



PAW PRINTS

BEST FRIENDS DOG CLUB OF SUN CITY

NOVEMBER 2004

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jean Buck

The Best Friends Dog Club has a great fall full of activities to offer! Remember our Obedience and Agility classes are being offered! Obedience levels are Beginning, Open and Rally. We hope to move to a Utility class also in January. There's a level for you and your dog! Beginning and Continuing Agility puts you and your dog on the move! These classes meet on Friday mornings at the Training Yard on 107th and Peoria.

The Continuing Level of Agility will be the class most people will want to remain in as long as they do agility as an activity with their dogs. There is no "graduation" from this level. But do try a little competition in Agility at one of the small Fun Matches around the Valley? Yes, we have a class for that too.

Competition Level is held at the Agility Trainer's field north of Sun City. (The trainer carries her own insurance.) You will be introduced to some larger pieces of equipment that are too heavy to re-locate weekly to the Training Yard.

And we need people for fund-raising to help build a storage shed on the training property so we can have the big Dog Walk and the A-Frame here in our own Yard. Call Skelli Dedmon 977 1443 to volunteer with your ideas. We need you!

Do you like to hear dog stories? Check out our November program for story tellers. Or better yet be a story teller at the meeting. Call Clare Kinchler 815-8542 to reserve your spot on her program.

Check out the books listed on the web-site by Julie Youngman of the Bell Library. This is the list you wanted in your hot little hands following Julie's presentation in

September.

<http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>

PICTURES ANYONE?

We are working on some Photo-Opportunities with members of our club and the Camera Guild. Look for more information as project particulars "develop." That sounds fabulous to me, how about you?

MEETING: Nov. 16 9AM

NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING

Come at 9AM for a Time of Hospitality with the custodial staff, who are faithfully setting up our meeting room each month. It's time to say "thank you."

Promptly at 9:30 Nominations for Officers for next year will be taken from the floor.

Dog Stories told by "Not So Famous People" (that's you) will be our program. If you wish to participate please call Clare today 815-8542 to be scheduled. This will be a fun time!

Voting by Written Ballot will be held directly following our stories.

Starting at 9AM there will be a Silent Auction for Pet Items you no longer want. Just bring them along to the meeting. They will be placed on a table with accompanying cards for bidding, which will last all through the meeting. As the voting process closes so also will the auction.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Skelli Dedmon
Burl DePriest
Marian von Honstein

NOMINATED SLATE FOR 2005:

President	Jean Buck
V/P	Clare Kinchler
Secretary	Juanita Breamer
Treasurer	Judy Wallick
Members At Large	
	Doris Schoeben
	Fred Selinsky

A WORD ABOUT

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER-

This useful 643 page body of knowledge was originally written to help the Houses of Parliament in England. Most large bodies and assemblies use the rules out of necessity. However, in Sun City clubs they are used only to the extent that they help run a smooth meeting. Also in Sun City, RCSC 12A states that a polite manner is required of all members and guests.

A further note about amendments - We can add amendments to our standing by-laws. Say for instance, that we wanted to add a June meeting. Just as an example. The amendment is presented at a meeting by a member or board officer. Notice of any changes should be given to all members. All members have until the next month to think about it. At the next meeting, then people give their thoughts. A vote is taken. Amendments pass or fail by a simple majority
Thanks for your time reading this-

Jean Buck

IN MY OPINION: by Dr.

Dan

How can I establish constant authority over an alpha male dog?

Answer: The authority in a pack belongs to the alpha member. Since you stated that the dog in question is THE alpha male, you have already committed a cardinal sin because you can't possibly establish constant authority over the alpha member of your pack. You have allowed a domineering canine to reverse the roles within the pack so the answer is clear, you must take charge.

A simple task on paper to be sure. In practice it takes time and continued effort on your part and it will eventually reap rewards but don't expect to reverse the roles again in a hurry. Patience is vital but persistence is more critical and a strong will is indispensable.

Leadership training is the name of the game and here's how to do it. First, don't make a big issue of your training program. You can use treats after an exercise is completed but don't treat him every time and gradually discontinue all treats. When you get to the last four exercises with his body, mouth, feet and limbs, go slowly and only spend a couple of minutes on each in the beginning.

- Nudge him and tell him to move out of your way whenever you find him lying on the floor. If he ignores you, command him to move in a moderate gruff voice. (Remember who is really in

command)

- Always feed him after your family has eaten. Never give him people food of any kind. Feed him only in his bowl, never a people dish. Ignore all begging.
- When you come home, ignore him for 15 minutes. Then call him to you, pet and make over him till you're ashamed of yourself.
- Keep one or more of his favorite toys out of reach. Give the toy to him and take another away.
- Don't ever allow him on your bed.
- Sit on the floor, call him to you, and invite him to lie beside you. Pick up and handle his feet, spreading his toes, flex his leg joints, all the while you are speaking to him in gentle tones.
- Pick up each ear and smell his ear canals. Open his mouth and examine his tongue, run your finger over his gums, look at his teeth.
- Turn him on his back and rub his tummy and chest.

