

Dulles Scoop

**The official newsletter of the
Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club
September 2006**

Next Meeting



VW dealership); then left on Shaw Road. Annex is down the road on the right. There is parking on the side and behind the building.

The next meeting of the DGOTC will begin promptly at 8:00 PM on **6 September** at the Sterling Park Annex. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Directions: From route 7, take route 28 south, turn left on Cedar Green Road (at VW dealership), then turn left on Shaw Road; the annex is down the road on the right (an old school building). From route 50, take 28 north, turn right on Cedar Green Road (at

DGOTC Calendar

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DGOTC Website

www.dgotc.org.

DGOTC List

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Publication Deadlines

Articles/event notices for the Dulles Scoop must be received by the editors on or before the 15th of each month. Send items to Monica Patty at mpatty@erols.com

1DGOTC Monthly Membership meeting- June 7, 2006

In attendance: Erich Rutscheidt, Ken Ring, Marion Lee, Maureen Taylor, Sabine Arndt, Karen Zelonis, Nancy Voytosh, Betsy Smith, Ann Hereford, Julie Stegeman, Elaine Maher, Sandee Szabo, Clarissa Bergeman, Monica Patty, and Barbara Harding.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. with 12 members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the March and April membership meetings and the May 9 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen distributed copies of the treasurer's report. There were no questions.

Obedience Committee: No report.

Membership: Ken presented Nancy Voytosh for her second reading, and she was accepted for membership. Betsy Smith's and Sabine Arndt's membership applications were presented for their first readings.

Old Business:

Equipment Sale: Discussion was tabled until Barbara Lewis and Holly Hammerle are present.

Electronic newsletters: As of September, newsletters will no longer be mailed, but will be available on the DGOTC website. An announcement will be mailed to members to that effect.

Members will receive an email announcement of monthly newsletters with a link to the newsletter on the DGOTC website. Ken suggested that Monica ask Averill how to accomplish the emailing and link. No copies will be printed to distribute in classes.

June Agility Match: More volunteers are needed.

New Business:

Annex Event: The assistant manager of the Sterling Park Annex talked about an event to be held there in conjunction with the animal shelter on October 21. She would like to have an agility demonstration. Most activities will be held in the ball field, with micro-chipping inside. Elaine volunteered to coordinate DGOTC participation.

CGC Test: Barbara Harding will conduct a CGC test at Frying Pan Park on June 15. There will be no fee for those already enrolled in class. Members present agreed that Barbara should be reimbursed the \$30 fee required for a CGC instructor.

Picnic: It was decided that the annual DGOTC picnic would be held at Monica's on July 23 starting at 2:30, organized by Monica and Maureen. An announcement will be mailed to members. The possibility of holding a clicker training during the picnic was discussed and rejected.

Fall Match at Banshee Reeks: Erich will chair, and Barbara Lewis will be in charge of agility. Together they will decide on a date.

Use of Shed: Erich reported that the Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog association wanted to pay us to use our shed for their equipment. After discussion, it was unanimously decided not to share our shed with another organization.

Seminars: There was some discussion on seminars for various types of training. Ken said that Averill volunteered to co-chair a seminar on clicker training. Clarissa and Ann agreed to form a committee with Averill to come up with a plan for training: types of training, cost, instructors, etc.

Ken made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Maureen seconded it, and all attendees approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee

DGOTC PICNIC MEETING – July 30, 2006

The following were in attendance: President Erich Rutscheidt, Michelle Jackson, Sue and Erv Lhotka, Ken Ring, Monica Patty, Maureen and George Taylor, Rhonda May, Clarissa and George Bergeman, Bobbie and Fred Lutz, Julie and Steve Stegeman, Suzi Dodson, Melissa Moniz, Barbara Lewis, Maria Swezey, Anne Hereford, Betsy Smith, and Sandy Silko.

Membership: Second readings were given for Sabine Arndt and Betsy Smith whom were voted in unanimously. A first reading was given for Sandy Silko.

