

Paw Prints

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Upper Ohio Valley Obedience Training Club

September/October, 2006



Calendar

August 28 - October 13

*Fall I Classes in Session

September 27 - 2:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog Visit
Home of the Good Shepherd

October 15 - 7: 00 p.m.

*Fall II Class Orientation

October 16 - November 24

Fall II Classes in Session

November 2

* Board Meeting

November 9 - 7:00 p.m.

* Membership Meeting

December 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Club Christmas Party
Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming
Center

* Event at Training Club Building

Training News

Fall I classes began with Orientation on August 27. There are currently fifty-three dog/handler teams in all classes. Students are learning basic and extended skills and all teachers are commended for devoting time to the worthy project of helping our canine friends become excellent family and community members.

Fall II classes will begin with Orientation on October 15. **Can you teach or assist?** If you have never done so, please consider it. **George Gallupe** and the Training Committee will be meeting soon to arrange the Fall II session, and YOU can help. Please contact George to participate in this worthwhile experience. If you or someone you know wants to attend, please get a registration form at the building and return it as soon as possible. Classes fill fast!

Join the Parades

Have you noticed how quickly days and seasons go by? Summer is just fading, but it is already time to think ahead to the holidays. UOVOTC has been invited to join in several holiday parades, so mark your calendar, because this is an enjoyable way to spend time with your family and dog(s), and be part of the excitement and camaraderie of our local towns.

Connie Smith is organizing our participation in the following parades:

Oglebayfest - Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m. (line up at 9:00 a.m.)

Moundsville - Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. (line up at 12:30 p.m.)

Bellaire - Sunday, November 26 in the evening

Sign up for the parades at the Club building. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or contact Connie for more information.

Penny Fordyce will make a light up costume for your dog. Call Penny at 845-6220 to determine size and cost.

Pin Up Pup



Meet **Sadie**, (CGC, RN) a 16 month old mini Aussie. Sadie likes to torment her lab sister, Belle; go to school at UOVOTC; swim; trail ride with Ug the mule; watch Animal Planet; eat apples as they fall from the tree; and most of all loves traveling to mule shows around the country. Sadie is a member of the family of Donna and Bill Wilburn.

UOVOTC is a non-profit organization providing year round training for pet owners and AKC competition handlers. www.dogobedience.us

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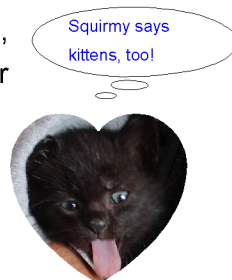
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Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.** when Edgwood Evangelical Church (1154 National Rd., Wheeling) will commemorate St. Francis of Assisi with a traditional blessing of the animals. Pastor Beth Welsch tells us that no pet is too large, too small, or too slimy to be included. All manner of house pets and barnyard friends are welcome. Please join this celebration with your pets appropriately caged, leashed, harnessed, or submerged. If you have any questions, you may call the church at 242-3290.

If you wish to go in a UOVOTC member group, call or email **Kathy Steber** at 242-9333 or kgsteber@earthlink.net.



Sympathy

In recent weeks, the mothers of Connie Smith and Dee Wear passed away. We know that the loss of a family member is a unique crossroad in our lives, and we send our heartfelt sympathy to Connie and Dee and their respective families.

Hospitality List

Hospitality will be provided at our club meetings by the people listed below. Thanks to **Michele O'Neil** for organizing this project, and thanks in advance to all who are bringing us goodies!



November 9 - Gary Lappert, Vickie Ventura, Michele O'Neil

January 11 - Barb Wojtowicz, Vickie Ventura, Michele O'Neil

March 8 - Lynda Emerson, Faye Walton, Jean Ramsey, Michele O'Neil

May 10 - Barb Heath, Khorren Lally, Dee Wear

Training Pants with Old Dawg

How do you communicate with your dog? Of course, you talk - sometimes loving chatter and sometimes firm commands. Did you know that talking to your dog is not the only way (and maybe not even the best way) to communicate? Read the story of Clever Hans:

Clever Hans

Clever Hans was an Arab stallion who lived with his owner, Wilhelm von Osten, in Germany in the early 1900s. Von Osten thought that animals had intelligence equal to man, and set out to prove it.

He taught Hans to recognize numbers 1 -9. Hans would tap out answers with his hoof, and soon learned to solve arithmetic problems as complex as square root. Observers at the time saw no sign of trickery, and tests by eminent mathematicians concluded that Hans had the math ability of a 14 year old schoolboy.

