

NEW

Officers 2011-2012

Carol Bishop,
President
Carolyn Archer,
Vice President
Melody Boren,
Secretary
Jeri Berryman,
Treasurer

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Board 2011-2012

Terry Hetzel (1)
Scott Spencer(2)
Carol Brand (2)
Christi Ferguson (3)
Gail Hefley (3)

WELCOME

New Members:

None this month

Newsletter

Terry Hetzel

Email brags, club news, articles, etc **by the 28th** to be in the next newsletter to:

terry8410@suddenlink.net

please note in the subject line: For Newsletter or Brags

Sunday agility practice at the agility field is at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS only

SPLASH



For AOTC members only. It's time again for our summer picnic. Save the date.

WHO: AOTC members and their dogs

PLACE: SPLASH Amarillo

DATE: Monday, August 22

TIME: 2:00 pm help is needed to set up

4:00 let the games begin

5:00 Do I smell burgers?

7:30 bye-bye water park

Any questions, contact Scott Spencer at

scottproperty@sbcglobal.net

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING

Tues Aug 9 at 7:00 p.m.
AOTC Building

Aug 22 SPLASH
Sept 13 Club meeting
Sept 17 Fair Parade
Oct 11 Club meeting
Nov 8 Club meeting

Tri State Fair Parade

Sept. 17

Volunteers Needed

to be on a parade committee for the Tri State Fair Parade on September 17th. This committee will organize our club's float and member participation in the parade. All volunteers contact Carol Bishop at phone 674-9718 or email carolturbojet@gmail.com

Thank You

Thanks to the amazing works of Melody Boren and ALL the great volunteers the Obedience Show was a GREAT success!! Looks like the show was in the black!! Jeri will have the official numbers at the next club meeting. If you were there you saw lots of 6 legged teams having a great time together! Thank you to all who were involved and made 2011's Obedience Show a great memory. Gayla and Gee Gee



I just wanted to thank you and the club for a very nice weekend. It is always alot of work to put on a trial and from my perspective everything was GREAT. Your site is GREAT and the exhibitors were FANTASTIC. Please thank my stewards as they did a wonderful job. Texas hospitality is always wonderful and this weekend was no exception. Thanks again for having me on your panel and I hope to see you again. Rick Garvin, Obedience Judge

Club members are preparing for the first ever SPLASH event

Get Ready to SPLASH



Savannah modeling appropriate swim-suit attire !



JoJo and Nikki showing how to cruise in style !



Tango and Sadie practicing for the relay races.



Savannah (left) and Riley Girl (above) perfecting their dog paddle !



A Day in the life of Truxton Wright

Those of you that know me, know how I feel about my little sheltie Truxton. I have had an unbelievable connection with him since I saw the picture sent by the rescue lady. I felt immediately that he was my dog and his name would be Truxton. I have been extremely proud of him several times in these past years and I wanted to tell you of one such time that happened on a recent Saturday morning. I woke at 3:00 in the morning to the sound of Truxton barking. This did not make me happy. After whistling out the window a couple of times and getting no response, I headed out to see what the ruckus was about. As soon as I stepped outside I knew it was serious. Truxton was very agitated and he was pacing the fence and whining. Then he would run to me and then over to one of my chickens and then go back to pacing. When he went to the chicken, I saw a pile of feathers. After a quick count I realized I was missing a duck. I gathered up the chickens and Willie Mack and I herded the remaining ducks into their house and locked the gate. I searched the yard a while longer, but no sign of Miss Willaby. I could not believe something had gotten in my yard and carried away the largest of all my ducks. I tried to get Truxton back in the house but he was having none of it. He planted himself between the fence and the chickens and ducks and would not budge. Much to Willie and Otis' delight, I went back to bed. Now if you want to talk about two animals that are not worth their salt, those two are the ones to talk about. Here is Truxton, braving the unknown to protect his flock and those two go right in the house and right to bed. I don't expect much from Harlie, she is old and Jaxon is blind, but those other two are just worthless. Anyway, I got up again a little before 5:00 and Truxton was still in the same spot, keeping watch.

