

# THE SCOOPER



## WOMEN WITH A MISSION



Trina Chicvara, Annalane Harris, Jane Davidson

The magic happens almost every Monday night. People come from all around the greater Miami area to Tropical Park with their dogs. Some come to socialize their puppies and start them out on the right path. Others come to turn their unruly dogs in the proper direction or to keep their ruly dogs headed in the right direction. Some come to prepare to compete in their first obedience trial. Others come to further season their already accomplished dogs and reinforce the finer points of dog handling. Whatever their objective, they place themselves and their dogs under the

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experienced direction of MOC's amazing team of volunteer instructors for six-week training sessions. For anyone who loves dogs, the activity that takes place at Tropical Park on Monday nights is always interesting, especially during the hustle and bustle of the first night of each session.



Annalane and Jane  
process a registration

At the heart of all this Monday night magic are three very dedicated and very wonderful MOC Members: Jane Davidson, Annalane Harris and Trina Chicvara. They can be found on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30, or until they have wrapped up their night's business, at what is commonly referred to as "The Desk". The Desk, technically speaking, is a picnic table. The Desk is where the general public makes first physical contact with The Miami Obedience Club. The Desk is the MOC Customer Service Desk and the headquarters for the MOC Obedience Training Program. For more years than anyone can remember, The Desk has been staffed and run by Jane, Annalane and Trina.

The Scooper dropped by The Desk one Monday night in September to chat with Jane, Annalane and Trina about how The Desk operates. It happened to be the first night of a six-week training session. First nights are always the busiest times at The Desk. There is no on-line registration for Obedience Classes. The public has the option of visiting the MOC website or calling the MOC phone rep for information, but in order to register for an obedience class, the public has to come to The Equestrian Center at Tropical Park. Jane and Annalane are usually the first people that newcomers talk to about the Obedience Program and about MOC in general. If they are registering for a class, whether it be their first class or their umpteenth, they have to go see Jane or Annalane at The Desk to be assigned to the proper class, fill out the registration form and pay for their class. Trina is usually the woman in charge

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Trina getting just the right collar

of the hardware for first timers in Level 1. She measures for and provides the proper collar, and offers the handlers their choice of a beautiful leather lead. She also pitches in to help Jane and Annalane with questions and registrations. During The Scooper's visit, Jane, Annalane and Trina carried on with their jobs of answering questions, assigning classes, collecting registration forms and class fees, measuring for collars, distributing leads, and coordinating with the volunteer instructors regarding class

assignments. All the Scooper can say is that Jane, Annalane and Trina handled all of this activity with impressive poise and grace. They seamlessly coordinate their efforts with one another to get the job done. MOC is very fortunate to have these three women at the helm of The Desk.

As with any corporation, non-profit or not, there is much paperwork that needs to be completed and dealt with. The women in charge of The Desk need to keep their records in order and reconcile the enrollment proceeds. If you have ever taken an MOC Obedience Class, you probably noticed either Jane or Annalane passing by your group like clock work. They are recording the number of people in the class specifically for the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department, which keeps track of how its park space is being used and how many people are using it. Incidentally, according to its web site, Tropical Park attracts more than one and a half million visitors per year to its beautiful 275 acre facility.

Jane, Annalane and Trina have been working together for so many years that they couldn't remember dates. They did remember that they started working together when they were out in the parking lot, before the operation moved to the Equestrian Center. Why do they do it? Why have they devoted their Monday nights to MOC's

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Obedience Training Program for so many years? Jane, Annalane and Trina are there to support the MOC Obedience Training Program because they care about OBEDIENCE. They know how important Obedience training is, not just for the dogs but for the whole family, their friends and the community as a whole. They are there to help people who don't quite "get" the idea that obedience is important. They are there to support the fantastic team of MOC volunteer trainers. They are there because of the comraderie that has developed over the years. They are there because they care. They are women with a mission.

We all lead busy lives and forget to do many things that we should do. But you may want to take a moment to thank Jane and to thank Annalane and to thank Trina for all that they have done, and continue to do, to support the MOC Obedience Training Program. While you are at it, you may consider thanking one or more of the volunteer trainers. They all deserve it!



A lighter moment at The Desk

## AN MOC OBEDIENCE TRAINING SUCCESS STORY

There have been COUNTLESS MOC Obedience Training success stories. This is one that Annalane Harris shared with the Scooper.

Annalane recalls the story of a retired corporate executive, his daughter and son-in-law, both of whom have Down Syndrome, and a little Havanese puppy, just 9 or 10 weeks old when she was signed up for Puppy Class. The father was the puppy's handler and the young couple observed from the sidelines.

