

# “The Scooper”

## New MACH!

*MACH Spinillons Seymour “EZ”*

Erin Leff, DVM



Congratulations to the hardworking MOC members for hosting another wonderful Agility Trial this January. It takes a lot of work to make these trials happen, and we seem to have it down to a science. It was extra special for

me, as my dog, “EZ” completed his first MACH in front of the “home crowd”. Thanks to all those who cheered him on! I hope you got a piece of the CAKE... it was scrumptious. Next stop, Reno, NV for AKC Agility Nationals!

Congratulations to Peter Liu and Wien Yu on the amazing achievement of *MACH<sub>3</sub>* with their beautiful Belgian Malinois “Jody” at the January MOC Agility Trial!



Congratulations to Cori Gacusana on her new Black Standard Poodle puppy, “Sirius Black”! We look forward to seeing what fun the two of you will be up to!

### Editor’s Note

As this is my first attempt as a “Scooper Editor”, I hope you will bear with me. It is a job I am not entirely sure how to do, but I am confident that I will figure it out fairly quickly, and provide you with a “Scooper” that is informative, fun, and published in a timely manner. Thank you for trusting me with the keys!

-Erin D. Leff, DVM





## Sunshine Corner

Condolences to Cori Gacusana on the loss of her Mother's longtime partner, Wally.



## Website Updates

-None

## MIAMI OBEDIENCE CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Gina Reed

**Vice President:** Dave Proe

**Recording Secretary:** Sally Richardson

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carol Clark

**Treasurer:** Nancy Atkins

**Board of Directors:** Nancy Bloom, Pat Kopco, Jill Sidran, Wien Yu.

### **Training Directors:**

Obedience: Jane Davidson

Assistants: Laurie Zisman, Jill Sidran,  
Carol Clark

Agility: Cori Gacusana

### **Committees:**

Agility Trials: Mike Orloff, Cori Gacusana

Canine Good Citizen: Cori Gacusana

Education: Jaqueline Kurzban

Finance: Dave Proe

Library: Trina Chicvara

Membership: Wien Yu

Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran

Sunshine: Debra Willey

Webmaster: Laurie Zisman

Club Phone Representative: Gina Reed

(305) 681-5246



### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday March 7th 2012 7:30pm**

**Denny's (305) 871-6964**

**5825 NW 36 st. - Miami, FL - 33166**

## JANUARY 2012 AGILITY TRIALS AT MIAMI OBEDIENCE CLUB

Our four day winter agility trial took place on January 26 – 29, 2012 this year and I had the honor and pleasure to act as Trial Chair for Mike Orloff, who actually did all the work before I came along.

The weather held up for us - the forecasted rain never came and the temperature was nice all weekend long.

For the first time in years, the trial filled on Saturday and almost filled the other three days, so we were busy! With a team of hard-working course builders (thank you!) and two great judges, Lavonda Herring and Michele Fletcher, we kept the pace moving for four long days! The judges were cheerful and efficient, their courses were fun and flowing, the Q rate was high! There were many, many new titles earned and six new MACH's, including two for MOC members: A MACH for EZ, Erin Leff's fast little Papillon handled by John York and a MACH3 for Wien Yu and her Malinois Jody! Great accomplishments!

In addition to the fun agility, we also commemorated our older dogs in our now-a-tradition Parade of Veterans. Thanks to Trial Chair Mike Orloff for organizing this year's event, we had 14 dogs whose accomplishments were recognized in a very meaningful and emotional parade, with a short description of the dogs' lives written by each owner as the dogs walked around the ring or over some simple agility equipment. The Parade of Vets is very special to the dogs' owners and to the rest of us who remember all of these dogs taking part in our trials in years past (and some, amazingly, still running.)

Another highlight of the trial was the Trailer Trash Dinner, a Saturday night MOC tradition. This year we had around 75 exhibitors, friends and family gather to socialize and enjoy a fun time with great food...Shorty's BBQ for the main course (thanks to member Cliff MacBroom) and lots

and lots of great side dishes and desserts brought by everyone else! It's always a good time and of course everyone is welcome, so if you missed it this year, be sure to join us next time!