Please let me know any question you would like Dr. Dan to answer. AJ 933-1197

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, Nov. 5 2:30 to 4:30
PREPARATION FOR STORY TELLING in the Arizona Room.

Lou Sniderman will work with any of the dog story tellers scheduled as speakers at the November meeting. He will be putting their pictures on his Powerpoint Computer Program, for projection behind the speakers as they tell their stories at the November 16 meeting.

Bow Wow WOW GARAGE SALE
on Nov. 6TH will be held in the LaRonde Pet Friendly Park between Del Webb & Thunderbird near the LaRonde Shopping Center. Donations are being accepted by

calling Wendy @ 972-4921 or Bob @ 876-9488 for pick-up or to arrange a time for delivery to Bob, 1012 Tropicana Cir. All proceeds will be used to support, improve, and maintain the park for those who enjoy sharing it with their dogs for recreation. Cash donations are welcome.

A WRITER'S WORKSHOP, for members only, with writer/teacher Nancy Tschiya will be held on **November 12th from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the Arizona Room at Fairway.** Nancy teaches the Life Story writing workshops at Bell Library and lives in Scottsdale. She will work with members who are presenting their dog story at the November meeting, as well as any other member who is interested in writing a story about their dog. There is no cost to members for either of these workshops. Take note that this is the Friday before our meeting.

SAHUARO STATE KENNEL CLUB SHOW starts on **Friday night, Nov. 19th** for obedience only. **Saturday Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21** has competition all day. Obedience and Conformation are at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, 5999 E. Van Buren Street - downtown Phoenix. Agility is at Deer Valley Park, just south of the 101 and 19th Street.

NEEDED! *Someone willing to coordinate car-pooling to the Sahuaro State Show.*

CLASSES NOW IN SESSION
Monday at 10 and 11AM Obedience,
Tuesday at 1:30 PM Rally (Intermediate Obedience)
Wednesday at 10 AM Competition Agility, (Offsite)
Friday at 9AM Beginning Agility
Friday at 10:15 AM Continuing Agility

Dianne Needham is in charge of training. To register call her at 974-9282

SILENT AUCTION

BFDC will have a Silent Auction at our next meeting on **November 16th.** Bring pet items you are no longer using to the meeting. The value of each item will be indicated on the accompanying bidding card. You will be able to bid, listing the price you will pay for any item on the table you desire to have. Bidding progresses during the meeting. The last bidder to sign the card will purchase the item for the amount they have bid at the close of the meeting. All money raised will go to the club treasurer. Oh, don't forget to bring you dollars too.

A SPECIAL SATURDAY IN DECEMBER:

Mark your calendar for **December 18:** We plan to have a Saturday afternoon in the Dog Yard for our own Fun Match in Obedience. All members can compete at what a Pre-Novice or higher test would be like in true competition. It will be judged on a Pass-Fail basis. Following that we will play "Musical Chairs" games based on Obedience. Dogs will need to sit. Perhaps you know other fun games based on Obedience. Call Clare 815-8542 or Jean 583-9349. Would you be willing to present your game on the 18th?

CHRISTMAS ON THE PATIO AT DILLON'S, S.C GRAND:

Our **December 21st** meeting will start at 11AM. You will be able to order your own lunch. Following that we will have a "Gift Steal". Bring a "dog

related" gift costing between \$5 and \$10, GIFT WRAPPED for the game. (You will take another one home) The attire is casual. Let Clare know if you are coming. 815-8542.

FISH AND GAME VISIT CLUB

in **January** to interact with our members on delicate problems like, rabbits, scorpions and coyotes.

CRUSING CRITTERS owner, Cherri Freeman will bring her Mobile Unit to our **March Meeting** and give us a **DEMO ON DOG GROOMING** There will be a drawing for a Free Nail Clipping for you dog.

THE PETS AND PEOPLE PICNIC

is back by popular demand and scheduled for **April.** Get your pet's costume together and do your trick training for the competitions.

PLACES AND SPACES

We are pleased with the completion of the enlargement to the training arena that took place during the summer. We are looking forward to the Fall Class Schedule and how well this improvement works for those attending.

Our future focus is to pursue the storage building on sight so all of the club's equipment can be readily available for members attending the classes. If the Su City Rec. Board will not revisit this proposal prior to Fairway Renovation, we think it should be presented to the club for discussion and/or action.

