

THE SCOOPER



IT'S RAINING PUPPIES!

It seems like there have been a lot of new pups coming in to the MOC pack recently, so The Scooper checked with the Obedience Class Training Headquarters to see what was going on. Sure enough, recent enrollment in MOC's Puppy Class has been at record numbers for the Summer months. There were fourteen puppies enrolled in the most recent graduating class.



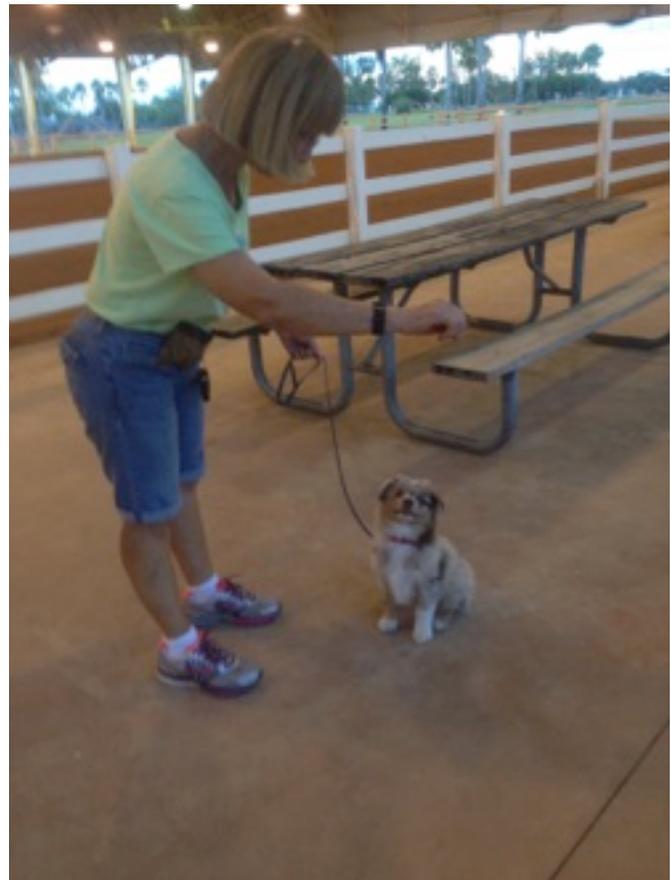
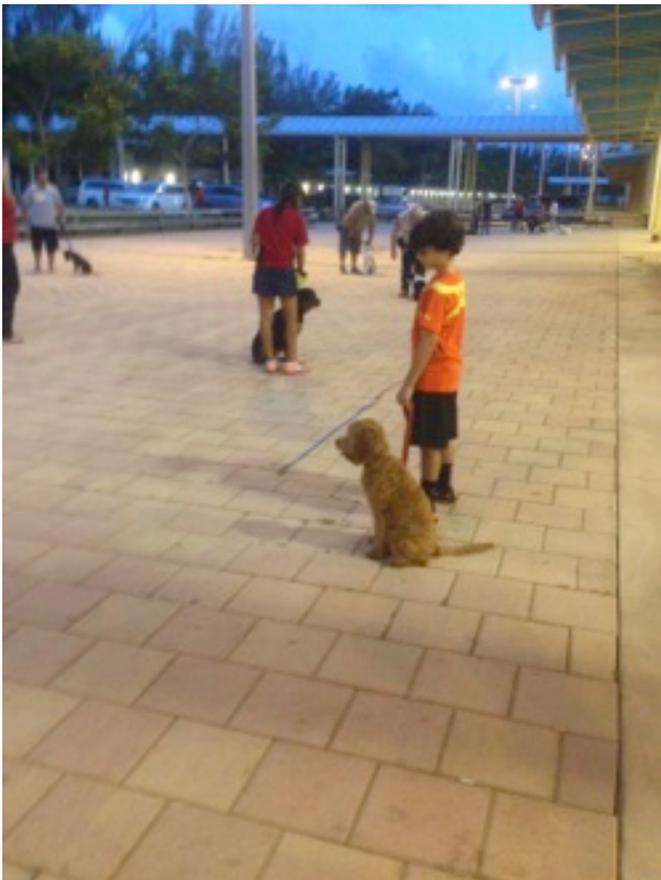
**Puppy Class Graduates
June 15, 2015**