Show and Go: The date is 9/06/06 and judges are slated. There will be Agility, 2 Rally rings, a Stay Ring, and all levels of obedience.

Seminars: Seminars available to DGOTC were presented by Clarissa Bergeman and members secretly voted for their picks. Thanks to Clarissa, Anne Hereford, and Averill Ring for gathering all of the information for the presentation!

DGOTC Referrals for Private Training: The fact that DGOTC does not provide private individual training was discussed among the members since calls come into the field secretaries for these services. A referral list being posted on the website was discussed. Michelle Jackson made the following motion after the discussion: Our website will list instructors first and other members second that do private lessons for referrals. The two lists will be sorted alphabetically, listing the names, city residing in, and contact information. Businesses will not be listed. A club disclaimer will be used since individual instructors will not be providing private lessons through DGOTC. The motion was unanimously carried. It was also decided that contact information that contains website information will not be clickable from the DGOTC website. Field secretaries and other members are then to refer clients to the website rather than recommending an individual member for private training.

The motion to adjourn was made by Julie Stegeman and seconded by Michelle Jackson.

Sincerely,
Michelle Jackson
DGOTC Member

NOTICE:

Sports Injury Seminar at the DGOTC Monthly Meeting on 4 October To Be Held in Leesburg at Ida Lee Park – 7 PM!

There will be a free sports injury seminar presented by Dr. Matthew Nicholson at the regular DGOTC meeting on October 4, 2006. Dr. Nicholson is with the Veterinary Surgical Center in Vienna, Virginia. He will discuss injuries related to Agility and Obedience such as ruptured cruciate ligaments and biceps tendon injuries. He will also cover surgical procedures used to repair these injuries as well as post-op care and physical therapy

Dr. Nicholson will also willingly answer any questions the audience may have during and after the presentation. Since this seminar will extend the time of our regular meeting, this meeting will be held in the downstairs special events room at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center in Leesburg, VA. Directions to the center can be found at www.idalee.com. Note that this meeting will begin at 7:00 PM rather than 8:00 so that we will have time for Dr. Nicholson's presentation as well as our regular business meeting. Please plan to attend this informative presentation.

You will need to drive past the main building and to the back of Ida Lee Recreation Center to enter the lower level where our meeting will be held.

DGOTC Leesburg Site

Fall training session begins on October 5, 2006 in the new barn at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg, VA. 6-week session. On-site registration ½ hour prior to class but classes fill quickly, *pre-registration is suggested!* Contact the Field Secretary, Ann

Hereford, 540-338-5602. Please visit our website www.dgotc.org for more information and pre-registration forms.

Obedience Classes:

6:30 – 7:30 PM	Puppy	Maria Swezey
	Advanced Basic	Maureen Taylor
7:30 – 8:30 PM	Basic Obedience	Shanthi Fernando

Agility Classes:

6:00 – 7:30 PM	Beginner Agility	Suzi Dodson and Leslie McLean
7:30 – 8:45 PM	Intermediate/Advanced Agility	Barbara Lewis

Note***** All Agility class members are expected to help set up as well as take down equipment as needed EVERY week as part of the class requirements. If you have any physical impairments that prevent this, it must be cleared with the instructor prior to the start of class. No exceptions.

DGOTC Fairfax Site

Fall training session begins on October 5 at in the equestrian barn at Frying Pan Park. **8-week obedience session. 6-week agility session.** Mail registrations to: Marie DeGeneste, 1520 Coat Ridge Road, Herndon, VA 20170. *Some classes fill quickly! Please register at least two weeks before classes start!* Visit our website at www.dgotc.org for applications & information.

Obedience Classes:

7:00 – 8:00 PM	Puppy Basic Subnovice	Sandee Szabo Sue Lhotka Mary Suib
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Basic Novice Open	Michelle Jackson Joan Wilson Erich Rutscheidt

Agility Classes:

7:00 – 8:00 PM	Intermediate*	Mary Denigan
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Beginner JWW	Karen Zelonis

- start date October 19

Agility prerequisites at FPP:

Beginner JWW agility dogs must be friendly, able to heel without pulling, and provide their handler adequate attention while working. Reliable recalls and Sub-Novice obedience experience preferred. This is an introduction for dogs new to agility or for dogs that need more obedience prior to attending the Intermediate or Advanced classes.

