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Gail Hefley (3)

**WELCOME**

New Members:

Bram family

Susan & Jay Andrews

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

**Club Members only: Sunday Agility practice (at the club agility field ) is at 6:00 pm**

# May Agility Trial

Our **May Agility Trial** will be held **May 28, 29 & 30 (Memorial weekend) at the Amarillo National Center.** This is the first time for this location and we are very excited about this fabulous facility and the chance to run 2 rings. This also means **we will need twice as many volunteers** as we have had in past trials.

To volunteer for **Ring Steward**, please contact **Carol Bishop** at email: **carolturbojet@gmail.com** (no experience necessary)

**Sat. May 21** Load from club building  
**Sun. May 22 1:00 pm** practice at field  
**Sun. May 22** after practice—clean and load all agility equipment. (Please bring your own rags, scrubbers and buckets).  
**Fri. May 27 10 am** Early setup **for workers only**  
**Fri. May 27 4:00 pm** Unload at ANC  
**Sat 28th —Mon 30th** Agility trial  
**Mon. 30** Load equip/Unload at field and club building.

Anyone with an available pick up or SUV to carry equipment (ring gating, tables, chairs), please contact Terry Hetzel by the next club meeting May 10.

If you have any questions regarding the agility trial, please contact our Trial Chairman, Terry Hetzel at [terry8410@suddenlink.net](mailto:terry8410@suddenlink.net)

**Calendar of Events:**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tues May 10 at 7:00 p.m. AOTC Building**

May 14 Helen Smith  
May 22 Agility practice 1 pm  
May 22 Clean/Load equip  
May 28-30 Agility Trial  
May 30 Return equipment  
June 14 Club meeting  
July 1 Membership Dues  
July 12 Club meeting

**DUES are DUE**

Club membership dues are due before July 1, 2011.

Single \$25

Family \$35

Junior \$10

Send check payable to AOTC to Treasurer, AOTC  
PO Box 32272

Amarillo, TX 79120

For questions, contact Jeri Berryman at [aggiefan316@hotmail.com](mailto:aggiefan316@hotmail.com)

*Helen Smith  
Obedience Seminar*

Helen will be at the AOTC club building for an Obedience seminar focusing on work in **Novice** on **May 14, 2011 (8 am-5 pm)**. Please contact Judy DeShong at 670-4444 or email [jshong@hughes.net](mailto:jshong@hughes.net) to reserve an audit spot or for more information. All working spots are filled at this time.

# Obedience classes

Registration for the next session of Obedience classes will be May 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at the AOTC building from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Classes start the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The classes offered are:

Puppy Class with Jeri Berryman  
Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Basic Obedience (including Household Manners)  
with Scott & Denise Spencer and Teresa Tucker  
Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am

Rally with Scott & Denise Spencer and Teresa Tucker  
Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 am

Rally practice for all levels will follow the class ending at 11:30 am.

## *Please Volunteer*

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." ~ Sheri Anderson*

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~Elizabeth Andrew*

*"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." ~Author Unknown*

## **Trimming Your Dog's Nails**

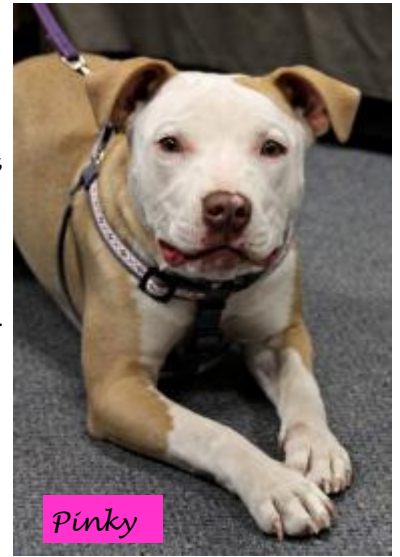
Does your dog sit nicely and offer you his paw while you trim his nails? No. Well, you're certainly not alone. Lisa Kelley and Carol Bishop will present a mini seminar offering tips, techniques, and tools to learn how to desensitize your dog to a nail trim.

**Be sure to attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.**



Sadie

*extraor-di-nary*  
 [ik-strawr-dn-er-ee] -adjective  
 1. beyond what is usual, ordinary, regular, or established:  
 2. exceptional in character, amount, extent, degree, etc.; noteworthy; remarkable.  
 Examples: Abby, Ranger, Sadie, Mr Darcy, Pinky, Jo Jo, Charli, Dillon, Hoss, Cinders and Cobalt



