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WELCOME

New Members:

Ken Wingrove
Shennum Family

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 3:00 pm

MEMBERS only

Awards Banquet

Our annual awards banquet will be held **Saturday, February 4, 7:00 pm** at the Saltgrass Steakhouse. Price is \$17 plus tax/tip per person.

RSVP to Gail Hefley at jandg3216@gmail.com with the number attending. Please put in the subject line: **RSVP Awards.**

Please send Gail your favorite photos from 2011 for the Awards Banquet. Photos should be sent to: jandg3216@gmail.com by **February 1.** (Please limit your photos to 10 photos per dog.)



Come celebrate. Hope to see you there.

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING

Tues Jan 10 at 7 p.m.

AOTC Building

Jan 11 Obedience signups
Feb 4 Awards Banquet
Feb 14 Club meeting
Mar 13 Club meeting

SPECIAL GUEST at our January meeting will be **Carol Hillhouse, DVM.** Carol will speak on feeding and nutrition for our special 4-legged buddies.

Bring the label from the bag of food/treats you are feeding Fido and follow along as Carol is pointing out some things.



Happy Healthy FUN New Year
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OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Obedience sign up is from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the club building on January 11. Bring proof of rabies vac and payment in check or cash. No credit cards are accepted. Classes start the week of January 16th

Classes available this session are:

Monday

Basic Obedience 6:30 pm
Scott and Denise Spencer

Wednesday

Puppy 6:30 pm
Jeri Berryman

Wednesday

Basic Household 7:00 pm
Brenda Carrigan

Saturday

Rally 9:00 am
Scott and Denise Spencer

Contact Lisa Kelley at bloopagility@clearwire.net with questions regarding classes.

Agility classes

The next session for agility will not start until mid to late January.

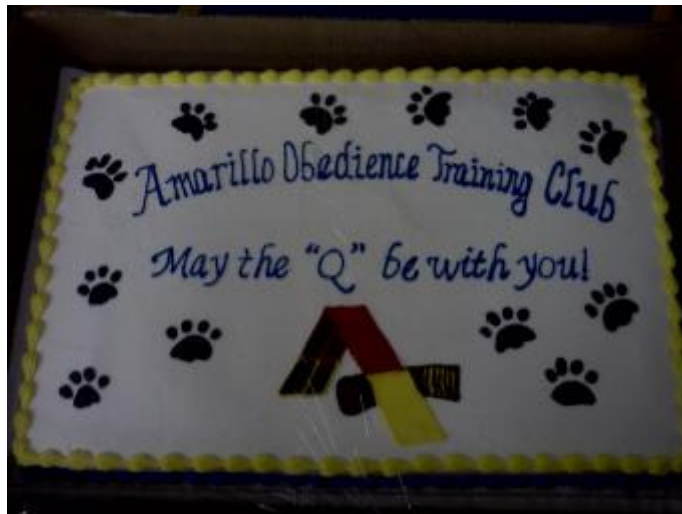
Watch the AOTC website for registration information.

Preregistration for agility classes will be required this year.

THANKS

for another successful agility trial

A great big thanks to everyone for making our trial such a success. It ran like clockwork because everyone knows their jobs and does them so well. A special thanks to the “**Ladies of Hospitality**”, **Teresa, Suzanne and Gail**. We had some wonderful food and it was very well put together. Thanks to **Joe and Marian** for the quick course building, **John and Terry** for equipment management, **Carol Brand**, Trial Secretary for another amazing job and **Jeri** for working the table, **Carol Bishop** for organizing the workers, **Janet** for the ribbons and the ironing and **Gail** for buying all the staples and getting us organized.



There are too many to count that came and worked the rings and cleaned, loaded and unloaded equipment. All the deserts were wonderful and very much appreciated. Thanks also to **Carolyn and Jim Archer** for moving the trailer even at the last minute and **Kyle Kelley** for the very last trip. I know there are people that I missed, but thank you too. ~ A'ndrea Wright, Agility Trial Chairman



To ALL our NOVICE players: A most exceptional job by all who were in the ring for the first time and those showing new dogs for the first time. We heard so many compliments about how well prepared our club's Novice group was. What a stellar performance by all...yes you Beau & Teresa, Mia & Emma, Savvy & Heather, Summer & Ricki ...Great Job! Welcome to the world of agility.

Terry Hetzel:
Riley girl Q'd in EXB JWW and T2B. Trooper Q'd in EX A JWW earning his AXJ Title and moved up with the big boys to EX B.



RILEY GIRL

BRAGS

Minutes from Club Meeting of Dec. 14, 2011

Called to order at 7:15 with lots of holiday treats.

Nov.minutes approved. Treasurer's report approved.

Committee Reports

Education: No report

Obedience: No report

Therapy: No report

Agility:

Agility trial December 30, 31, and January 1 at the Soccer Center. Need volunteers to paint contacts December 14 at club bldg. There will be early practice at 1 PM, Dec. 18 then clean & load equipment. On Thursday Dec. 29 there will be early crate set up at 10 AM; Unload equipment at 4 PM. Still need volunteers to bring desserts each day and someone to maintain the poop stations.

No First Readings.

2nd Readings: Kenneth Wingrove, Shennum family.

Unfinished Business:

Get your titles to Janet Nelson by January 4th for the awards banquet. Email Gail with your RSVP.

Bring donations any time for the SPCA. Gail Hanson will deliver them when they have accumulated.

New Business:

The club needs to get a discussion started regarding strategic planning, and involve younger members. Need to decide if this would be part of the regular club meeting or separate. Could we do it online via social media such as a blog?

Special Guest: Great Plains Ag representative who spoke about strategic planning using the SWOT method. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. The club heard about the changes at his organization using this method that involves all stakeholders, and the enthusiasm that everyone had for the initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Gift exchange led by Lynne Tellman.

Board Meeting Minutes of Dec. 14, 2011

Members present: Carol Bishop, Gail Hanson, Terry Hetzel, Jeri Berryman, Carol Brand, Melody Boren, Carolyn Archer, Christi Ferguson

Called to order at 8:22 PM.

Minutes approved.

New Business

Since AKC Therapy is an AKC recognized title, club should supply therapy dogs with title plaque/bar. AKC therapy dog title must be met according to the requirements set by AKC. This will be effective immediately.

Adjourned at 8:30.



REMINDER: MAILED correspondence must be sent to the club's PO box. Mailing address is: AOTC

ATTN: (whoever) i.e. Jeri Berryman, Treasurer

PO BOX 32272

Amarillo, TX 79120

Check out AOTC on FACEBOOK (at Search just type in Amarillo Obedience Training Club and click LIKE) see more behind the scenes photos and news about the club Thanks Gail for the great job in updating/maintaining the club's face.

**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.

AOTC training facility : 9785 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, TX
 AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX
 AOTC website: www.aotcdogs.com
 AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>
 AKC website: www.akc.org
 AOTC Agility : direct questions to Carolyn Brand at labradored@cablone.net
 AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Teresa Tucker at tatucker5004@yahoo.com
 AOTC Member Directory updates: Jeri Berryman at aggiefan316@hotmail.com
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