



The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

Officers:

- President: Dave Proe*
- Vice President: Trina Chicvara*
- Recording Secretary: Lynn Proe*
- Corresponding Secretary: Carol Clark*
- Treasurer: Linda Greenfield*

Board of Directors:

- Debbie Russell, Jill Sidran,*
- Wien Yu, Vickie Phillips*

Training Directors:

- Obedience: Jane Davidson*
- Agility: Debbie Russell, Lynn Proe*
- Assistants: Laurie Zisman, Jill Sidran, Carol Clark*

Committees:

- Agility Trials: Lynn Proe, Carol Clark*
- Ginny Guin, Peter Liu*
- Canine Good Citizen: Laurie Zisman*
- Club Phone Rep: Carol Clark (305) 681-5246*
- Education: Jacqueline Kurzban*
- Finance: Dave Proe*
- Library: Trina Chicvara*
- Membership: Wien Yu*
- Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran*
- Sunshine: Debra Willey*
- Webmaster: Laurie Zisman*

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The Water Dish

Every once in a while when you need some help to get things done, help just shows up. As much as I have enjoyed working on the Scooper I am happy and excited to announce that Barb Ilardi not only has assisted in the production of this Scooper but will take over as editor. Welcome aboard!

Lynn Proe, Your Scooper Editor



I'm excited to be able to contribute to MOC! As a snowbird, there are not too many options for me, but this is a good one! I hope you will all send information to me at Barbara.ilardi@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you all!

Barb Ilardi, Assistant Editor (November issue)



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

November 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Dave Proe at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet. Brags were shared. Jane Davidson's motion to dispense with the reading of the October minutes was seconded and passed. Carol Clark's motion to approve the October minutes as published was seconded and passed.

Committees

Correspondence: Carol Clark had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Nancy Atkins gave her treasurer's report for October and a five-year report on the club's financial results.

Obedience Trial: Jill Sidran reported the dates for the 2013 obedience trial, May 25-26, and the names of the judges.

Agility Trial: Ginny Guin reported on the financial results from the trial and the club expressed its thanks to Ginny, Peter Liu, and all of the people who volunteered during the trial. Dave Proe announced that he had appointed Carol Clark and Lynn Proe as the co-chairs for the January trial.

Everything is on schedule for the trial. There is currently a fence obstructing the RV parking area; Carol will deal with Pablo on finding a solution.

Agility Judges: Wien Yu had nothing to report.

Obedience Training: Jane Davidson reported that the last class starts Monday and that the classes are virtually full.

Agility Training: Lynn Proe had nothing to report.

CGC: Laurie Zisman had nothing to report.

DACOF: Dave Proe had nothing to report.

DOCOF: Carol Ann Klein had nothing to report.

Sunshine: Debbie Willey had nothing to report.

Education: Jackie Kurzban reported that the Pet Trust non-binding referendum in Miami-Dade County had passed. Pasco County plans to regulate breeders, pet dealers, and kennels.

Library: Trina had nothing to report.

Finance: Dave Proe requested that profit and loss statements be e-mailed to him.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Continued...

Scooper: Lynn Proe asked that members continue to send brags and book reviews.

Membership: Wien Yu introduced and welcomed guests, Clint Davis and Sandra Kurzban.

Constitution: Trina Chicvara announced that the club will vote on standing rules at the January meeting.

Website: Laurie Zisman reported that the links are up for the January agility trial.

Equipment: Dave Proe has rubberized the teeter. Barbara Wortley is donating a new chute to the club.

Old Business: The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 5 at the Longhorn Steakhouse, 1630 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida, at 7:00 pm. Please rsvp to Nancy Bloom so the restaurant can make sure there are enough servers.

New Business: Nancy Atkins moved to donate \$2500 to two organizations, the AKC Humane Fund and the North Shore Animal League (animalleague.org) helping dogs affected by Hurricane Sandy. The motion was seconded but failed to pass. Trina Chicvara's motion to donate \$1,000 to the North Shore Animal League was seconded and passed. Trina's motion that the Finance Committee study the needs and be authorized to donate up to \$1,000 to the AKC Humane Fund, on an expedited basis within two weeks of November 7, was seconded and passed. Nancy Atkins turned over the Club's financial records to Linda Greenfield. The Club thanked Nancy for her 11 years of service as Treasurer.

Laurie brought cake!

The results of the election were announced:

President: Dave Proe

Vice President: Trina Chicvara

Treasurer: Linda Greenfield

Recording Secretary: Lynn Proe

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Clark

Board of Directors: Vickie Phillips, Debbie Russell, Jill Sidran, Wien Yu

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary

****Minutes not approved until the next membership meeting****

November 7, 2012

The Special Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Dave Proe. Attending were Dave, Carol Ann Klein, Nancy Atkins, Carol Clark, Nancy Bloom, Wien Yu, Jill Sidran, and Sally Richardson.

Dave announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to determine whether Linda Greenfield should be considered as an active member for the purpose of serving as Treasurer of the club. Nancy Bloom's motion to consider Linda Greenfield as an active member was seconded and passed.

