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## DON'T MISS THE CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the training building in Bellaire.** Elaine Prodon from Lighthouse Scents will be the speaker and will talk to members about fundraising with her products. Refreshments will be served by Kathy Gallupe and Martha Harris.

## CLUB MEMBERS VISIT NURSING HOME

The latest nursing home visit was held at the Country Club Retirement Center in Bellaire in August. Club members and dogs present were: Linda Davis and Megan, Lisa LaRoche and Lacey, Martha Harris and Tommy, Clarinda Timmons and Fuschia, Kathy Gallupe and Ivy and Mary Jo Plute and Chance.

## Election Announcements!!!

Pam Fehr - Secretary Marge Cerra - Treasurer

### Board Members

Connie Thuring - 2 year term	Linda Davis
Colleen Willis - 2 year term	Jeri Defelice
Sherri Clendenin	Heidi Matis
	Jean Ramsey

## Congratulations!!

Tammy and Christian Miller just had a baby and it's a boy named Christian. Congratulations!



Pam Fehr and Daisey earned a third CD leg, Thursday, August 2nd at the Canfield OH dog show. Great job Pam and Daisey. A CD title well deserved. How about CDX?

**Don't forget the St. Clairsville, Ohio Kennel Club B-OB match on Sunday, September 30th at Wheeling Park Ice Rink. Obedience, microchipping, CGC/TDI and conformation will be featured. Enter or come and watch.**

**If anyone would be interested in stewarding, the SCOKC will offer a free run-thru for anyone stewarding, as SCOKC is a much smaller club than ours. If you haven't already signed up, give Donna Simpson a call at 242-4946**

## RECAP OF THE PICNIC

The club's annual picnic held on August 10th at Bethlehem's Community Park had a turnout of over 45 club members and their families. The food was delicious and everyone had a great time. A chinese auction was held along with a 50/50 drawing.

# RALLY OBEDIENCE

The American Kennel Club is offering exhibitors and clubs a new sport in obedience - Rally Obedience. As of last year, clubs may offer this class as a non-regular class. In Rally Classes, the team of dog and handler move continuously and perform the exercises indicated by a sign at each location. After the judge's "Forward" command, the team is on their own to complete the entire sequence correctly.

In this class, you may have unlimited communication with your dog between signs and will not be penalized. However, minor to substantial penalties should be deducted for any physical guiding, reluctance of the dog to move with the handler, interference with handler's freedom of motion, or failure to move briskly from sign to sign. Deductions from minor to substantial shall be made for any errors on the part of the dog performing the designated exercise at a sign. Any dog or handler not completing an exercise as indicated by the sign will be penalized 10 points.

There are different levels - Level I and Level 2 Rally. In Level I, all exercises are performed on leash, with 16 - 20 exercise signs. Level 2 is designed for off-leash with 18 - 22 exercise signs. One or more jumps would be included.

There are many different sequences such as Halt (Sit and Forward), Halt (Down Dog and Forward), right and left turns, about turns, U turns, 270 or 360 degree turns to the left or right. Other exercises include call dog to front, slow, fast and normal pace. Finishes include finish left or right. Still more are the moving side step right, pivot left or right, stands, spiral right or left, figure 8, and more advanced would be jumps, steps backward, moving down, to name a few.

Sound hard? Actually it sounds like a lot of fun and there are signs to help guide you through each exercise.

Many of the exercises in both the Level 1 and Level 2 are the same as those of the traditional obedience program. The exception to this is that the handler may talk and give signals to his/her dog repeatedly as desired throughout the performance. Also, the judge gives no verbal directions during the performance. When given a clearance to start the performance by the judge, the handler and dog heel toward the first exercise sign. As they approach the sign, the handler commands the dog with verbal commands and/or hand signals, to perform the exercise as indicated by the sign. When the team has completed the exercise, they heel to the next sign. Heeling between exercises is considered a part of the performance. The judge moves with the team scoring any errors that might be made by the dog or handler. The performance starts as the dog crosses the START line and concludes as the dog crosses the FINISH line.

So if you want something more challenging and fast paced, Rally Obedience is for you. Many local clubs are already offering Rally Obedience. Just watch and you'll see how much fun it is!! Instructions for Rally Obedience are available on the AKC website.

## SHOWS, MATCHES, TRIALS

Saturday, September 1st	Smithfield, OH	Bushy Run Kennel Club	Conformation/Obedience
Sunday, September 2nd	Smithfield, OH	Fort Steuben Kennel Assoc.	Conformation/Obedience
Saturday, September 15th	Marietta, OH	Blennerhassett Kennel Club	Conformation
Sunday, September 16th	Marietta, OH	Greater Clarksburg, KC	Conformation/Obedience
Saturday, September 22nd	Prospect, PA	Butler County KC	Conformation/Obedience
Sunday, September 9th	Zanesville, OH	Muskingum Valley KC	Obedience Show N Go Eye Clinic
Sunday, September 30th	Wheeling, WV	St. Clairsville Kennel Club	Conformation/Obedience B-OB Match Microchipping, CGC/TDI

(Match flyers available at the training building)

*Cathy Zimmerman.....*

Cathy says she's fostering 2 dogs from the Ohio County Shelter. Mollie is a 10 month old registered black lab female. Annie is a 2 year old black lab, dauschund mix who is quite a character with personality plus. If anyone is interested in these dogs, call Cathy at 635-2106.

Cathy's beautiful, graceful and kind German Shepherd Mollie Jean passed away at age 16 1/2. Mollie Jean was adopted from the Belmont County Animal Shelter at age 1 1/2. Brendan, a smooth collie with a severe heart condition, passed away a week after Mollie. Mollie has always sensed when Brenny didn't feel well and mothered him. What a sad story, but maybe they have rejoined in heaven.

Three years ago Cathy was lucky enough to adopt a chocolate Lab puppy (handicapped) from Heidi Matis. Kendil grew quickly and despite the fact that she was born without one eye, it has never deterred her, she also visits nursing homes and is quite a faithful companion. She's pretty ornery chasing the family cats around and kissing them, however she has now decided to take over the mothering that Mollie used to do. Cathy also has a second handicapped with one eye, Rudy the Rottie (Kendil has shown him the ropes). Cathy thanks Heidi for saving this precious girl and thanks the club for being available for training. Cathy hopes to get her titled when she's feeling better.

Cathy also has many other dogs, as you will see on the membership listing.

Several new members were voted in at the last meeting and several prospective members will be attending the next club meeting. New and prospective members include:

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| Barbara Deem, Benwood, WV             | Poodle mix                     |
| Mary Ellen Devaul, Bridgeport, OH     | Jessie (Dalmatian)             |
| Dan Williams, Bridgeport, OH          | Jake (Mix)                     |
| Penny Craddock, Moundsville, WV       | Lexi (Collie)                  |
| Helen Grammen, Wheeling, WV           | McDuff (West Highland Terrier) |
| John and Tammy Pifko, Triadelphia, WV | Tobie (Akita)                  |



*On a sad note, Rich Thuring's father passed away. We will be thinking about Rich, Connie and Zach and wish them well in this sad time of their lives.*