

The Scooper



The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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The Water Dish

I find that water dish etiquette is a behavior that differs from household to household as well as dog to dog. A similar observation is how different the types of water dishes we use are.

Some water dishes are buckets fastened to the sides of crates. Some are metal, plastic or ceramic. They might be placed in various rooms of the home. They may be outside or might even be a gadget attached to the outdoor spigot so the dog can lick like a hamsters' water bottle. I even have a friend who keeps a five gallon paint bucket filled in her living room for her very large multi dog house hold.

Some dogs might drink together with as many as four heads to one dish. Others might take turns according to dominance or who ever attempts to drink first can. Sometimes when the dish is empty, the dog might just walk forlornly away to wait until the dish is refilled.

Our aussie Dance taps on the empty dish, "tink, tink" to ask for more. If we wait too long, she will knock it off it's table. When Dave hears the "tink, tink" of Dance tapping the dish, he drapes a dish towel over his arm, grabs the water pitcher, serves her and then asks if there will be anything else.

Lynn Proe, Your Scooper Editor



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
May 2, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Dave Proe at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1630 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida. Jill Sidran's motion to dispense with the reading of the April minutes was seconded and passed. Dave Proe corrected the minutes of the discussion on the appointment of the Agility Trial Chairs to complete the sentence: *"The Constitution reflects the Board appoints standing committees: the chairman of all other committees shall be appointed by the President. Section 1-B."* Jill Sidran's motion to accept the minutes as corrected was seconded and passed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold an abbreviated meeting. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and brags were shared.

Committees:

Equipment: Carol Clark reported that the obedience trailer has no lights or brakes. The cost to repair will be between \$100 and \$800. Carol moved to have Chuck do the repairs and provide an estimate on fixing the roof. The motion was seconded and passed.

Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran reported that Debbie Willey and Debbie Russell have donated unused toys. Jill is working with Nancy Bloom to get publicity for the trial. Donations are needed for the raffle. There will be a commemorative gift. Carol Clark requested that donations be made for the high-in-trial prizes. Nancy Bloom moved that, if enough donations are not received for high-in-trial prizes, the club will provide the prizes. The motion was seconded and passed. Nancy Atkins moved that a limit of \$50 be placed on the prizes; Nancy Bloom seconded and the motion passed. Carol Ann Klein's motion that the club also cover the high-combined prize was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm and the presentation of awards ensued.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2012**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Dave Proe. Attending were Dave, Carol Ann Klein, Nancy Atkins, Nancy Bloom, Wien Yu, Carol Clark, Jill Sidran and Sally Richardson.

Dave Proe proposed that the reimbursement to DACOF team members be set at \$130 per person, which will result in total DACOF expenses of \$2,112 or half of the three-year average of previous DACOF expenses. Jill Sidran moved to approve reimbursement to DACOF team members of \$130 per person. Carol Ann Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Nancy Atkins requested clarification of the April Board minutes indicating a requirement of two signatures on each MOC check. Dave Proe stated that he was looking into the issue and that the previous practice of using only one signature should remain unchanged for now.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary

Next MOC Membership Meeting

June 6th (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

Denny's
5825 NW 36 Street
Miami, FL 33166

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

- ✚ Sally Richardson
- ✚ Jane Davidson
- ✚ Ted Stein
- ✚ Miriam Lipsky



Membership Report

May 2012

New Members

There were no new members in May.

Membership Report

Guests

Sandra Kurzban

Susan Zisman

FOR SALE

Small, toy dog conformation "stacker" to teach dogs to stand in show pose. Cost: \$55 Asking Price: \$20. If interested, please contact Carol Ann at cak@bellsouth.net or 305-613-5861.



We send our sympathy to Tracy who recently lost Ripley. We are thinking of you.

*Debbie Willey
Sunshine Chair*

Ripley

Ch. Yiska du Hameau St-Blaise
CDX, RE, AX, OA, AD, U-Ag1, UAg2
January 25, 1999 - May 7, 2012

I know Ripley had many fans over the years, so I wanted to let you know that I said goodbye to him.