The success of our trials is due 100% to the



volunteers who give their time and energy to make it happen, so I want to thank everyone who volunteered. We had many non-members who pitched in and worked hard. They deserve special thanks! And of course our members, some of whom were there from setup on Wednesday through teardown on Sunday, five days of hard work. Every department, from Chief Ring Steward, Equipment Wrangler, Hospitality, Course Building, RV Parking Coordinator, Vendor Chair to Trial Secretary, thank you, thank you! Everyone who played a part is awesome... it takes all of us to make it happen!

All in all, the trials ran smoothly and there was a lot of positive feedback from exhibitors. I hope everyone had a good time...I know I did.

Thank you again, everyone, for making my job easier and for making MOC's agility trials some of the very best in the area!

*- Nancy Atkins*

**Membership Report**

Guests at the January 2012 meeting:

Barbara DeJonge

Bernie DeJonge



**For the latest information on  
pet food recalls:**

<http://avma.org/petfoodsafety/recalls/>



*MARCH 2012  
Happy Birthday this  
month to...*

- Ray Davis
- Lucille Solana
- Joan Tepper
- Wien Wu

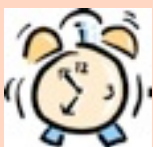
**MACH3 Jody Liu CDX RA NAP NJP (1-26-2012)**

After the Tailwaggers show, Jody only needed 25 points to get her **MACH3**. We thought she would easily get it at the Ocala's 3-day show. Especially after her first Standard run in Ocala, she cut it down to 10 points. Since then, our agility friends have been holding the MACH bar waiting for her at the finish line. ;-)) Apparently she chose not to get it anywhere else, but get it in her home town at MOC show. She surprised me when I finished her first Standard run, everyone was cheering, I knew at that point she made it with just one run!

Can anyone believe that Jody was the puppy who was almost euthanized on her 5<sup>th</sup> day at the animal shelter???

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER!!!**

- Wien Yu



**TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF "THE SCOOPER"**

Please email the material to Erin Leff at [edldvm@bellsouth.net](mailto:edldvm@bellsouth.net) Photos should be in .jpg format, and documents in either Mac, or .doc or .docx format. Please allow sufficient time for editing. My goal is to have the next month's edition submitted by the 20th of the preceding month.

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

February 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Gina Reed at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. Jill asked that the minutes of the January meeting be corrected to conform to a standing rule that all members pay half-price for run-thrus; Trina asked that the minutes reflect that she was the moving party, and Gina the seconding party, to allow the Varela students to conduct a raffle. The minutes were approved as corrected. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and brags were shared.

### **Committees**

Treasurer: no report.

Correspondence: Carol received a letter from Kim Clancy expressing her appreciation for recognizing Shadow during the veteran's parade. Kim also praised the January agility trial and the manner in which it was run.

Club phone: Gina reported a decline in the number of phone calls she receives to about seven per week.

Scooper: Carol resigned as editor of the Scooper, effective immediately. Anyone interested in handling the Scooper should notify Gina.

Finance: Dave stated that once he receives November reports from Nancy A., the committee will prepare new spreadsheets.

Education: no report.

Library: Trina will provide the recommendation for books MOC can raffle or sell after discussion at the trainers' meeting. Trina will prepare a report of books that have not been returned to the library.

Constitution: no report

Membership: no report

Sunshine: no report

Website: Jill reported for Laurie that all new titles have been posted on the MOC website and that the obedience trial will be added shortly.

Equipment: no report

CGC: no report. Jane explained that CGC tests would be scheduled as needed based on the student's interest at the end of Level 1 and Level 2 classes.

Agility Training: no report. Gina advised that there are ten students registered in the current foundations for agility class.

Agility Trials: Mike reported that the January trial was a huge success. The trial was full and lots of people had nice things to say about the trial. Mike particularly thanked Nancy A. for stepping in as trial chair when he was unable to attend, as well as Keith, Dave, Tracy, Bob Ansel, Cori, and Wien for helping to make the trial such a success. Several people commented favorably on the new food vendor.