**Puppy Class Graduates
July 22, 2015**

MOC PUPPY CLASS

One great way to help keep your puppy moving in the right direction is to enroll them in MOC's Puppy Class. Puppy Class is held on Monday evenings at Tropical Park and each session lasts for six weeks. The class curriculum was developed by Jill Sidran and is taught by a rotating group of volunteers that include Jill, Susan Zisman, Carola Di Perna and Vicki Phillips. While each instructor adds her own individual emphasis to the class, the basic curriculum is based on the AKC Star Puppy program and includes walks on lead, sits and downs on command, recalls, no aggression towards people or other dogs, walking by people, staying on leash with other people, taking away toys, exercise planning and grooming. Tunnels, dog walks and A frames are also introduced. The classes provide the puppies with wonderful exposure to new people, dogs and environmental stimulus and is suited to handlers of every level of experience or inexperience. Plus, the instructors are awesome!



A CONVERSATION WITH SUSAN ZISMAN ON PUPPY CLASS

One of the instructors for the most recent Puppy Class was Susan Zisman. Susan devotes a tremendous amount of thought and energy to her classes. The Scooper was fortunate to be able to talk with Susan about her approach to teaching.

While talking with Susan about her puppy training classes, she began by likening a puppy to a new computer. “When a person gets a new computer it comes with the right hardware and software. Nothing is wrong with the computer. Next, the user has to learn how the new computer works.” Through trial and error the owner of the new computer learns the different functions, what it can do, and what needs to be done in order to accomplish the task, big or small.



As one starts to understand the new computer one finds that there are many different ways to do what needs to be done.

As Susan says, “The good news is, the puppy comes with the right hardware and software (the puppy’s psyche). Nothing is wrong with the puppy! Just as with that new computer, the owner has to learn how the dog’s psyche works and then teach the puppy according to how that individual puppy learns.

Susan likes to teach concepts in puppy class to help her students build a strong relationship with their puppy.

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There are three fundamental concepts that Susan focuses on while teaching:

#1 - **ATTENTION**: “The first goal as a new puppy owner is to figure out what gets the dog’s attention, and then figure out what HOLDS the dog’s attention (i.e. treats, toys, your voice), and then once you get the attention, tell puppy what you want him to do.” (watch, heel, sit) **Remember**: What holds his attention can change over time. If something that used to get his attention is not working anymore, try something different.

#2 - **DISTRACTION**: “Rather than saying ‘no this, no that’ when trying to discipline your dog, you should say ‘try this, go do that.’ For example, when the puppy has your shoe, grab one of his toys, which have been placed throughout the home, out of reach of the dog, and tell him as you offer him his toy, ‘My shoe, your toy.’ You have rewarded him for giving your shoe back by giving him his toy. In this way you are showing the dog what you want him to do, not what you do not want him to do. This method helps to build a better relationship where your dog wants to work for you.”



Just by watching your dog, you can anticipate the action of your dog. If puppy starts to get distracted by a squirrel, for instance, YOU need to become the distraction by getting his attention. Give him a reward and praise when he is attentive to you.

Remember: YOU should be THE most important “thing” in his life.

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#3 - **CONSISTENCY**: “Without consistency you’ll lose all that has been learned. Consistency means each person in the household needs to be at least mildly involved in the dog’s obedience training. By having a family meeting to discuss what words and hand signals will be used, choosing words and hand signals that are most natural to you rather than trying to do something fancy, everyone will be on the same page. Once these words and signals are chosen, stick to them for consistency. Guaranteed, the puppy will be confused if each household member asks the dog to work in different ways.”

“Consistency also means to continue obedience training on a regular basis throughout the life of the dog. What a dog understands and responds to today may not work next year or at age 5 or at age 10. Make sure obedience is an ongoing experience and do not think of training or doing exercises for longer than 5 or 10 minute intervals. The best training translates in short intervals and usually works best if you can train the instant an issue comes up. You do not need to set aside some specific amount of time to train. Be training as you go. Every moment is an opportunity for training.”