COMMITTEES THAT NEED

YOU: Do you have a little time on your hands? A clipboard will be passed at the November meeting so you can volunteer your talents for **PLACES AND SPACES** creating usable space for our activities) or **WAYS AND MEANS** (the search for funding)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marian von Hanstein and "Barclay" who completed their third and final qualifying (passing) score at Novice level on Sat., Oct. 16 at the Kachina Dog Show. "Barclay" can now move up to Open (or intermediate) level. On Sunday, **Florence Sundkin and "Flint"** earned their third and final qualifying score at Utility Level, which is the highest level of American Kennel Club Competition.

(An aside ☞) Jean Buck entered competition with "Gus" too. He's was little deflated Sunday night because of his performance. Jean told him he did fine, but "Gus" knows better because there wasn't the big fuss and a congratulating crowd gathered following his run. Strange how dogs know the difference! They then went to McDonald's in Litchfield and bought two double cheeseburgers to eat on their outdoor patio. "Gus" said thanks, but he still didn't think he did it right.)

GRANDMA GAIL'S K-9 & KITTY CARE

NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

I am a retired nurse practitioner and pet lover willing to pet sit in your home. I feed, pet, play with, and take your dog outside to potty. My stay in your home overnight, while you are away, guarantees to keep both your animals and your possessions safe and secure. My reasonable fee varies depending on the number of animals in your home and their special needs. My charge is: 24 hours \$20 for 1 dog. Each additional pet will be \$10. I am a member of the Best Friends Dog Club. Please call me @ 623 583 2159

POINTS OF INTEREST

A Glossary of Training Terms:

Some of our new members are not familiar with terms being used in connection with classes being taught at the club. To make you knowledgeable Paw Prints offers this information:

Obedience: How to make your dog behave on a walk, on command, with other dogs and with people.

Open: is the intermediate level of Obedience which includes retrieval and a jump.

Rally: This is a higher level of obedience training. As the owner/handler walks the set course the dog executes the obedience commands of sit, stay and down, as signs will indicate.

Utility” Is the highest level of obedience. It combines all the other skills of lower level obedience, but done with only hand signals from handlers. It also adds the skill of scent discrimination.

(Our Sun City Obedience will offer Beginning, Intermediate in the form of Rally, and Utility when enough are interested and the dogs are ready.)

Agility: How to lead your dog in physical activity in the training yard; running tunnels, jumping hurdles, managing the teeter totter. Agility progresses with ability.

(Our Agility levels are Beginning and Continuing at the Training Yard. Continuing is the level that most dogs and handlers will stay in for as long as they are enjoying the activity. It is meant for exercise, some skill development and a bonding experience between the dog and handler. There is no graduation from Continuing Level anymore, because we thought that gave the wrong message about the purpose of this level. It's for exercise, fun and bonding. For those few who might want to start going to some agility Fun Matches around the Valley, Competition Level is taught at the trainer's field.)

Flyball: This is a higher level. The dog runs, you do not.

CABRA VACCINATION AND MICROCHIP CLINICS

CABRA will have regular Microchip and Vaccination Clinics that are open to the public. They are located at 1841 N. 24th Street in Phoenix, just north of the 202 freeway and east of the 51 freeway at McDowell Rd. The hours are from 10AM to 3PM.

Microchips cost \$15, including registration. Vaccinations are offered in a 4 in 1 annual vaccination and a rabies vaccination for dogs or a 3 in 1 shot and a rabies vaccination for cats. If your pet is microchipped at the clinic, or has been microchipped previously, you can get these vaccinations for \$3 each.

CABRA uses Home Again brand microchips, which are registered through the AKC's Companion Animal Recovery Service.. For more information Visit <http://www.akccar.com> There is no cost to continue to maintain your pet's registration, if you move they will update the info.

You will be asked to fill out a registration form if the pet is microchipped. Bring all necessary contact information, such as veterinarian information and information for an alternate person to contact in case you cannot be reached. This will be placed in to a database and confirmation will be sent by mail within 2-3 months.

Pets must be appropriately contained and under control; dogs on leashes or in carriers and cats in carriers. THE

CABRA CLINIC SCHEDULE

Nov. 13, 2004 (2nd Sat.)
January. 15, 2005
March. 19,2005
May 21, 2005
July 16, 2005
Sept. 17, 2005
Nov. 19. 2005

BFDC WEBSITE

BE SURE TO VISIT THE BFDC WEBSITE FOR CLUB INFORMATION AND DOG RELATED LINKS. UPCOMING DOG SHOWS, PET CARE, OUR TRAINING SCHEDULE, CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR PET'S NAME AND BREED, DOG BOOKS AND FORMER NEWSLETTERS

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