DACOF: no report

Obedience Training: Jane reported that most of the classes are not full, and she still needs instructors for several upcoming classes. Thanks to Nancy B., the MOC classes are back on the Tropical Park marquee and announcements have run in most of the Neighbors sections to the Miami Herald. Jill suggested that MOC have a less expensive brochure to provide to veterinarians who would give it to any clients interested in obedience training. Bernadine

DeJonge, who was a guest at the meeting, will look into obtaining less expensive brochures.  
Obedience Trial: Jill expects to have approval of the premium shortly. She will do flyers for distribution at the Davie trial and has arranged for the premium to be distributed through other dog clubs. She plans to contact previous members of MOC to see if they will attend the trial, and would like other suggestions for celebrating the 100th milestone.  
DOCOF: The trial will be in Orlando the weekend before Labor Day.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Carol brought cake! Carol requested that a membership directory be prepared, similar to previous directories, but without the standing rules. Wien has previously indicated that she can no longer prepare the membership directory. Barbara DeJonge, who was also a guest at the meeting, offered to set the directory up on the computer, if she can get an updated membership list, so that the directory can be printed by MOC. Carol will send the list to Barbara.

Jill moved to adjourn the meeting, Carol Ann seconded, and the motion passed at 8:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary*

*MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING*  
February 1, 2012

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm by Gina. Attending were Gina, Dave, Carol, Sally, Pat, and Jill.

The Board discussed reimbursement of Ray and Lorraine for the \$50 application fee to become a CGC evaluator. They must be a CGC evaluator in order to teach MOC's S.T.A.R. Puppy classes. Dave moved to reimburse Ray and Lorraine; the motion passed.

Gina will check with MOC's banker to assure that we have satisfied all requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE TRAINERS MEETING

February 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 pm by Jane. Susan, Sally, Jill, Laurie, Lorraine, Ray, Diane, Bernie, Carol, Trina, Ginny, and Jane were present.

Jill discussed the S.T.A.R. Puppy program. The CGC Evaluators Guide is available on the AKC website. Jill handed out the AKC brochure on the program and a Tasks Checklist that Lorraine has prepared for the evaluators to use. Jill explained that instructors can teach whatever they want in the puppy classes, so long as they meet the list of 20 tasks in the AKC brochure. The Evaluators Guide has a section on handling aggressive dogs. Puppies up to one year old are eligible to join a S.T.A.R. Puppy class, but MOC is encouraging only puppies up to 6 months old. After a satisfactory evaluation is turned in to the AKC, students may obtain a certificate from the AKC.

Carol and Laurie have prepared a Curriculum Outline for Levels 1, 2, and Novice.

Ginny is holding a Train the Trainers class on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Jane handed out Guidelines and Information for Instructors that were discussed and modified.

As additions to the guidelines:

No one other than the handler is allowed in the training area except in puppy classes;

Children must be under control and are not allowed in the training area except in puppy classes;

Cell phone usage is not allowed in class; and

Handlers must attend a minimum of five classes in order to earn a "certificate of completion."

Jane handed out a tally of the registrations and collections for obedience and agility classes during the last six months of 2011.

Carol requested that drill and run thrus for obedience be held until the MOC obedience trial in May. She will set up a ring that will be available on Mondays from 6:30-9:30 pm for members to conduct self run thrus. Run thrus will be \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members. Trina suggested that we develop a plan for selling a book of tickets so that we can encourage greater attendance at conformation classes.

Jane handed out the 2012 class schedule. Jill changed her utility class starting February 20 from

8:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Remedial Level II class is abolished. Volunteers are needed for Level I classes beginning on February 20, March 12, and April 2. No students have signed up for those classes yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

## REQUEST FOR TITLE PLAQUES

One form per dog - please send documents for separate dogs in separate envelopes.

Deadline April 4, 2012 at the MOC Membership Meeting

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title earned in 2011 and date of completion of that title

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a New Plaque? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\* If **not** a New Plaque, please remember to return current plaque to Cori BEFORE the deadline for engraving.

Signature of owner \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Return completed application **and** copies of the AKC certificate of Achievement AND Plaque (if applicable) to:

**Cori Gacusana**

**MOC Award Banquet Chairperson**

**2385 Coral Way**

**Miami, FL 33145**

**OR in person at the Monthly MOC membership meeting**

Send it now! Deadline is April 4, 2012. Verification and engraving take time. No extensions can be allowed. Plaques are for AKC titles ONLY. Plaque recipients MUST be members in good standing and MUST have attended a minimum of FOUR membership meetings during the year.