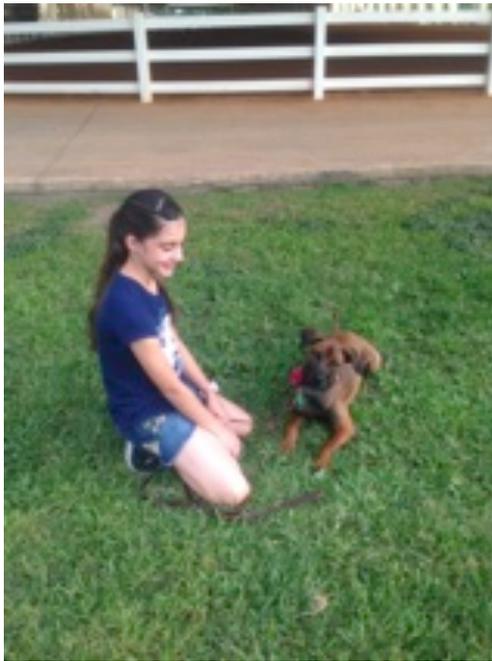
Remember: Every dog and every person thinks and learns differently. Use what works for you and your dog.

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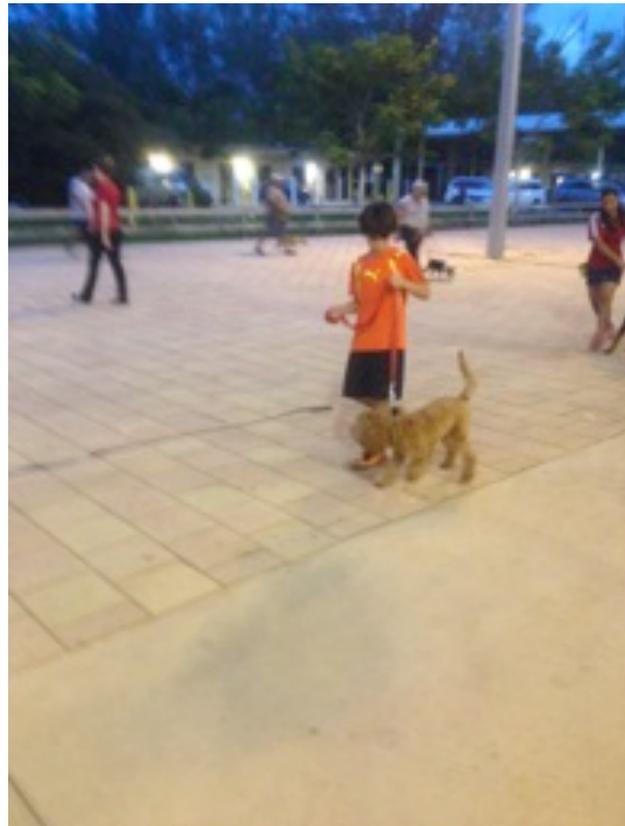
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“If I do a good job teaching students to grasp these concepts then they will rarely feel bogged down or frustrated about training dog obedience.” S.Z.

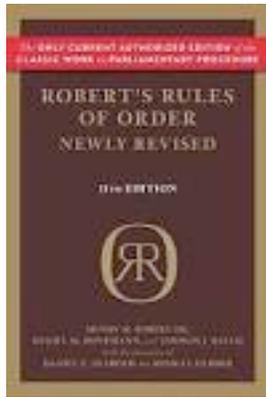


“Obedience involves building a relationship and a strong bond with your puppy. An obedient dog is one that has self-control.” S.Z.



“Always set your dog up for success.” S.Z.

“The most important piece of advice for a puppy class is that ‘puppy class’ is not the end all be all. Dog training and obedience should be as on going as feeding and walks.” Susan Zisman



SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT . . .

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Have you ever been to a meeting where two people are arguing back and forth, back and forth? A meeting where there is a lot of discussion but no clear objective? A meeting where people keep getting interrupted? A meeting where a lot of words get spoken but nothing gets done? If so, the chances are good that it was a meeting where people were not paying much attention to Robert's Rules of Order.

What is Robert's Rules of Order?

Robert's Rules of Order is a set of procedures designed to help organizations like MOC conduct their affairs. It addresses a number of topics, but its main focus is on how meetings should be conducted. The official text of Robert's Rules of Order is contained in a book that is 669 pages long and is now in its 11th edition. But a number of simplified explanations of Robert's Rules of Order are available on the internet, and shorter books like Robert's Rules for Dummies provide excellent summaries. A large majority of organizations in the United States use Robert's Rules of Order. Under MOC's Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order is in effect.