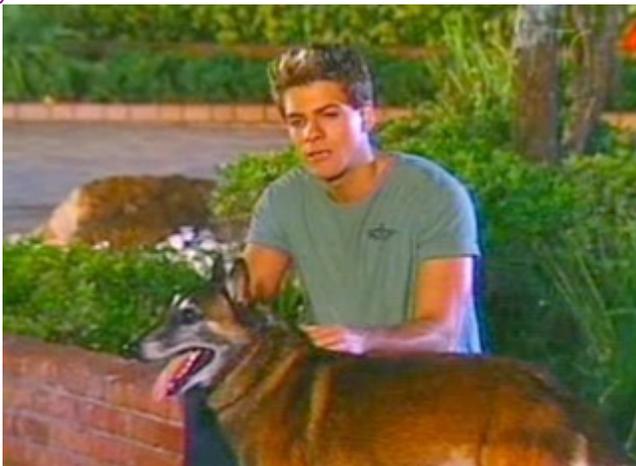
Though over the years it seemed that nothing could keep him down, he finally had had enough, was in pain and didn't want to get up.

So I let him go and will miss him every day, but will remember all the lessons he taught me and what a wonderful dog he was.

Knowing that you are the center of a dog's universe is a daunting and marvelous thing and no dog made me feel that way more than Ripley.

I'm thankful that he was always so happy, loved life and to follow me around, barking at me while moving equipment. Rest in Peace and run free & fast at the Rainbow Bridge!

Tracy Hanna



**DOG OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF FLORIDA (DOCOF)
SEPTEMBER 2, 2012 TOURNAMENT**

The annual DOCOF State Obedience Tournament will be held this year on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 2, 2012, at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando, Florida.

HISTORY

The competition is open to all breeds, including mixed. Each club may send up to three teams. However, in order to send a second team, the first team must be full. A full team consists of three Novice, three Open, and three Utility dogs. Only the top two scores at each level are counted. A dog must compete at a level to or higher than its highest title (i.e., a dog with an Open title cannot compete in Novice) and must compete for one organization only. A handler may show a maximum of two dogs but these must be in two different classes (i.e., Novice and Open). Dogs must be shown by their owners or immediate family members and exhibitors must have been club members for at least six months in order to represent MOC on the team. **Each team must also send at least one worker. The jobs are set up, tear down, and steward. (MOC usually sends stewards.)**

Practice is allowed for the set-up crew in the rings on Friday night, all day on Saturday, except during the DOCOF 3-4 PM annual meeting. There is a small donation cost per run through--\$3/5 minutes and \$5/10 minutes.

REIMBURSED EXPENSES – THOSE WHO SIGN-UP AND DO NOT ATTEND DOCOF WILL HAVE TO REPAY MOC

- Entry Fee (prepaid by MOC)
- Shirt MOC logo polo shirt (if needed)
- Workers If not showing, MOC provides a MOC logo polo shirt (if needed).

There may be a conservative reimbursement for hotel, travel, and RV parking as determined by the Board.

SIGN-UP

Please register on the sign-up sheet or let Carol Ann Klein know by July 13, 2012 whether you are interested in joining the team and at what job you would prefer to work. There are AM and PM shifts.

Please fill in the sign-up sheet as follows: full name, cell/home phone numbers, e-mail address, dog's call and registered names, breed, AKC #, & AKC titles (or e-mail Carol Ann with this information). Please sign up for the level in which you are the strongest. MOC's ranking within the State is based on the number of exercises qualified and highest scores. In Open and Utility, please give your jump heights.

Each club must also provide a gift certificate or raffle basket for the DOCOF raffle with a value of at least \$25.00. Please let Carol Ann know if you can donate to this or if the team would like to give MOC Obedience/Rally trial entries, dog toys, orchids, etc. The team shares in the cost of the raffle item.

For questions, Carol Ann can be reached at cak@bellsouth.net or C - 305-613-5861 or H - 305-751-9966.

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Entries this year for our obedience and rally trials, our first time offering 4 trials, are more than 100 exhibitors and 585 entries. That's more 200 entries over last year and a huge increase in Obedience entries!