Pinky

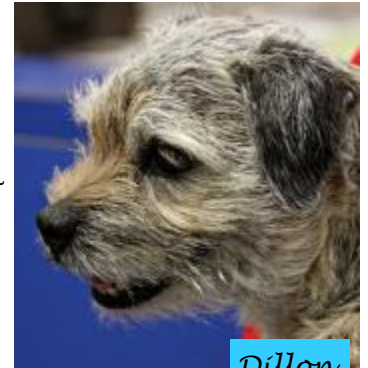
I have to brag on eleven extraordinary AOTC dog and handler teams that were part of Lamar Elementary Science Day. Thanks to the handlers for sacrificing part of their day to help educate and entertain young minds and answer all kinds of interesting questions and hear countless stories! Hats off to the extraordinary dogs who tolerated lots of slimy grimy fingers and hugs from students! 3 extraordinary dogs had their first experience with this type of outreach and were rock stars! The best part.... We have already been invited back. AOTC members ROCK! ~ Christi Ferguson



Mr. Darcy



Hoss



Dillon



Charli



Samantha

Cobalt



JoJo



Patiently waiting for the kids



Abbey



Ranger

# Brags

**Carol Bishop:** Jett Double Q'd in Wichita Falls to earn her last legs for the 2012 AKC Nationals. Get ready Reno here we come, National Bound.



Jett's bags are packed and she's ready to go ...



*Emmy's Awesome Debut !*

**Gail Hanson-Hefley:** Our first weekend of agility in Wichita Falls was awesome. Emmy qualified three out of four times, all with a first place. We have two novice jumpers with weaves legs, and one novice standard leg. I was so proud of my little Emster!

**John Hefley:** Belle finished her Novice Fast title with a first place, and she also got her first Open Fast leg with a first place.

**Terry Hetzel:** In W.Falls, Riley girl Q'd both days in EXC JWW earning another 10 MACH pts. She Q'd in EXC FAST with 2nd pl earning her EXC FAST Title. Ri also got 2nd in T2B earning \$15. Six years of training finally paid off.

Super Trooper had a great weekend and came soooo close....but he wasn't playing horseshoes!



Minutes from Club Meeting of April 12

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.  
 March minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Carol Hillhouse, DVM, of Carson County Veterinary Clinic gave a wonderful presentation on "The Canine Athlete". She covered various topics affecting our dogs, including nutrition, spaying/neutering, exercising puppies, pregnancy and the athlete, and the three basic needs for dog agility: healthy weight, correctly trimmed toenails, and appropriate body structure.

Committee Reports:

**Education:** Scott has made arrangements for club members and their dogs to appear on the KVII morning show on Tuesday, April 19. He will discuss the club's mission, classes, and events.

**Therapy:** Several dogs are waiting for their observations. The Amarillo Public Library wants Therapy Dogs to come to some of their libraries for the Summer Reading Program for Read to a Dog program.

**Agility:** There will be a jump build on Sunday, May 1st at the training building. On May 21st we will load equipment from the club building. May 22 will be the last practice at the field at 1 PM, and then we will clean and load the equipment. On May 27th we will, unload at the ANB Center, and need volunteers to help.

**Obedience:** The club will not be having a fundraiser for WCK, as we are non-profit and it could be construed as a conflict of interest. The Helen Smith seminar is coming up. Registration for the next series of classes will be in May, and the dates and classes will be on the website.

**1st Readings:** Sharolyn Kerlee, Talese Hall, Steve and Joann Batman, Rafe and Kyt Eubanks, Kari Eagleston, Donna Black, Diana Brauer, Jenny and Greg Gattis.

**2nd Readings:** The Bram family, Susan and Jay Andrews.

**New Business:** Christi has been contacted by Lamar Elementary to visit with some dogs for their Science Day on Friday, April 15.

Proposed budget was distributed for members to consider for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes of April 12

Meeting called to order at 8:50.

Members present: Christi Ferguson, Jeri Berryman, Terry Hetzel, Carolyn Johnson, Carol Bishop, Carol Brand, Gail Hanson-Hefley, Scott Spencer, Melody Boren.

March Minutes Approved.

**New Business:** May newsletter will have dues notification. Board needs to select nominating committee for club election.

New jumps should be here the 19<sup>th</sup>.

AKC has all information for July Obedience trial.

Scott will be on the morning show at KVII on the 19<sup>th</sup> with members and their dogs to talk about our club and upcoming classes and events.

Several members were at the Autism Walk and Carolyn Johnson talked to KAMR about being on their show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS  
using the club building**

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.

**Want More Info...**

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

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!

AOTC training facility : 9785 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, TX

AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX

AOTC website: [www.aotcdogs.com](http://www.aotcdogs.com)

AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>

AKC website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

AOTC Agility : direct questions to Carolyn Brand at [labradored@cablone.net](mailto:labradored@cablone.net)

AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Teresa Tucker at [tatucker5004@yahoo.com](mailto:tatucker5004@yahoo.com)

AOTC Member Directory updates: Jeri Berryman at [aggiefan316@hotmail.com](mailto:aggiefan316@hotmail.com)

AOTC Education Coordinator: Scott Spencer at [scottproperty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scottproperty@sbcglobal.net)