Apparently, the puppy was not motivated by treats, or anything else for that matter. Puppy just wanted to sit and observe the world around her. And that's just about all the puppy did! Meanwhile, over on the sidelines, the young couple who, according to Annalane were a bit shy around dogs, would quietly observe from the sidelines. As the weeks go by the young couple was being embraced by others with friendship and support. The puppy? Quietly observing from "Her" own sidelines with her Papa. What about the retired corporate executive? Can you imagine his level of patience as he comes to class on Monday for 6 weeks and pretty much does very little because the puppy perhaps needs a little bit more time and courage to get out there with those other puppies. There can be some BIG puppies in class. My guess is that this exceptionally petite Havanese puppy was the smallest of the bunch.

I'm not sure how many people sign up to repeat Puppy class. But this family did. As time has a way of passing, puppy is now around 4 months old. Apparently, puppy is becoming more courageous and more comfortable in her surroundings. Because as time goes by she is heeling with Papa, sitting when asked, going down when asked, and performing a very nice recall on lead, all with enthusiasm. And with each success, the audience would cheer her on. YES! GOOD GIRL!

As for Papa, he told Annalane that because of the experience with his daughter, son-in-law and the puppy during the Monday night training sessions, he felt as though he was coming out of a box. That box being the corporate world. The young couple

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was starting to feel more at ease around dogs. As a family, they were able to watch the puppy gain enough confidence to conquer whatever came her way. Puppy continued on to Level 1 and quite easily passed her CGC test. Along the way, the puppy, the father, and the young couple developed quite a fan club!

To be a Canine Good Citizen, a companion dog, one who would be able to travel with the family, this was the goal. According to Annalane, the goal has been reached. The first “Family” trip was up to Disney World. Yes, the doggie accompanied them. Apparently the family travels extensively. And I do mean “The Family.” You see, the doggie goes EVERYWHERE with them. Her first international trip was to Paris. The next one, coming up very soon, will be to Spain. But first they have to get back home from a month long adventure in Florida! Now at the young age of 2, Doggie’s traveling adventures have just begun. BON “JOYAGE” little one.

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One of the next MOC Obedience Training success stories\*



\*This beautiful dog, who is now in Barbara Ilardi's Level 3 class, is deaf.

# CHECKING IN WITH THE MOC LIBRARY

One of the benefits of MOC membership is access to the MOC library. MOC Librarian Carola Di Perna has custody of well over a hundred books, VCR's and DVD's on a wide range of topics of interest to MOC Members. Agility, obedience, rally, tracking, health, behavior, puppies, it's all there. The Scooper did a comparison of what is available in the MOC library compared to the Miami-Dade Public Library System, and when it comes to dog training and handling, the MOC library is the hands down winner.

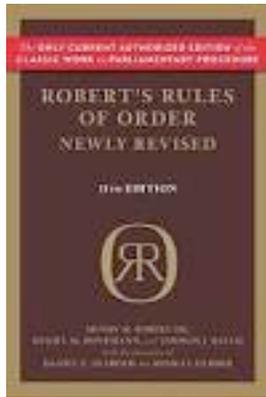
Best of all, all items can be checked out by MOC Members for up to two months!

All that you, as a Member, need to do is contact Carola and make arrangements to pick up the books and videos that are of particular interest to you. The specific details and a full list of available items is available under the Library tab on the MOC website. If you haven't checked it out recently, you owe it to yourself, and your dog, to do so in the near future.

Did we mention that our dedicated librarian Carola finds a place in her home to store and maintain the entire library? Thanks Carola.

*"A great library doesn't have to be big or beautiful. It doesn't have to have the best facilities or the most users. A great library provides. A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need."*

*-Vicki Myron, from "Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched The World"*



## SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT . . .

### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order provides a system for conducting meetings that are orderly and efficient. Meetings that get things done. This system has stood the test of time and passed the test. The tools that are used under Robert's Rules of Order are called motions. Indeed, there are many tools in Robert's toolbox. A good number of them are used infrequently, if at all. One never knows, though, when one of them may come in handy. The following is a brief summary of these various motions.

#### Main Motions

The most common motion is the main motion. A main motion is a motion to introduce some item of business to be considered by members at a meeting. It can be used, for example to approve that something will be done, to authorize a purchase, to create a policy or rule, to express an opinion, or to achieve a number of other objectives. Only one main motion can be pending at any given time.

#### Subsidiary Motions

Subsidiary motions are motions that help the members reach a decision on a pending main motion. There are seven subsidiary motions.

1. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely. A motion to postpone indefinitely is a motion to kill the main motion without taking a vote on that main motion.
2. Motion to Amend. A motion to amend is a motion to make some amendment to the main motion.