Intermediate JWW agility-advanced JWW agility dogs must have graduated from novice obedience and have good off lead control. Dogs must have taken at least one beginner agility class prior. Dogs must be well behaved, well socialized, and friendly for off lead work.

Dates DGOTC has FPP in 2006/2007:

Summer Session Outdoors- September 7,14,21,28; **Fall Session** Indoors (9 dates) – October 5,12,19,26, November 2,9,30, December 7,14; **Winter Session** Indoors - (12 dates) January 11,18,25, February 1,8,5,15,22, March 1,8,15,22.

Wags and Brags

My Nikki earned her **UKC Agility Championship (UACH)** -- Yeahhhh - at the Mattaponi KC/Dulles Gateway OTC UKC trials the beginning of June. And our first bred, Travis earned his first agility title - **UAGI**. His brother Tyler earned 1 leg toward his UAGI. Then we drove to Kalamazoo, Mich. for the UKC Premier. Nikki was entered in the first day's event which is a special competition of the dogs who were in the top 10 the past year. Nikki had finished '05 in the #1 spot. Well, she didn't fare so well and didn't get Best of Breed in this final event. oh well, at least we got the opportunity to try. The rest of the wkend was agility and conformation for our guys. Nikki, Travis, & Tyler were in agility and conformation. Ashley was just in conformation

and is now 3/4ths of the way to her UKC Championship. Nikki got a Q in agility (which was no longer needed of course). Travis & Tyler were a hoot in their agility. They were absolutely wild when it came to their turns. They had what's affectionately called "the zoomies". Running around in the ring, taking obstacles not asked for, etc. Travis was even barking at me. Totally not like they were the wkend before. The place where this was held was a very noisy, small & narrow room. Since we were doing conformation too, I didn't get to sit ringside and let them absorb the noise. Travis ran up to the jump that had a flower box on the top of it, actually sniffed at the plastic flowers and started to bite & pull them out of the box. I somehow managed to get him to jump over it all. What a hoot. Travis actually qualified the last day, even though he'd already finished his title the wkend before at that level. Tyler didn't fare as well in agility.

Bobbie Lutz

Faran von Alpensee just finished up his AKC CD today on his third trial, pulling in third place and becoming (as far as I have been able to find out) only the second Leonberger to title in AKC obedience so far. He came out of retirement at six years old to humor me and do this thing now that leos are allowed in the AKC performance ring. Three trials, three legs, three placements. Not too shabby for a dog who hadn't been in the obedience ring in almost two years!

Shannon White and

UCH UCD LCA-CH VL Faran von Alpensee LCA-CD AKC-CD CGC TT (& 1/3 UAGI)

I am really happy to report SheGoFaaast Aura (PHF OneWinkAtATime At Spritely) earned 2.25 GRC points at the Mid-Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club's LGRA Race, on Sunday, June 4, 2006--her first weekend as a racing dog! Summer Brez (Spritely Brezza d'Estate RA) and [Aura](#) ran beautifully against some very fast dogs and I am very proud of them both! My Lovely Lady Aura (PHF OneWinkAtATime At Spritely) went Winners Bitch at the Mattaponi Kennel Club show in Manassas, VA, on Saturday, May 20, 2006, over very fine competition.

~peny & the Spritely IGs (Chia, Lili, Brez, Kyss, Aura, PJ)

Home For Sale

DOG TRAINER'S DELIGHT: 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath home with finished recreation room, workshop, 4-car garage and view of valley, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains mid-way between Leesburg and Winchester, VA. Over 3 wooded acres with approx. 2/3 acre fenced, including large lawn area suitable for obedience, agility, protection and beginning tracking training. Also has shaded 13' x 33' dog run.

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