Some General Principles

In general, Robert's Rules of Order is designed to make meetings run as efficiently and orderly as possible. Some of the basic principles are:

- Meetings are run by a presiding officer who is responsible for keeping things orderly and enforcing the rules while remaining neutral
- A motion is required before discussion begins and action is taken
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- Only one motion can be discussed and decided upon at a time
- A Member cannot speak until the presiding officer has given him or her the floor
- Only one Member speaks at a time
- Every Member has the right to speak before any Member may speak a second time
- A speaker may only be interrupted for a limited set of urgent matters
- No Member may speak more than twice on any one motion

Who Enforces Robert's Rules of Order?

The presiding officer has the primary responsibility for enforcing Robert's Rules of Order. This responsibility can be a tricky balancing act. If Robert's Rules of Order is enforced too strictly, things can become so formal that people become uncomfortable and disengaged. On the other hand, if Robert's Rules of Order is not sufficiently enforced, Members' rights can start to be compromised. The challenge facing the presiding officer is to find the right balance that keeps the meeting moving as efficiently and as orderly as possible without compromising the rights of the Members.

The responsibility for enforcing Robert's Rules of Order does not rest solely with the presiding officer, however. Any Member who believes that Robert's Rules of Order is not being properly followed has the right to bring the issue up by raising a Point of Order to the presiding officer. Raising a Point of Order is one of the few times that a speaker can be interrupted. The presiding officer then decides whether the Point of Order is correct. If the Point of Order is ruled as correct by the

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presiding officer, then Robert's Rules of Order is enforced. If it is ruled as not correct, any Member can appeal the ruling and the Members then decide the issue.

And if any Member believes that it would be inappropriate to apply Robert's Rules of Order to some part of the meeting, there are procedures for that as well, such as a Motion to Suspend the Rules.

So when it comes down to it, while the presiding officer has the initial responsibility to enforce, or not enforce, Robert's Rules of Order during a meeting, any Member can have a say in the matter if he or she chooses to do so.

Why Does Robert's Rules of Order Matter?

The goal of Robert's Rules of Order is to provide a framework for efficient and orderly meetings that achieve the will of the majority while allowing the minority the opportunity to be heard and protecting the rights of all Members. There may be ways to achieve these results without applying Robert's Rules of Order, but most organizations in the United States have not run across them. So keep Robert's Rules of Order in mind if you ever find yourself in one of, you know, THOSE meetings.

“Know all about parliamentary law, but do not try to show off your knowledge. Never be technical or more strict than is absolutely necessary for the good of the meeting. Use your judgment; the assembly may be of such a nature, through its ignorance of parliamentary usage and peaceable disposition, that a strict enforcement of the rules, instead of assisting, would greatly hinder business; but in large assemblies where there is much work to be done, and especially where there is liability to trouble, the only safe course is to require a strict observance of the rules.” - Henry Martyn Robert 1876

DACOF 2015

The 2015 Dog Agility Competition of Florida Annual State Team Tournament was held in Kissimmee on June 27 and 28. MOC team captain Dave Proe reports the following:

MOC participated in DACOF 2015, keeping the tradition alive. Despite competing minus one dog on the Open team and having a very novice Novice team, we still managed to place 49 out of 60 teams and brought home 3 trophies. River placed 3rd in 24 inch Open FAST and 2nd in Open JWW. Cheyenne, our junior handler, placed 2nd for handlers under twelve years of age. The Randy Reed Memorial award was given to Joanne Killeen, reminding everyone of the unforgettable contribution to the event and the sport of one of our long time members now deceased. MOC Member Lynn Proe played the national anthem on day one.



2015 DACOF Team
Members Dave Proe,
Cheyenne Visconti, Lynn
Proe and Carol Clark

Our final score total was 1,661.319 and the dogs/handlers with points:

Drake - Dave and Lynn Proe - 462.54 - 20 inch Excellent
River - Lynn Proe - 449.79 - (5th place) - 24 inch Open
Dance - Dave Proe - 387.68 - 20 inch Excellent
Snap - Carol Clark - 301.51 - 24 inch Novice
Jack - Cheyenne Visconti - 59.80 - 16 inch Novice

Cheyenne Visconti and Lynn
Proe with dogs and trophies



WELCOME TO THE PACK

This is Batchii, a black Belgian Malinois from American Belgian Malinois rescue. She was my Mother's Day present. We started Level 1 with Diane Cort on June 22nd...