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3. Motion to Commit or Refer. A motion to commit or refer is a motion to refer the main motion to a committee for consideration for the purpose of having the committee come back to the members at a later time with a recommendation on the main motion.
4. Motion to Postpone to a Certain Time. A motion to postpone to a certain time is a motion to defer the consideration of the main motion to a specified time in the future.
5. Motion to Limit or Extend the Limits of Debate. A motion to limit or extend the limits of debate is a motion to change the normal rules relating to the number of times that a member may speak on a main motion or the amount of time that is allotted to each member.
6. Previous Question. Moving the previous question is a motion to immediately close debate on a main motion and proceed to a vote.
7. Lay on the Table. Moving to lay a question on the table is a motion to temporarily set aside the consideration of a main motion in order to attend to more pressing business.

### *Privileged Motions*

Privileged motions are motions that relate to issues that are unrelated to the pending main motion but that require immediate attention. There are five privileged motions.

1. Call for Orders of the Day. A call for orders of the day is a motion that requires  
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the meeting to follow its set agenda or order of business.

2. Raise a Question of Privilege. Raising a question of privilege is a motion that allows members to deal with something that is affecting the comfort of the members or their ability to concentrate on the meeting. For example, if the noise level at the meeting was too high or the temperature was too hot, the matter could be dealt with by raising a question of privilege.
3. Recess. A motion to take a recess is a motion to take a temporary break in the meeting.
4. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn is a motion to end the meeting.
5. Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn. A motion to fix the time to which to adjourn is a motion to continue a meeting at a later time. It does not end the meeting (only a motion to adjourn can do that), but it means that once the current meeting is adjourned, it will restart at a later time.

*Incidental Motions*. Incidental Motions are motions that address whether something is being done correctly, whether additional information is needed, or how to handle some aspect of the pending business. There are 15 types of incidental motions.

1. Point of Order. A point of order is raised when a member believes that the rules governing the meeting are not being followed. Unlike most other motions, points of order are ruled on by the presiding officer.
2. Appeal. A motion to appeal is a motion to appeal a ruling by the presiding officer.
3. Suspend the Rules. A motion to suspend the rules is a motion to temporarily set aside the application of Robert's Rules of Order, other than certain fundamental

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parliamentary principles.

4. Objection to the Consideration of a Question. An objection to the consideration of a question is a motion to dismiss a main motion before it is considered by the members.
5. Division of the Question. A motion for division of the question is a motion to divide a main motion into separate parts so that each part can be considered and voted on separately.
6. Consideration by Paragraph. A motion for consideration by paragraph is a motion to divide the debate on a lengthy main motion into a series of debates on smaller pieces of the motion while preserving the ability to have only one vote on the entire main motion.
7. Division of the Assembly. A call for a division of the assembly is a motion to retake a vote by another method when there is doubt over the results of a vote that was taken by voice vote or by a show of hands.
8. Motions Relating to Voting and the Polls. A motion relating to voting is a motion to use a method of voting other than by voice vote, a show of hands or a rising vote, and a motion relating to the polls is a motion to specify when voting will take place.
9. Motions Relating to Nominations. A motion relating to nominations is a motion that concerns the nominating procedures to be followed or the timing of opening or closing nominations.
10. Request to be excused from a Duty. A request to be excused from a duty is a

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motion to excuse a member from a duty that they would otherwise have.

11. Parliamentary Inquiry. A parliamentary inquiry is a question directed to the presiding officer to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or club rules that is relevant to the matter under consideration.
12. Request for Information. A request for information is a request directed to the presiding officer for information not relating to parliamentary law or club rules that is relevant to the matter under consideration.
13. Request to Withdraw a Motion. A request to withdraw a motion is a motion made by the person who made a motion to withdraw that motion from consideration.
14. Request to Read Papers. A request to read papers is a request to read from papers or from a book in connection with debate.
15. Request for Other Privileges. A request for other privileges is a request for any other privilege, such as the opportunity to address members while no motion is pending.

All of these motions are subject to detailed rules, such as when it is appropriate to make the motion, whether the motion is subject to debate, which motion has priority over which other motions, and what vote is required in order to approve the motion. These detailed rules are beyond the scope of this article.

## DOCOF 2015



MOC's Wonderful DOCOF 2015 Team (left to right):

Jill Sidran with Molly; Mylene Arza with Teak; Cecilia Armesto with Shae and Perri; Trina Chicvara with Lindsey and Stevie; Denise Thompson with Jack; Jane Davidson with Taz; and Ginny Guin with Thor.

