

TAILS OF THE PLAINS

November 2011

Officers 2011-2012

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

Board 2011-2012

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

> WELCOME New Members:

Brandi Williams

Marie Tarin

Jack & Joanne Barton

Erin Osburn

Janie Irlbeck

Kathleen Brockman 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

Agility Trial Volunteers

Please volunteer to work our upcoming Agility Trial in December. No experience necessary. We need someone with a pick up with enough power to pull our loaded equipment trailer. We need folks to help with Hospitality on Friday and Sunday (breakfast & lunch). No cooking is involved—just order food, pick it up and set it out for workers. Share these duties with a friend....Just handle one day. Please help.

Contact Trial Chairman Andrea Wright at andiewright@aol.com

Contact Chief Ring Steward Carol Bishop at carolturbojet@gmail.com to help in the ring on trial days.

THANKS in advance for your support!

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING Tues Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. AOTC Building

Dec 13 Club Meeting Dec 30, 31 & Jan 1 Agility Trial



Elise

Lavin: We decided to attend the Tulsa obedience show this Halloween weekend for our first attempt in Open. Though Tango did show me a few new tricks (not in a good way), he also gave me some sweet treats – 2 legs towards his Open title, a second place ribbon, and a first place ribbon. And he had a great time – anything involving dumbbell retrieval is always fun in Tango's world!

It's time to start thinking about our annual supply drive for the Amarillo SPCA. Please bring your items to the November and December meetings, and Gail will make sure they are delivered.

Below are some suggestions from the SPCA:

BLEACH

PINE SOL

TRASH BAGS (39 gallon & tall kitchen size)

PAPER TOWELS

NON-LATEX GLOVES

BLANKETS or TOWELS (new or used is fine)

LAUNDRY SOAP

TREATS and CHEW TOYS (favorite toys are ones that can be put in the dishwasher and shared; no stuffed animals please)

DISH WASHING SOAP

MONEY

TIDY CAT LITTER

The dogs and cats at the SPCA thank you!!!



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ORDER CLUB WINTER WEAR





HOODIE

iTrain on front & AOTC logo on back

Colors Available: Royal Blue, Red, and

Kelly Green

Sizes available: Unisex S, M, L, XL,

2XL, 3XL

Price: \$22. Add \$2 for 2XL & 3XL

DEADLINE for ordering AOTC Winter tees and hoodie is TUESDAY, Nov. 8. Bring your order AND money to the club meeting on Tuesday OR MAIL to Carol Brand, PO Box 1076, Panhandle TX 79068 BEFORE Tuesday, Nov 8. This will be the only order placed for club winter wear this year. **NOTE:** This may be the last time we can place an order for the long sleeve mock tees. Suppliers have said they are too hard to get.

Payment must be made when your order is placed.



Long sleeve MOCK tee

AOTC logo on front & down one sleeve

Price: \$22 Add \$2 for 2 & 3 XL sizes.

Sizes available: unisex sizes S, M, L,

XL, 2XL, 3XL

Colors available: Black and Grey





The Judges hard at work scoring the following WINNERS

Lik Place, Hearing, and above on

Best Owner/Dog Costume: the Spencer Rodeo Clowns - Scott w/Jack, Denise w/Bell







3rd Place: the Bee Hive -Carol & Jett





The Judges awarded Honorable Mentions to ...



Scariest costume: Star Wars Queen Nicki & EWOK JoJo

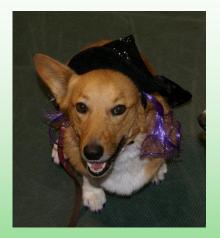




Funniest Costume: Riley as Lassie & Trooper as Timmy in the Well w/Terry as the sub-title

Coolest Costume: Artie the FireDog w/ Gail (not pictured because Gail was taking all the photos)





THANKS to Gail Hefley for capturing all the fun photos from our party!















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Minutes from Club Meeting of Oct 11, 2011

Called to order at 7:05.

September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

<u>Obedience</u>: The Obedience committee will have a meeting Friday October 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Elise and Gayla will conduct Canine Good Citizen testing October 24 at 7 PM at the training building. Fees are \$10 to AOTC for the test and \$8 to AKC for the certificate.

<u>Therapy</u>: Looking for more help at the VA.

<u>Agility</u>: Volunteers are needed for the December trial. No experience required!!

1st Readings:

Lauren Chiapetta

2nd Readings:

Kathleen Brockman, Erin Osburn, Janie Irlbeck, Jack and Joanne Barton, Marie Tarin, Brandi Williams. Welcome to our new members!

Unfinished Business

Thanks to all who came to the Tri-State Parade and the Buddy Walk. Thanks to Scott Spencer who pulled the trailer.

The club will have a Halloween party with costume contests for pets at the training building on October 22 at 5:00 PM.

New Business

Need volunteers for Christmas Party and awards banquet.

Adjourned at 7:30.

Board Meeting Minutes of Oct. 11, 2011

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

Called to order at 7:45 PM.

September minutes approved.

Unfinished Business

Fun, non-competitive events have more participation from club members. Club needs to thank organizations and make sure we are included next year. Club should have info to hand out at events. Club could participate in more community events.

If club has a programming committee, we would have a way to gauge interest and have an events calendar in place for events like Buddy Walk, Westminster, and other walks. The committee could also plan other fun events for club.

New Business

Agility equipment has been purchased, and club will need to repair teeter and A-Frame. Light at field needs attention, and our sign has some damage. Club will wait till next year to repair light. The portable toilet should go back on November 1st. Jeri will arrange the pickup.

The board voted to reimburse Carol Brand for the gift cards to Clean Run given in appreciation to this year's agility class teachers: Andrea Wright, Joe and Janet Nelson and Lynne Tellman.

Carol Brand is going to look for new designs for club shirts and jackets.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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.

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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



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.



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.

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

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

AKC website: www.akc.org

AOTC Agility: direct questions to Carolyn Brand at labradored@cableone.net

AOTC Obedience: direct questions to Teresa Tucker at tatucker5004@yahoo.com

AOTC Member Directory updates: Jeri Berryman at aggiefan316@hotmail.com

AOTC Education Coordinator: Scott Spencer at scottproperty@sbcglobal.net