



# The Scooper

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## The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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## The Water Dish

Last week at the Dog On It USDAA agility trial in Winter Park, I noticed Sara Duke, Karen Holik and Tori Self were all wearing tee shirts from the recent Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham, England. I could not help but marvel about all of the amazing agility talent we have here in Florida.

I have been watching Tori Self since she was 12 years old competing with Toby, her lab. Tori is not only an AKC National Champion but placed 2nd in the International Jumping round, 3rd in the International Agility round and 5th in the Final round.

Tori and her aptly named border collie Revolution are changing the world of agility with smooth ease. Oh to be 19 again....

**Lynn Proe**



**Next MOC Membership Meeting**

**April 4th (Wednesday)**

**<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>**

**Denny's**  
5825 NW 36 Street  
Miami, FL 33166

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
March 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Dave Proe at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. Carol Clark asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that they are not approved until the next membership meeting. Reading was waived and the minutes were approved as corrected. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and brags were shared.

**Committees**

**Correspondence:** Carol Clark reported receiving a letter from the AKC asking for the judges panel for the next agility trial. Carol has received letters of resignation from Cori Gacusana, Keith Staub, Gina Reed, Marilyn Leff and Erin Leff.

**Treasurer:** Nancy Atkins reported on MOC's financial position for January and February 2012, and for the year ending on March 7, 2012. She suggested a financial re-evaluation of the obedience program based on the revenues and costs of the obedience training and obedience trials.

**Club phone:** No report.

**Obedience Trial:** Carol Clark passed around a list for donations of awards for the May obedience trial.

**Agility Trial:** Trina Chicvara is mailing out the qualifying ribbons that were not available at the trial.

**Agility Training:** No report.

**DACOF:** Novice and Open dogs are needed for the team.

**DOCOF:** The competition will be Labor Day weekend.

**Membership:** Diane Cort attended as a guest. She has been teaching a level 1 obedience class as a non-member volunteer.

**Sunshine:** Keith Staub's father is in the hospital. MOC will send a basket to Keith for his father.

**Finance:** Dave Proe asked for last fiscal years' annual report or profit and loss statement.

**Equipment:** Debbie Russell and Dave Proe are currently doing maintenance on the equipment. MOC is in need of an equipment wrangler after Keith's resignation.

**Obedience Training:** Ginny Guin reported on the Train the Trainer program that she conducted in February. Notebooks were prepared with materials for the trainers, dogs were available for

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demonstrations, and the program was a success.

**Education:** No report.

**Library:** Trina Chicvara has segregated the books in the library that should be sold; she will compile a list.

**Scooper:** As a result of Erin's resignation from MOC, Lynn Proe has agreed to serve as editor of the Scooper. She needs dog pictures for the Scooper.

**Website:** Dog pictures may be submitted to Laurie Zisman for the website. A forms section will be added to the website that will include a reimbursement form. The website will be corrected to reflect the 2012 officers.

**Old Business:** Carol Ann Klein reminded the club that an inventory of the obedience equipment is needed; it should be done before the weather gets too hot. Six or seven people are needed. Jill Sidran will pick a date and organize the inventory. Trina Chicvara and Jill Sidran plan to take the jumps and paint them. It is unknown whether or not the roof of the obedience trailer has been repaired. Nancy Bloom suggested that the May Awards dinner be held at the Longhorn and the club approved that choice. Nancy Bloom asked that everyone rsvp by the end of March. Trina Chicvara will handle the plaques and awards for the meeting.

**New Business:** Trina Chicvara moved to allow members who have acquired retroactive therapy dog titles to add the titles to their plaques this year. The motion passed. A discussion took place about the events of the last two weeks. Gina's letter of resignation was read. Suggestions were made to encourage more civility among members. One suggestion was to encourage members with complaints to bring them to the meeting instead of communicating them directly to each other by e-mail. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary*

\*Minutes not approved until the next membership meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 7, 2012**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:55 pm by Dave Proe. Attending were Dave, Nancy Atkins, Nancy Bloom, Pat Kopco, Wien Yu, Carol Clark, and Sally Richardson. The Board voted to appoint Carol Ann vice-president to fill the vacant spot left when Dave became president upon Gina's resignation. Carol Ann joined the Board meeting after her appointment.

Dave appointed Trina Chicvara to handle awards and plaques and Carol Clark to be the telephone representative.

Sally will draft letters from the Board to Gina Reed, Cori Gacusana and Keith Staub acknowledging their many years of service to MOC and our regret at their resignations. The letters will be circulated to Board members for their comments and then prepared for Board members to sign.