The next morning I went out and found a small hole in my fence. The best I can figure, Mr Wiley Coyote found a weak spot in my fence, pushed his way in and grabbed my black duck. Since Truxton sleeps on the couch in the living room, he must have heard the commotion and went racing out. I assume Wiley left in a hurry because he left a lot of fur behind. He was probably eating her just beyond my garden area while I was out there looking around. Truxton was not there to save Miss Willaby, but he stayed on watch to keep everyone else safe thru the night. I'm just glad he did not have a face to face with Wiley Coyote. We have been there before, but that is another story....

by Truxton's mom Andrea Wright

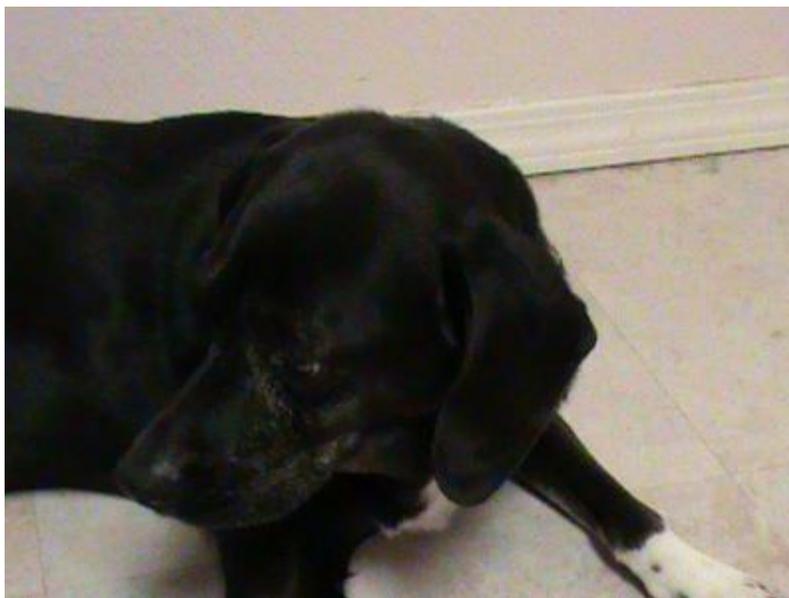


Remembering Cajun

I lost my sweet little Cajun girl on July 27th. She came to me after Hurricane Katrina. I remember looking at her in the cage for the first time and all you could see was her whole body shaking she was wagging her little stub of a tail so hard. She developed a thing for carpet eating, which ended up in her having surgery. She wasn't supposed to have made it through that but she was a fighter. Cajun was a very special dog, she never met anyone she didn't like. She and Piper developed a friendship that was very strong, Cajun put up with the puppy that bugged and chased and nipped her. Piper is missing her best friend. I would like to tell everyone to remember to hug, kiss, and love them because they leave us all too soon. I may not of had Cajun for her whole life, but she made my life whole. I will miss that little wiggle butt of hers.

Miss you and love you so much Cajun.

~ Carol Bishop



What a wonderful phrase "*Good Dog!*" is. You can't say it angry or while in a bad mood.

"Good Dog!!" puts a smile on your face and love in your heart! Try it. Then try it again.

(Thanks to Carol Brand for the insight.)

Brags

History is made ... AOTC's FIRST AKC Therapy Dog Title goes to Sadie Lavin!

Elise Lavin: We were notified by the AKC that **Sadie** has been awarded the new AKC Therapy Dog Title. I felt that after all I put her through with Obedience, Rally, and Agility, it was only fair that she should receive a title in a field that she actually loves and in which she excels - pet therapy. Way to go, Sadie May (or may not)!



Elise Lavin: I chose the AOTC obedience trial for Tango's debut (something about home court advantage, I guess). My boy decided to bulldoze whatever stage fright I was experiencing with a Novice B obedience score of 199 and a High In Trial award for his first endeavor. His scores remained in the mid-190's for the next two trials; but on the long down-stays I suppose he mistook my look of "concentration" to be one of "pain", so he got up to come stick his head between my legs to console me. We've since been doing a lot of proofing of our sit/down stays (no matter what look I have on my face); so it's onward and upward (hopefully) to the OKC trial!



Bonnie Carson: Mr. Darcy won 2 first places in Novice A Obedience and 1 2nd place. He got his Title for a CD. He got 2 Trophy boxes for high scoring therapy dog in AKC Obedience Trial.