Thank you to all who promoted our trials through the "save the date" flyers, passing out premium lists, talking one on one about our great judges, site and friendly competitors. Most of all, thanks to our committee chairs for all their hard work and especially to all our great teachers at MOC who have promoted our show, encouraging our "newbies" to be brave and show their wonderful dogs!

More thanks to the not so anonymous donor of the commemorative gift and to all our donors for the awards, for the gifts to new exhibitors, the raffle baskets, and for that most precious gift, their time. It is much appreciated.

Jill Sidran, Show Chair

DACOF (Dog Agility Clubs of Florida)

The DACOF 2012 Committee is pleased to announce that DACOF 2012 will be held at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee Florida on the weekend of June 30 to July 1 with run throughs on June 29.

Miami Obedience Club will sponsor two teams this year:

Miami Mite:

Excellent: Dinah, Queenie, Dance

Open: Lucy, River

Novice: Ace, Abby, Oliver

Miami Lite:

Excellent: Wilma, Evie, Benji

Time2Beat (T2B) this year in place of FAST

Saturday there will be three runs (Jumpers [no weaves], Standard with no table [no weaves in Novice; 6 in Open], and the new T2B. Sunday will conclude with traditional Standard (with table) and Jumpers with Weaves.

We are accepting donations for two DACOF raffle baskets. Please donate high quality toys, treats, or anything that will make our baskets stand out.

Braggs

Queenie got her MACH 3 at the Indian River trial on May 12th. The cake was provided by the Indian River Dog Training club. It was a surprise.



Bentley earned his MACH2 at Palmetto on April 28, 2012 under two wonderful judges, Jude Valloze and Lori Holdren at the Upper Suncoast trial.

He went on to his next trial to the Indian River trial in May to have a perfect weekend, six out of six.



More Brags....

Pat & Mike went to Lavergne, Tennessee May 19th and 20th for the middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club hunt test.

Pat judged junior and senior, and Ozzy got his fourth master hunter pass.



Benji earned his Coursing Ability (CA) title.



Honey celebrated her 16th Birthday on May 21st, 2012 with the doctors & staff at Country Club Animal Hospital where she goes for Day Care on Mondays.

She ate Strawberries & Roast Chicken for her Birthday lunch and dinner but not the cake. She did get a tiny lick.

Laurie Zisman

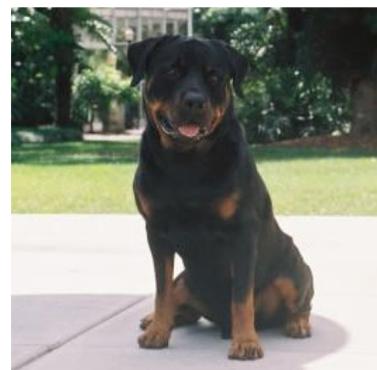


Bridget in an Eddie Bauer photo shoot

UKC/AKC CH. Targon's Surreal Experience

CDX,GN,RAE2,AX,OAJ,NAP,NF,NJP,FM,TT,CS,RTD,CGC,2009 GRC SEGER MEDALLION RECIPIENT,ARC V AND VX

Our very own Dali went up to Purina Farms for the American Rottweiler Club Nationals and won the working dog class! Shown by co -owner/co-breeder BJ Barnhart. He will be competing now in best of breed this weekend with the big boys!