The special meeting of the Board was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson, Recording Secretary



Happy Holidays to All!

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
November 7, 2012**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm by Dave Proe. Attending were Dave, Carol Clark, Trina Chicvara, Vickie Phillips, Wien Yu, Jill Sidran, Debbie Russell, Linda Greenfield and Lynn Proe.

The board confirmed the Standing Committees for the coming year. They are as follows:

- **Membership – Wien Yu**
- **Obedience Training - Jane Davidson**
- **Obedience Match – Linda Greenfield**
- **Show/Trial – Jill Sidran**

The meeting of the Board was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Recording Secretary.

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

- ✚ Jackie Kurzban
- ✚ Jill Sidran
- ✚ Pat Kopco
- ✚ Patricia Weber



Membership Report

Guests at the November meeting

- Sandra Kurzban
- Clint Davis

Submitted by Wien Yu

MOC Membership Chair

Holiday Party

The MOC Holiday party will take place on December 5th at 7:00PM at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Doral located at 1630 NW 87th Avenue, 305-477-4122.

There will be gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 or more; something that you would enjoy receiving.

Please RSVP to Nancy Bloom so that we may advise the restaurant in order to have enough wait staff:
Nsbloom@bellsouth.net or 305 891-8391.

Let's start the new year off with lots of cheer and good will!

MOC sends sympathy to Carol Ann for the loss of Chester. We are thinking of you.

Braggs



From Lynn Proe: River earned a leg of Advanced Standard and Advanced Jumpers at the Dog On It Trial in Winter Park.



Carol Clark and her Weims Boo and Lucy had a great time at the MOC Agility Trials! Boo finished his XF title, and Lucy finished her AX title



MACH4 Jody Liu CDX RA MXC MJC2 NAP NJP, November 18, 2012

Jody needed 38 points for her MACH4 after the Tampa trials. By the end of the first day at the Indian River 3-day trials, it was down to 17 points. On Saturday, I told myself that she wouldn't be able to get it in the Standard run because the standard course time was 57 seconds, which meant she needed to finish the course in less than 40 seconds. So far, she has never qualified in a Standard course less than 40 seconds. Amazingly, she finished the course under 39 seconds. Unfortunately, she knocked a bar☹, probably she was running too hard and too fast. Jody likes to create exciting moment when getting her MACH. After the afternoon jumper run, she needed only 6 more points. On Sunday, she got her MACH4 in Standard with flying colors. I am so proud of my little Mal, Jody! Look at her happy face ;-))))))))))))))))))



Joanie Tepper tells us that Mario, otherwise known as Moisha Pupik, is registered as a therapy dog!!

WHAT YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR DOG

This has been circulating on the web for a long time, but it always bears repeating. In this holiday season, I thought it might be good for us to think about what it is that our pets teach us.

If a dog were your teacher you would learn things like:

- *Live simply.*
- *Love generously.*
- *Care deeply.*
- *Speak kindly.*
- *Take naps.*
- *Stretch before rising.*
- *Be loyal.*
- *Run, romp, and play daily.*
- *When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.*
- *Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.*
- *Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.*
- *Thrive on attention and let people touch you.*
- *Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.*
- *On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.*
- *On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.*
- *When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.*
- *Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.*
- *Never pretend to be something you're not.*
- *If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.*
- *When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.*
- **ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!**



*L - Golden Pine Oh Happy Day (Patti)
CDX AX AXJ NFP NJP RAE CGC, age 13*

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*R - Golden Pine Wish Upon A Starr
(Charlotte) BN CD RE CGC*

These are wise words, and good for us all to remember when you train your dog. Try to put yourself in your dog's head and imagine what the dog sees and wants as you train. Don't expect a lot at once, and be kind and patient with your pet. Its needs are simpler than yours, and its abilities are more limited than yours. You need to be very clear with your dog...it can't read minds! But it can read your tone of voice and your body language. It can sense when you are troubled, as well as when you are happy. It can be your solace in times of stress and your helper throughout its life.

Happy Holiday Season from Barb, Patti and Charlotte!

More Brags

From Cori Gacusano: My puppy Sirius (CH. Glorias-Baywind Wally's Padfoot at Artemis) finished his championship on 11/17/12. He was 11months old!



Lynn and David Proe has added a new additon to their family. Meet Zischka-Proe's DreamScape Drake. Drake is a rescue adopted from New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue.



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Cold Weather Canine Care Tips

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A dog's need for food, shelter and loving care increases during the cold winter months. Keep your dog safe and warm by following these guidelines.

