

DGOTC SCOOP NEWSLETTER

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Who is DGOTC????

DGOTC is a not-for-profit organization that was formed to promote the sport of dog obedience. We have been serving the National Capital region from our two training sites for almost 30 years. We embrace several positive training philosophies and allow trainers the freedom to pursue the training methods that work best for their dogs. We offer training classes in obedience and agility year round.

Getting Connected

On behalf of the 2011 DGOTC Board, please welcome back, drum roll please....our newsletter!

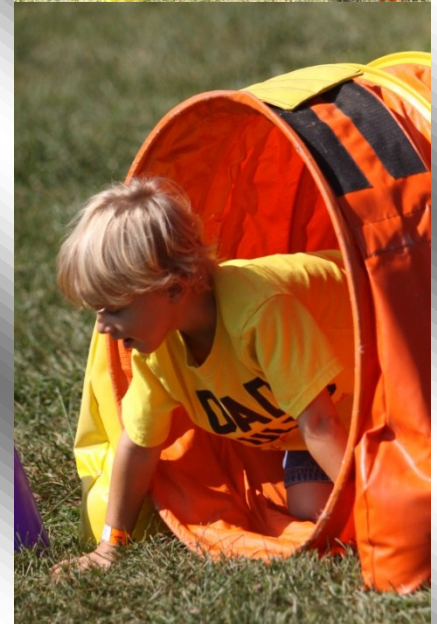
In an effort to keep everyone current we are proud to announce a quarterly newsletter featuring the latest events, upcoming events, brags, instructor spotlight, president's message, and much more. Member submissions are welcome and encouraged; prior to the first edition of 2012 an email will be sent out with further details for submission requirements.

Dog Days and Peach Fest

On August 20-21st DGOTC participated in the Dog Days and Peach Fest at Great Country Farms located in Bluemont, VA. We were the silver sponsor of the event and hosted the agility course for the weekend. Our very own Ann Hereford of Here for Dogs was on hand to snap photos of anyone who tried our agility course and made them available on her website to purchase.

We had over eighty people try our agility course and had some others try their hand at our "beat the time" contest. Those who came closest to our pace-setter Eco won a doggy gift basket.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made the event a success: Ann Wells, Tom Wells, Ann Hereford, Pam Anderberg, Michelle Lickey, Brandy Holzman, Besty Smith, Marion Lee, Nicole Paez-Junkins, Ashley Monroe, Jessica Andryshak, Mike Andryshak



Dog Days & Peach Fest @ Great Country Farms

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DGOTC PayPal

Thanks to the hard work of Averill Ring, Ann Wells, and Ashley Monroe, DGOTC now has a live PayPal account. We are currently only set up to use this function for membership fees, whether it be upon application for membership or your yearly renewal. Visit our website and click on "Payment" for details.

Show and Go Match!

September 4, 2011 was DGOTC's annual obedience, rally, and agility show and go match. The day started out a little overcast, but that didn't stop enthusiasts from coming to partake in the club's event.

We hosted an agility ring; obedience: Novice, Open and Utility; Rally; and TDI / CGC. Special thanks to Barbara Lewis for heading up the match, thanks to our judges Holly Hammerle, Pam Anderberg, Michelle Jackson, and Clarissa Bergeman; TDI evaluator Ann Hereford and CGC testers Marti Nottingham and Liz Moultrie; and to the other volunteers: Suzi Dodson, Maureen Taylor, Joanne Ryan, Lisa Fredrich, Ashley Monroe, Matt Monroe, Sara Smith, Marion Lee, Leslie McLean, Maria Swezey, Alicia Foley, Lynn Pacenta, Brandy Holzman, Penny Geddes, Brenda Shaver, and to Ann Wells and family.

We've Moved Indoors!

Current classes are being held at the Carver Center in Purcellville, VA and the Purcellville Sports Pavilion in Purcellville, VA **Photo of Purcellville Sports Pavilion by HereForDogs.com**



DGOTC Presidential Greetings

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself in this initial Newsletter. I was born and raised in England; immigrated to Canada; met and married my "Yank" 57 years ago. So I'm really old! I became a naturalized US citizen in 1958, in Bluefield, W.Va. The family dog breed is Pekingese (grandparents to now); however, I owned and trained German Shepherd Dogs in the sport of Schutzhund and AKC Obedience for 25 years. If the truth is known I love **all** dogs regardless of their pedigree. I currently have two rescues: Pekingese **Angel** from the Loudoun shelter, and **Mitzi** a small white mixed dog from a dual highway in Sterling.

My Club History: I have been a member since the middle 1980's and have held the following positions: Assistant Instructor; Instructor; Training Director; Vice President; President. I have worked on numerous committees and numerous club activities too many to list here. I have shared many enjoyable experiences over the years with my DGOTC club members and look forward to many more.

In conclusion, I wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season, and urge you to get involved with club activities; it will enrich your life and your club experience.

Maureen Taylor, President

Instructor Spotlight

In each newsletter we hope to showcase one of the DGOTC instructors. Without each of these wonderful people we wouldn't benefit and grow in the sport with our dogs. To start off spotlighting our instructors we have chosen Holly Hammerle.

Q: Where do you live?

A: *Nokesville, VA*

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: *Blue*

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: *International Mystery of any kind*

Q: What hobbies do you have outside of dog training?

A: *Gardening, reading, spending time with friends and their dogs*

Q: What kind of dogs do you own?

A: *Shetland Sheepdogs*

Q: How long have you been an instructor? What do you teach?

A: *For a total of about 20 years and I teach all levels of agility*

Q: What got you interested in dog training?

A: *Owning my first dog*

Q: What was your most rewarding moment in your career as a dog trainer?

A: *Watching my students succeed and grow as handler/dog teams*

Q: What are your most important accomplishments with your dog?

A: *UACHX, MX, MXJ, CD, RE, but mostly the accomplishment is running with my dogs and seeing that they enjoy running with me*

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to anyone at any level in their dog training what would it be?

A: *Think about your training from your dog's perspective and set them up for success*

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DGOTC Events

- ❖ Friday December 2, 2011 - Board Meeting 6:30pm, Maureen Taylor's House
- ❖ Saturday December 3, 2011 - Middleburg Christmas Parade 2pm, Middleburg VA
- ❖ Saturday December 10, 2011 - Purcellville Christmas Parade 12 noon, Purcellville VA
- ❖ December 31, 2011 - New Titles Due to Betsy Smith
- ❖ January 1, 2012 - Membership Renewals are due
- ❖ January 12, 2012 - Agility classes at Purcellville Sports Pavilion begin
- ❖ January 22, 2012 - DGOTC Banquet (snow date January 29, 2012)
- ❖ February 6, 2012 - Obedience classes at Carver Center begin



DGOTC is on FACEBOOK, make sure to "like" us today

Member Submissions Welcome and Encouraged:

- ❖ **Who Can Submit?** DGOTC Members
- ❖ **What to Submit?** Photos, brags, special thanks, etc.
- ❖ **When to Submit?** Submissions will be due by the 15th of the month prior to publication
- ❖ **How to Submit?** Email to the Scoop Editor at dgotceditor@gmail.com

We hope everyone will consider contributing to our newsletter. The more we share, the better informed we will be, and who doesn't want that? Please feel free to contact the editor with questions, comments, suggestions, in addition to your newsletter submissions any time during the year.

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