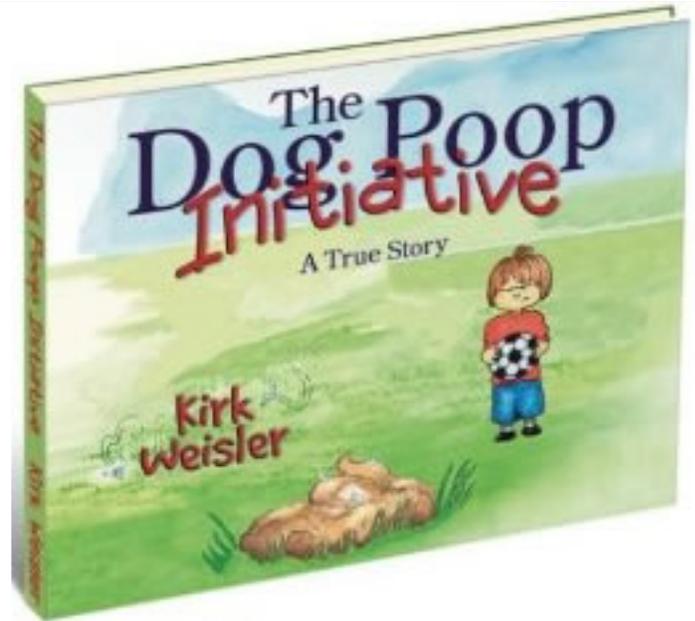


Help! I pooped in the garden...

My dad's friend Kirk Weisler showed up to the soccer field one summer where his 5 year-old son was going to play, and as the 2 previous teams finished up.

As the boys gathered, some helpful parents from the already playing teams pointed out a large pile of Dog Poop on the field, and warned them to point it out to their boys.

A few moments later, the coaches of the departing teams also pointed out the poop, and gave them the same admonition. Next came the referees assigned to the field for the evening, who told them the same thing



After this third warning, his son's other coach and Kirk looked at each other and, without saying a word, turned and went to separate trash cans on the field in search of something they could use to scoop up the poop. They found a large piece of cardboard, and had it cleaned off the field in less than a minute.

Kirk still remember some of the dumbfounded and bewildered expressions of the "Adults" who had so helpfully pointed it out !but who, apparently, had never considered actually cleaning it up! As he viewed all the parents that lined the field, and pondered all the parents and coaches who had been there throughout the day each one dutifully and diligently passing along the "Poop Warning" He marveled that NONE had taken the initiative to clean it UP! What an opportunity to teach, by example, the important principles of service, teamwork, selflessness, and INITIATIVE. In his mind eye he could envision each of these adults ten to fifteen years in the future, lamenting how their own teenagers don't take initiative nor even understand what it is!

Sadly, he would guess that even then, it will not occur to these "pointing parents" that a large portion of what their teenagers don't do is a direct result of never having seen their parents do it. Kirk's rough calculations put the estimate at a potential 220 plus Adult Poop Pointers and only 2 Poop Scoopers! With the Initiative Bar so low, those of you who are willing to take it end up looking like high jumpers. But what an opportunity to show your children how they, too, can effect change by taking initiative!

This beautifully-illustrated 24-page story is a great first book for young readers up to age 7-8. Get it! Read it! Enjoy it!

WooF! Mickey - The Schapendoes

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Helpful Tips

Steer Clear of Summer Hazards

For most of us, the warm weather means more time spent outdoors with our four-legged friends. While being outside with your dog is a great way to spend time together, there are certain dangers the summer season brings for Fido. To keep your dog safe, American Kennel Club (AKC®) Canine Partners offers the following tips to help prevent summer hazards.

- **Keep cool.** When the heat and humidity are making you uncomfortable, chances are that your dog is suffering too and is becoming overheated. You can prevent overheating by making sure that your dog always has access to cool shade and water. If you see that Fido is slowing down in the heat, you can spray him with a hose to cool him off.
- **Dogs get sunburn too.** Dogs that have hairless areas or have white fur on their noses or ears can get sunburn. Repeated sunburn on dogs can predispose them to skin cancer, just like humans. Make sure to put sun block on Fido if he's going to be outside on a sunny day.
- **Paws on pavement.** Sidewalks and streets can get very hot, and since your dog doesn't wear shoes his paws can end up getting burned from the scorching pavement. Keep your dog on the grass in extreme heat to keep his paws intact. Also remember that sand can burn too, so try taking your long beach walks with Fido early in the morning or late afternoon when it's cooler.
- **Stay away from the barbecue.** Keep your dog away from the grill while you are using it, as the open flame is very dangerous. Your dog should be kept away even after you have finished with the grill because it stays hot for a while. Also remember that barbecued food can be greasy and upset his stomach, so as tempted as you may be, don't give him barbecue scraps.

For more information on safely having fun with your dog, visit the AKC Canine Partners website at www.moredogfun.com.