Many esteemed scholars visited Hans. One eventually demonstrated that the horse was somehow being cued, because if nobody in the room knew the correct answer, Hans would paw indefinitely.

What was happening?

Scientists have since discovered that horses and dogs can detect the heartbeat of someone standing nearby. As Clever Hans got near the answer (when he was to stop tapping) he sensed an increase in a person's heartbeat, or perhaps increased tension, or change in breathing.

This has become known as the **Clever Hans Phenomonon**.

So we dogs may know you better than you think. What are you telling your best pal? Til next month, keep those tails wagging!



Congratulations Corner



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sue Abraham and <i>Squirt</i>	Level I APDT Rally-O title -3 1st places; qualifying score Level II
Sue Abraham and <i>Squirt</i>	USDAA Advanced Pairs Relay title
Linda Davis and <i>Chase</i>	Poodle Club of America specialty show - Open B- among top 30 in U.S. - was in the top 8
Linda Davis and <i>Megan</i>	Poodle Club of America specialty show - 5th out of top 10 veterans
Penny Fordyce and <i>Libby</i>	Novice B - 2nd leg (at our Match!)
Michele O'Neil and <i>Tula</i>	AKC CD title! Scored in 4th place on the 3rd leg
Michele O'Neil and <i>Rebel</i>	AKC CD in 4 show w/ 1 4th place UCD one 4th place; one 3rd place
Kathy Steber and <i>Gracey</i>	Rally Novice B - 1st leg
Dee Wear and <i>Braxton</i>	Rally Novice B - 1st leg



Therapy Dog Visits

Therapy Dog visits are now happening on a regular basis at Good Shepherd Nursing Home and East Ohio Regional Long Term Care. Good Shepherd visits are the last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and EORH are at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday. In October only, the EORH visit will be on October 4 rather than the second Wednesday. If you'd like to participate, call **Kathy Steber**, **Marge Cerra**, or **Barb Wojtowicz**.



Thanks, Happy Tails



A special thank you and a wag of the tail to *Happy Tails Pet Grooming* in McMechen. Our friend, Terri Lindsey, owner of Happy Tails, gave our Fun Match some space in her regular advertisement in the Green Tab. Thanks, Terri!

Boy Scout Drive for Animals

Beallsville Cub Scouts Pack 163 is having a pet food/supply drive this month with the proceeds going to the Monroe County Humane Society. The Boy Scouts are giving time to clean the shelter, play with the animals, and collecting much needed pet items and cash donations.

Michele O'Neil has placed a basket at our building to collect donations. Please help in this cause that is worthy for caring children and needy animals.



It is time NOW to mark your calendar for the annual UOVOTC Christmas party. The date is set for **December 6 at 6:30 p.m at the Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming Center**, so keep this date open for an evening of fun and fellowship with good friends.

In addition to the delicious buffet in the Cayman Room, the party may hold some surprise activities this year, so you won't want to miss it. Reservation forms will be distributed at the November club meeting.

Get Well

Sid Pond has returned home from the hospital, and we're glad that he is recovering. He was well enough to make it to the Fun Match, and we appreciate his extra effort.

Marge Cerra is nursing a broken arm, but she too, worked at the Fun Match and hasn't missed a beat in her job as Club Treasurer.

Thanks, Marge and Sid!

Fun Match A Success

If you helped with the 2006 Fun Match, stop reading now and give yourself a pat on the back! Because everyone worked well together, the Fun Match was an enjoyable experience for participants; a fund raiser for the Club; and an excellent representation of UOVOTC in the community.

Kitty and Mike Stegman made ring measurements early Saturday. The truck, arranged for by Mark Lally, was right on time and many volunteers helped unload and set up. All judges and vendors were in place, and particular thanks is extended to all stewards who kept things running smoothly.

Our judges say that most of the 100+ entrants were anxious for feedback, and many were profuse in their thanks for our holding this event. Several AMBOR dogs received title legs. There were ten CGC entrants, and nine received certification. The Fun Match welcomed all dogs from Great Danes to toy poodles; teams from Wheeling neighborhoods and folks from 2 or 3 hours away; and gave our community a picture of the rewarding sport of dog obedience.

Vickie Pond reports that people told her that many people said that UOVOTC has the best baskets of all shows!

Thanks so much to all who made the 2006 Fun Match a success.

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