After a lengthy discussion of the events of the past two weeks and MOC's obedience and agility programs, Nancy Bloom moved to use the arena on Monday nights for agility training, with the curriculum to be developed by the agility director with the Board's approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Board discussed Brigitte Bednar's failure to pay her membership fees until mid-January after the thirty-day grace period provided in the Constitution had expired. It was agreed that under the Constitution her membership had automatically terminated and she would need to reapply for membership.

The Board discussed CGC matters and Dave agreed to discuss the matters with Jane Davidson.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary*

**FROM THE MOC OBEDIENCE DIRECTOR**

If any of you have any problems or issues with ANY of the obedience Instructors, please direct them to me. They are very dedicated people and do not need to have to deal with individual members.

I will be happy to address any problems that anyone may have. My phone numbers are: cell - 305-496-6560; home - 305-238-8368. I will also be happy to meet with anyone with issues face to face.

Thank you very much,

Jane Davidson

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MOC 2012 AWARDS BANQUET**

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
MAY 2ND AT THE

**Longhorn Steakhouse**  
**1630 NW 87th Avenue**  
**Miami, FL 33172**  
**(305) 477-4122**

 **Meeting Starts @ 7:00 pm** 

# Helpful Tips

## The Golden Years: Helping Your Dog Age Gracefully

Most dog owners consider Fido a part of the family and want him to live a long, healthy life. Dogs, just like humans, need special care once they become seniors. Generally, dogs are considered in the senior stage of life at seven years old, but how your dog ages will vary depending on what breed he is. The American Kennel Club (AKC®) offers the following tips to help you make your dog's golden years happy and healthy.

- **Pay attention to change.** Older dogs have predictable routines and behaviors, so any change in his behavior, activity, weight, eating, and bathroom habits could be a sign that something is wrong. Be observant of any changes and go see your veterinarian to rule out any developing conditions.
- **Well visits.** Since dogs age faster than humans, early detection of age-related problems is key to keeping your senior dog happy and healthy. Have your elderly dog examined by your veterinarian every six months. These regular exams will help you catch any age-related illnesses before they become too advanced.
- **Make your home senior-friendly.** As Fido ages, he'll become less agile than he used to be. Smaller dogs may have trouble jumping onto or off of furniture, and larger dogs may have trouble getting in and out of cars. Set up carpet-lined steps or a ramp to help your dog do the simple things he used to do in a safe and comfortable way.

Miami Obedience Club wishes a Happy Birthday to the following club members who are celebrating in April:

- ✚ Nancy Bloom
- ✚ Ron Simon
- ✚ Sherry Simon
- ✚ Debbie Willey



**March 2012**

**New Members**

There were no new members in March.

**Membership Report**

**Guest**

- Diane Cort

Submitted by Wien Yu  
MOC Membership Chair

## **MOC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS RAFFLE**

MOC's 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>, **100<sup>th</sup>** & 101<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> Rally Trials are coming soon, Saturday, May 26, 2012 and Sunday, May 27, 2012.

We need raffle donations of nice items, dog related or not, or of services that may be rendered or of money so items can be purchased.

Please bring you donations to the MOC meeting in April or to the Monday night Obedience training and give them to Jill.

The raffle has been a success in the past because of your contributions so please be generous and make our **100<sup>th</sup> Obedience Trial** a special event.

# Sunshine Corner

We send healing wishes to Keith's Dad, Ron. Feel better soon.

To Carola: feel better and be safe!!

We wish a speedy, full recovery to Carol's Weim, Lucy, who had surgery on her ears

Debbie Willey  
Sunshine Chair



Ilsa Sternberg has passed away. If you did not know her, you may have seen her at a dog show.

Ilsa was confined to a wheelchair. She had very little ability to move, her wheelchair was electronic and her voice was barely above a whisper. Yet, her passion was training dogs. She was the author of "Dog Training for the Physically Challenged."

Rest in peace Ilsa.

# Mickey's Tip of the Month

## Target Stick? What for?

So my mom decided I needed to learn to touch a so called target stick with my nose. My mom read that this really is a very valuable thing to teach me...she believes that when I have learned to touch the target stick with my nose, she would suddenly be able to direct me exactly where she wants me to go. Sounds like a fun challenge!

But first she needs to teach me to touch the target stick. This is one way You can train Your dog - The Target Stick

### Step 1

Hold the target stick just in front of your dogs nose and wait! The first time the dog will probably smell it out of curiosity click and treat.

