can't find that certain person, call a help line. Here is Tousley's website. You might want to look it over. www.griefhealing.com.

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September 20
How To Photograph Your Dog
By Polly Rice and Fred Salinsky

October 18
A Slide Show With Music
By Ada Jane Cowper

Tell Your Dog's Story

Jan and Lou Sniderman are collecting dog stories and poems to edit into a photo journal. Check the website or contact them for further information about this fun, creative activity.

Flyball With Judy

FLYBALL Practice is changed to Thursday morning at 7 a.m. There is no charge.

Also Judy plans to continue playtime at her house Tuesday night at 6:30 and Thursday night, same time beginning September. She is suspending Saturday morning playtimes as there seem to be lots of other activities on those mornings.

Contact Judy Singleton at 815-7896 or e-mail at judysingleton@cox.net

Visit our website

<http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>