- Dogs can get frostbite or hypothermia when temperatures drop. Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Provide a covered shelter, such as a doghouse or kennel, for the times the dog is out of doors.
- When your dog is inside, keep him warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted floors may become very cold, so put down blankets or pads for him to lie on.
- Keep your dog a safe distance from supplemental heat sources such as portable heaters and fireplaces, which can cause severe burns. Place screens around fireplaces.
- Don't leave your dog alone in a car on cold days.
- Feed your dog additional calories, particularly if it spends a lot of time outdoors or if it is a working dog. The extra calories are necessary because it takes more energy in the winter to regulate body temperature.
- Provide plenty of fresh water at all times. Dogs are just as likely to get dehydrated in winter as in summer. Snow is not a good substitute for water.
- Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. If you have a short-haired dog, consider a sweater or coat. If your dog is long-haired, clip the hair around its paws to ease snow removal.
- Dry your dog with a towel or blow-dryer if it gets wet from rain or snow. Clean snow and ice from its paws to prevent cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may help soften and soothe paw pads.
- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and be seriously injured.
- Rock salt, used to melt ice on sidewalks, can irritate paw pads. Rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk.
- Watch out for spilled antifreeze on driveways. Antifreeze smells and tastes good to dogs, but it can be lethal.

Dogs, like humans, seem to be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to the veterinarian if you notice any signs of illness.

8 Somewhat Surprising! THANKSGIVING DAY FOODS that can kill your dog.



1 Turkey Skin
High fat foods, like that delicious turkey skin, can be extremely hazardous to your dog's health. The skin holds any marinade, spices, butter and oils and is difficult to digest. High fat foods can lead to pancreatitis. Symptoms include vomiting, abdominal pain and lethargy.



2 Cooked Bones
Cooked turkey and ham bones are NOT safe for dogs. They can splinter in the dog's digestive tract and your holiday may include a pricey trip to the emergency room and worse. Dispose of bones carefully so that your pup isn't tempted to eat them.



3 Onions & Garlic
Onions and garlic contain sulfides, which are toxic to dogs, and can lead to anemia. Onions are more toxic than garlic and cooking them does not reduce their toxicity.

4 Alcohol
Many dogs love the taste of beer, but this does not mean you should share your frosty brew with your best friend. Any alcohol, and particularly the hops in beer, is toxic and in some cases can cause death in dogs.



5 Nuts
Specifically walnuts and macadamia nuts and very dangerous for your dog. They could cause a toxic reaction called, "macadamia nut toxicosis." Within 12 hours of eating them, dogs are unable to stand, vomiting, having tremors, fever, weakness and elevated heart rate. Usually symptoms go away but this can lead to deadly shock.

6 Nutmeg
Used to spice sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, nutmeg can cause seizures and central nervous system problems if your dog ingests it. In extreme cases, it can even cause death. Both sweet potatoes and pumpkin, in moderation, are good for your dog - just make sure they don't have any nutmeg on them before you feed him any!



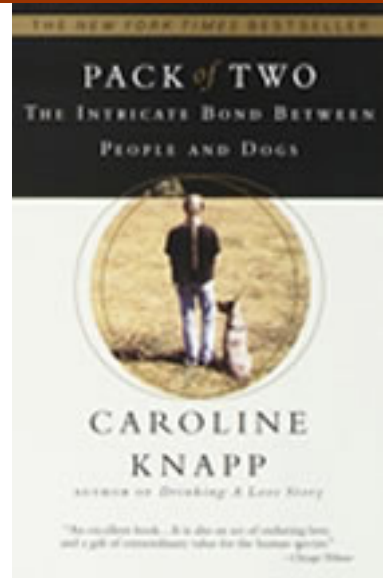
7 Sage
Sage contains essential oils that can cause stomach upset. Best to keep this herb out of reach from your pup's paws!



8 Chocolate, Dough, & Batter
We all know chocolate is a no-no, but did you know that dough can actually rise inside your dog's stomach, causing bloating and severe pain? Additionally, dough and batter contain raw eggs, which may contain Salmonella. Keep your furkid out of the kitchen while you bake and clean up any spills right away.

If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435

Happy (and safe!) Holidays from your friends at dogingtonpost.com



At the age of 36, Caroline Knapp, author of the acclaimed bestseller **Drinking: A Love Story**, found herself confronted with a monumental task: redefining her world. She had faced the loss of both her parents, given up a twenty-year relationship with alcohol, and, as she writes, "I was wandering around in a haze of uncertainty, blinking up at the biggest questions: Who am I without parents and without alcohol? How to form attachments, and where to find comfort, in the face of such daunting vulnerability?" An answer materialized in the most unlikely form: that of a dog. Eighteen months to the day after she quit drinking, Knapp stumbled upon an eight-week-old puppy at a local animal shelter, took her home, and named her Lucille. Now two years old, Lucille has become a central force in Knapp's life: "In her," she writes, "I have found solace, joy, a bridge to the world."

Caroline Knapp has been celebrated as much for her fresh insight into emotional and psychological issues as she has been for her gifts as a writer. In *Pack of Two*, she brings the same perception and talent to bear on the rich, complicated terrain of human-animal relationships. In addition to mining her own experience with Lucille, Knapp speaks to a wide variety of dog people--from animal behaviorists and psychologists to other owners whose dogs have deeply affected their lives--about this emotionally complex, sometimes daunting, often profoundly healing alliance. Throughout, she explores the shift in canine roles from working partners to intimate companions and looks, too, at how this new kinship, this wordless bond, becomes a template for what we most desire ourselves.