Darcy's Debut

Sadie (far left) is very proud of her little brother Tango on his Obedience Debut !

Heather Partain: Savannah received her RN Title at her very first Obedience Trial.



Gail Hanson-Hefley: Artie was an awesome boy at his first trial. He placed first at both shows on Saturday, and finished his RN title on Sunday.

Emmy got her first leg towards her CD on Sunday with a second place.



Nikki Wright: In June at the Clovis Agility Trail JoJo got 2 Q's in Novice JWW Preferred to complete her NJP title as well as 2 Q's in FAST. She ran her first qualifying FAST course in 16 seconds-I would say she's a FAST dog!



more Brags

Minutes from Club Meeting of July 12, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Slate of officers and board members presented was elected by acclamation. Officers for 2011-2012 are President: Carol Bishop; Vice President: Carolyn Johnson; Treasurer: Jeri Berryman; Secretary Melody Boren.

Board members for 2011-2012 are Carol Brand, Christi Ferguson, Gail Hefley, Terry Hetzel and Scott Spencer.

June minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Education: Scott has the club slated for an appearance Thursday before the obedience trial. Needs members to appear with him.

Obedience: Need volunteers for trial set up. Class registration is 7-14 at 6:30 PM.

Agility: Class sign up on 7-10; every class is pretty full. The beginning foundations class might have a few spots. Judges are hired for the 2012 agility trials. A nice note from Alan Arthur, an agility judge at our Memorial Day trial was read to the members.

Therapy: check the AKC website to find out about the therapy dog title that is available.

No 1st or 2nd readings.

New business: Splash Water Park will be open to club members for our annual hot dog party on August 22. We can bring our dogs.

Club needs a committee to get our group together for the Tri-State Fair parade. Carol Bishop has sent in the application for the parade.

Carolyn Johnson shared an editorial from Clean Run about agility and sportsmanship.

David Johnston and Mia said goodbye to the club. He is moving to Hawaii and we will miss him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2011

Called to order 7:50 PM

June minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business: Board accepted the final Memorial Day trial expenses.

New Business: 2012 Obedience trial will be at club training building. Obedience Committee will need to submit site map to AKC.

Agility: new trial rules will go into effect in the middle of the January trial. We will need a new 6' chute. Will also need a new teeter before the January trial. May need new wings too. Approved these expenses. The Amarillo National Center enjoyed having the club there and want to talk about a long term contract.

Responsible Dog Owner Day: perhaps club could partner with city agencies to have an educational outreach day. Have teaching stations and teach an obedience command at each one. Looking at October so it will be cool enough to be outside. Need demo area and room for stations.

Consider having costume contest for October meeting, and Gail welcomes program ideas.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Another THANK YOU from one of the Obedience Trial exhibitors : I just wanted to "Thank" the AOTC for all their efforts and to let you all know how much I enjoyed your Hospitality, great Club Members, and Showing in such a nice Facility. Please know how much I appreciate the cash awards that Cutrell Trucking so generously donated! Please feel free to share with your fellow Club Members!
Regards, Kay Scott & Tex

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS using the club building

PLEASE do not adjust the air conditioning. It is programmed to automatically come on and go off for class times. If you have special times you need to use the club building and need the air conditioning, please contact Judy DeShong.

PLEASE check BOTH doors at the club building before you leave the training building. If you go out the second door by Judy's ring, you have to slam it shut to get it to lock. If you don't, the wind will catch it and blow it wide open. Please secure the building when leaving. THANK YOU.

Last one to leave the AOTC building, please check the following:

HEATER must be MANUALLY turned on and off. Please turn heater down to 40 when leaving the building.

A/C is set to automatically come on and go off for class times.

Lights are off. All doors are locked

Gate is locked (DOUBLE CHECK, please spin the tumbler to ensure lock engages)

As a reminder, We no longer have a janitor. PLEASE clean up after yourself and others!

Want More Info...

Gail Hanson-Hefley will be coordinating special request topics at the monthly club meetings. Email Gail at jandg3216@gmail.com with your requests for demos, mini-training, seminars, info sharing, want to know, etc.

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 AKC website: www.akc.org
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