### Step 2

Repeat this many times. After a couple of tries, the dog might wait a little while before touching the stick and try to get the treats in other ways. Just be patient and be careful not to move the target stick to the dog's nose out of impatience. Your dog will not learn a thing from that. It is only when the dog himself makes an active move that you should click! Hold the end of the target stick right in front of the dog and click and treat when the dog makes a small movement towards the stick.

### Step 4

As soon as the dog begins to get the point, it is important that we begin to vary things a bit. We need to teach the dog to follow the target stick when we move it up, down, to the side, while we stand still, walk or run. The target stick will become a goal (thus the word target) that the dog will follow.

In the beginning you will click and treat the dog for following the target stick for a second or two. You will then gradually increase the time so that the dog can follow the stick for at least 10 seconds without losing interest. You can then direct the dog exactly where you want it to go. You do not need to hold the target stick in your hand. You can for example stick it into the ground when you want to teach the dog directional work or moving away from you, etc.

### Step 3

When you have clicked the dog a few times for touching the target stick with his nose, suddenly a light will dawn. Aha, Mom clicks and treats when I touch that long thing! From this point on the training will progress very quickly. It often only takes 4-5 repetitions with puppies to get to this point.

You need to count on a bit more time with older dogs. Take a short break after a couple of minutes training so that the dog does not get tired of it. Most dogs catch on after 2-3 such short sessions. Just be patient in the beginning and let the dog figure out on its own how it can make you click. When he has figured that out, it will stick for the rest of his life!

### Step 5

As soon as the dog has learned to target one object it is actually very easy to transfer this skill onto other targets. You can now teach your dog to use your index finger (or fist/palm) as a target by following the same training steps. A post-it note is also well suited to be used as a target for certain exercises.

WooF! - Mickey- The Schapendoes



March 14, 2012

Dear Dog Lover:

While September seems far away, it's never too early for us to start helping you plan for an exciting AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days event. This year, we're celebrating the program's 10th Anniversary! To celebrate, we encourage all AKC-affiliated clubs and dog-related organizations to hold a free community event publicly promoting responsible dog ownership anytime during the month of September. We'll also send participating groups a brand new kit filled with giveaways and event resources to celebrate this milestone!

Holding an AKC RDO Day event is easier than you think! All efforts are appreciated and welcomed, from hosting a public education table at a dog show or dog run to creating a day-long festival. The main [AKC RDO Days web page](#) includes many suggestions for events.

**The first 500 clubs and organizations that confirm event details with us by August 3, 2012 will receive a *new and improved* resource-filled packet** that includes materials that will assist you in putting together a top-notch event.

In addition, on July 1 we will launch a central page on our web site where the public can search for events by state.

**To sign up to hold an event, and receive your resource packet and web listing, visit: [www.akc.org/rdod](http://www.akc.org/rdod) and either "Create an Account" or "login" if you've hosted a previous event.**

Remember holding an AKC RDO Day event may be counted in your club's eligibility requirements to hold future dog shows. If your club is already holding an AKC licensed event in September, all you have to do is register the details on the main [AKC RDO Days web page](#) to receive your free kit.

Finally, [Like Us on Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date with the latest AKC RDO Days news and information. Post your club's event on the AKC Facebook page to let AKC followers near you know where they can attend an event. Beginning in September, you'll also be able to participate in Virtual AKC RDO Days by sharing your "Acts" of responsible dog ownership.

Your participation will help ensure the program's success benefiting dogs and dog owners everywhere! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
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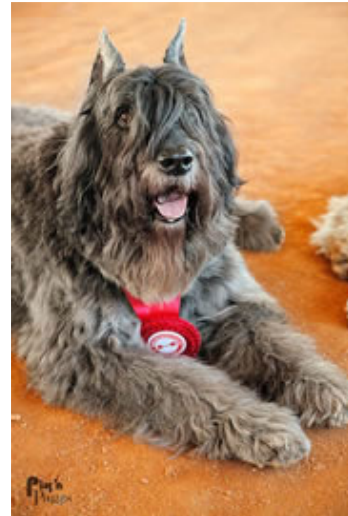
# Braggs

## **DIRK IS BACK**

After 4 months of Chemotherapy, removal of a tumor on his leg and subsequent infection, the 12 1/2 YO boy is back. He lay around like a mat on the floor for months, had trouble getting up, was very lethargic but kept trying like a champ.

Now he is skipping around, pestering his sisters, and being overall obnoxious. He has a straggly beard and funny feeling hair, but still looks pretty good.