She has been accepted by her two brothers Mickey, the Schapendoes and Baloo, the Havanese.

Carola Di Perna

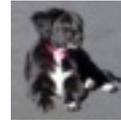


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Meet Mike Lieb's new pup, Seger. He was born in May and comes from Holther Border Collies in Savannah, Georgia. Seger has been with the Lieb's for about a month and is settling in nicely with "The Collies", Ravin and the Lieb's four cats. We're just guessing that there may be some agility in Seger's future.



CRUMBS IN MY POCKET



by Mike Smith

There are dogs that go to the agility start line full of focus and purpose. Dogs that fly through the course without distraction, following every verbal command and body signal. There are dogs that enter the obedience ring with eyes only on their handler. Dogs that heal flawlessly, recall promptly and never break a stay. My dog is not that dog. My dog enters the ring and loses her focus. My dog is the one who likes to visit the judge and the ring crew. Sometimes she decides to wander around the ring aimlessly. She has been known to jump the ring fencing. From time to time she likes to stop in the ring, flop over and roll on her back for a good rub.

What my dog lacks in Q's and titles, she has made up for with the lessons that she has taught me. She has taught me something about humility. She has taught me to keep things in perspective. She has taught me that success comes in many different guises and that joy can be found in many different places.

So here's to the imperfect dog. They can take you places and teach you things that the more perfect dog cannot. I'm sure that there are many valuable lessons to be learned from dogs that have better success in the ring and I hope that one day my dog will teach me those lessons as well. But until then, I'm grateful for the lessons of the imperfect dog.



“The Journey of a
thousand miles begins
with one step.”
Confucius

These are our new CGC DOGS!!

Left to right: trainer Jill Sidran, graduate Scout with her handler Sica Archer, CGC tester Laurie Zisman, graduate Jack with his handler Emma Hames. Emma's trainer, Barb Ilardi, is behind the camera!



DOCOF 2015 will be held on September 6 in Kissimmee and MOC's team is forming. At last report, the team includes Ginny Guin with Taz and Jill Sidran with Molly in Utility; Denise Thompson with Jack, Cecilia Armesto with Shae and Trina Chicvara with Stevie in Open; and Trina Chicvara with Linnie, Mylene Arza with Teak and Cecilia Armesto with Peri in Novice.

Anyone who is interested in joining the team should contact either Ginny Guin or Jill Sidran.

GINNY GUIN'S BOK CHOY SALAD

By popular demand, Ginny has agreed to share her recipe for the bok choy salad that so many people raved about at the May Obedience/Rally Trials!

DRY INGREDIENTS:

- 1 package of slivered almonds
- 2 packages Ramen oriental soup noodles (not cooked). Break up into small pieces before opening package. Use seasoning as well.
- 1/2 cup Sesame Seeds
- 1/2 cup Butter

Brown dry ingredients in pan with butter. Set aside to cool. Refrigerate if necessary.

SALAD

- 1 large or 2 medium bunches Bok Choy
- Several (3) green onions

Wash and cut up Bok Choy using all of the greens and stems. Wash and chop green onions. Mix together and refrigerate.

DRESSING

- 2/3 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup vinegar (cider)
 - 1/2 cup salad oil (include Sesame Oil, 1 t or so to taste)
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- Mix well and refrigerate

Can prepare above in advance. Keep dry ingredients, salad and dressing separate. Mix salad with dry ingredients first. Shake dressing well and dress salad 20 min. prior to serving.

Serves: 20-25 people or more if you add more Bok Choy

Note from the Editor: Don't let the serving size daunt you! You will want to make the full dressing recipe to be used on any salad. The Dry Ingredients can easily be cut in half and stored in frig to add a nice crunchy topping to salads.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Members
born in August

Mylene Arza
Carol Ann Klein
Vicki Phillips



Next MOC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2015
7:30PM

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

Reminder: If there have been any changes to your address or phone number, please forward the information to Membership Chair, Wien Yu at wyu@miami.edu

Thanks to all who provided photos!

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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