## Welcome to the Pack



Solstice Airborne  
In-Zayne  
at Tropics

Meet Cecilia Armesto's new puppy, Zayne.

Baby Zayne is a blue merle Australian Shepherd born and raised in the southern Virginia countryside to the same breeders as big sister Teak. Zayne's sire is a black-bi herding stand-out and his dam is a blue merle AKC/ASCA conformation grand champion with extensive obedience, agility, and herding titles. Brainy Zayne will participate in obedience, agility, and hopefully, he will follow his mama's pawprints in the conformation ring.

## Welcome to the Pack



Princess Ziva Brooke

Meet Peter Liu's new puppy Ziva. Ziva is a Belgian Malinois. Her dam is a grand champion but due to her colorful and somewhat mysterious past, Ziva has been left with no papers and will be registered with the AKC as an All American Dog. She started out as a very quiet puppy but has quickly become the most vocal member of the Liu household. Whatever her registration, the Scooper looks forward to Ziva's future.

## MOC OBEDIENCE SEMINAR NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2015

Thanks to Cecilia Armesto, MOC will once again be hosting Rachel Flatley in Miami for an obedience seminar on November 7 - 8, 2015 at Paws In Motion, 8935 SW 129 St.

The seminar will focus one day on training games relating to heeling, attention and focus. The second day will focus on Utility training and proofing.

Worker spots : \$210 for both days  
\$125 for one day

Auditor spots: \$105 for both days  
\$ 60 for one day

Privates with Rachael are available in the evening and afternoon of Friday, November 6th at \$85 per hour (checks payable to MOC).

All interested Members should contact  
Cecilia Armesto at [carmesto@bellsouth.net](mailto:carmesto@bellsouth.net)

# **MOC 2015 -2016 AGILITY TRIAL SEASON KICKS OFF**

October is finally here! Summer is over, the days are getting shorter and the weather is cooling down (a little bit). The kids are in school (sorry teachers), seasonal residents are returning (sorry commuters) and, well, you get the picture.

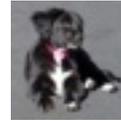
Best of all, the first MOC agility trial of the season takes place at Tropical Park on October 15 - 18. All Members are encouraged to come out, pitch in and have fun, even if they are not running a dog.

In addition to the trial, MOC is hosting practice run-thrus at Tropical Park on Tuesday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 13 starting at 7:30, with set-up beginning at 7:00. The run-thrus provide a great opportunity to practice at a trial venue, no matter what level your dog is currently running.

## **AKC OPENS DOOR FOR DEAF DOGS**

The AKC has announced that effective October 1, deaf dogs will be allowed to participate in AKC Agility, Rally and Tracking events.

# CRUMBS IN MY POCKET



by Mike Smith

Play. Few things in life are more joyful than play. When it comes to play, children rule. They play effortlessly and wholeheartedly. They play sincerely. They play more frequently and more creatively than we adults could ever manage. As we mature and assume responsibility for our lives, we seem to lose touch with that child's aptitude for play. We seem to forget about the true meaning and value of play. At least, that's what happened to me. Until my dog came along.

My dog knows how to play. All it takes is a look, a move, an available stick, sock, towel or leaf, and she's ready to play. When she was a puppy, I thought that her invitations to play were cute. I would indulge her for a while and then get back to whatever I was in the middle of doing. After all, she was a puppy. This was just a phase that she was going through and she would soon grow out of it, right? Wrong. As she grew older and her play drive continued, I learned to put her play to good use as a training tool. I would train, get desired behavior, reward with a little play and then go right back to training. This was all well and good, but I was still missing the point. Over time, however, my dog patiently but persistently showed me the way. She helped me rediscover what play meant to me when I was just a pup myself and discover how to keep play near to my heart for the rest of my life. As I became an adult, I had pushed play into the background of my life. I never want to do that again.

When I play with my dog, I feel pure joy. I do not concern myself with the past or the future. I am not making judgments. I am not thinking things through. I am simply in motion, acting and reacting in a spontaneous, almost instinctual manner. I feel a remarkable connection with my playmate and a remarkable connection with my own inner self. I feel at peace with the universe. And I'm pretty sure that my dog feels the same way when she is playing with me.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Members born  
in October

Ginny Guin  
Dee Hoult  
Lorraine Leal  
Patti Lieb  
Mike Orloff  
Deborah Russell  
Cindy Smith



## Next MOC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2015  
7:30PM

DENNY'S  
8503 SW 40th ST. (Bird Road)  
Miami

### A WORD ABOUT THE SCOOPER

If you have anything that you would like to include in a future edition, please let The Scooper know. You need not do the writing yourself. Just send in the information and The Scooper will take it from there.

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