That boy is one tough cookie. You go Dirk!



## **Peter Liu**

**Queenie** had her best performance ever in a show at Pals and Paws in early February. She qualified 11 out of 11 in a 4-day show. Earning 2 triple Q and 2 double Q, 2 more FAST legs and 2 more T2B legs. She now has over 70 FAST legs and just earned her T2B title two weeks ago. Overall she has over 7000 points and 58 double Q on the AKC record.

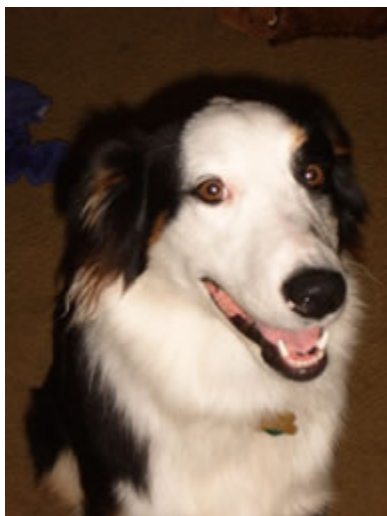
**Evie** first agility trial was last July in Perry, GA. Nine months later, she has earned 7 legs in Excellent B JWW and 6 legs in Excellent B STD. She now has 2 double Q towards her first MACH.



## **Lynn and David Proe**

**River** had a very good weekend at the Spring Dog On It USDAA Trial in Winter Park. River finished his Starters Gamblers title, qualified in Advanced Pairs and Starters Standard. Rivers most proud moment of all was qualifying in Steeplechase which also qualified him for the USDAA nationals for the very first time at just over two years old.

**Dance** qualified in Masters Snooker and Masters Jumpers.



# More Brags....

## Debbie Willey

Mia, Dinah and I did two weekends of obedience and rally in March.

**Mia** earned RAE legs 3&4 at Indian River Dog Training Club's rally trial and legs 5&6 at Ft Lauderdale Dog Club's rally trial. Now it's time to learn the new signs and say goodbye to the honor exercise!

**Dinah** earned her 2nd Graduate Open leg at Ft Lauderdale Dog Club's obedience trial. Thanks to the sound of kibble being poured into a stainless steel dog bowl outside of the ring, she did her signals! 😊

## Debbie Russell

Katie got second place in open A, her first leg in open. Her heeling sucked.....but..... Yeah Katie!!! Caelin, on the way into the ring, chased after a bird, then peed on a pole, then excused, before ever starting. Next day, Caelin forgot what down means, made it to stays, where Mr. Hot and Sexy got it on with the Golden boy next door.

Hailey was absolutely sure I didn't mean for her to lie down out there in the middle of the ring, she was sure I meant at my feet. But thrown to Trina in a quick rush while I ran to go get Caelin, went in for stays with Trina. With all the drama of Mr. Hot and Sexy getting it on with the golden boy, then grabbed and escorted out of the ring, by people in suits and uniforms, Hailey managed to stay where she was. Kudos for Hailey and Trina!



## Jackie Kurzban

Damon aka Tailwynd's Nightstalker at Targons earned his RN title at the Ft. Lauderdale dog club shows, earning leg number 3 with a second place and 97 score and Sunday he earned a security leg with a first place and 98 score. He also earned his first 2 AKC championship points by going BOW, best puppy and a puppy group 3.

Dali, the multi titled rottie, earned leg 6 of his MX and his first AXJ leg at the OTCPCB shows in February. Gala is still out for now from her injury in October.



## Elizabeth Arellano

Fred the Border Terrier starts his show career off with 5pts, 3 RWDs to a 4 and 5pt major, a BOS over specials to the #1 bitch and 2 BOBs all at the tender age of 6 months!

**Miami Obedience Club, Inc.**  
**Application for MOC's AKC Title Plaque**

*To be presented at 2012 Annual Awards Banquet*

(Note: one form per dog. If you wish to apply on behalf of more than one dog, please copy this application and send materials in separate envelopes.)

Hurry! **Deadline is Wednesday April 4, 2012 at the MOC Membership meeting.**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) earned during calendar year 2011 with date each title was completed (Do not include CGC title)

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

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

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

Is this a new plaque? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(If No, please remember to return current plaque to Trina before the deadline for engraving)

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return application PLUS copies of AKC title certificates and existing plaque (if applicable) either in person or mail to:  
**Trina Chicvara**  
**MOC Annual Awards Banquet Chairperson**  
**8371 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Terrace**  
**Miami, FL 33155-3345**

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.**