



NORTH SAANICH Dog Obedience Training Club

April 10, 2008

President's Message:

Welcome to NOSA's spring session!

The longer days and (hopefully) better weather certainly make training more enjoyable. It's always a good idea to go somewhere different to train so do get out and practice in a safe location that's new to your dog. Keep him on leash of course unless it's fenced. Remember that when your dog makes a mistake that it's not necessarily a bad thing. Just show him what you want instead and that is part of the learning process. I often see dogs doing the wrong thing in class and handlers just watching and accepting it.

For those of you not trialing do try to come to the hall on either Apr 12 for the club trial or Apr 19 for the CKC Licensed Trial. You will be impressed I'm sure and will learn from watching too!

Anne Morrison

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NOSA - 50 YEARS of TRAINING in Sanscha Hall / MWCCC!

Sanscha Hall opened its doors in June, 1958. Less than three months later (the first Thursday of September), NOSA started holding its training classes, and later that year it's trials, on-site. Here we have remained for the past 50 years, with the exception of the few months we were temporarily relocated to the RCMP Barn while the old Sanscha Hall was torn down and the new Mary Winspear Community and Cultural Centre (MWCCC) was built.

No other Community organization has been with the hall, as a continuous tenant, as long as NOSA! Fifty years - that is 1/3 of the life of the province of BC!

When the Memorial Park Society (MPS) was seeking support to build a new Centre, they guaranteed NOSA that we would be welcomed into the new facility, as would all their community tenants at the time. They made it very clear that "community" was a large part of their mandate and that "community" was very important to the society. As a consequence NOSA donated \$5,000 toward the building of the MWCCC.

Since that time, we have grown. Over 17,000 registrants have taken classes with NOSA; we have held approximately 150 Club trials, with our members earning approximately 1,400 club legs (and over 400 Club titles); as well as hosting 38 CKC trials.

At our March 27th General Meeting, various ways we might celebrate this milestone, with the community, were discussed. Some thoughts were to host obedience and rally demonstrations (possibly other types of canine activities), as well as offering a number of short seminars to the general public on how to choose the most appropriate breed of dog, grooming, how to care for and train your puppy etc. Right now these are just ideas and thoughts.

Marilyn Clayton



On behalf of NOSA, 2000 President, Marilyn Clayton, and NOSA graduate "OTCh Spree" present a cheque, for \$5,000, to Richard Holmes, Chair of the Sanscha Community Cultural Foundation.

Message from this issues Editor

It has been a long time since we've had a newsletter and for that, we apologize.

As a consequence, this newsletter is a "catch up" of "old news" so the new editor, Pat de Jong, can start fresh. We wish Pat much success and ask that you send your news to her at johnpat@shaw.ca.

If we have missed any of your results or reported any in error, please contact Pat so they can be included/corrected next issue.

Remember, the NOSA website is updated weekly and is a source of information for upcoming events as well answering questions. The NOSA website is found at www.nosa.ca.

Marilyn Clayton

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

- Anonymous

Message from the Incoming Editor

I have, along with John assisting and Keegan having the occasional word to add), volunteered to keep our newsletter flowing.

I'm sure Marilyn Clayton has touched on several items that will bring our members up to date with the goings on from our last newsletter.

Many thanks to Marilyn for keeping such good records on the NOSA dogs that have trained and trialed, as well as for completing this newsletter.

Pat De Jong

Club HIGH-IN-TRIAL winners:

Marilyn Clayton – Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Novice B – Gr. Vic. – October 15, 2006 – 195.5

Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Open B – NOSA – April 15, 2007 – 197.0

Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Open B – Gr. Vic. – April 15, 2007 – 193.5

Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Open B – Cowichan - May 5, 2007 – 194.5

Linda Edgell – Sammy – Lab – Novice B – NOSA – Oct. 6, 2007 – 180.5

Heather Alexander – Colby – NS Duck Toller – Novice B – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 196.5

Heather Alexander – Colby – NS Duck Toller – Novice B – NOSA – March 15, 2008 – 196.0

Message from the AIOC Trial Chair

NOSA's March AIOC Club Trial was a great success, with 33 entrants and 9 qualifying scores earned under judge Leslie Gardiner. Heather Alexander and Colby were our High In Trial winners with an impressive score of 196.

Other NOSA members who qualified were:

Jane Morrison & Suvi : 191 ½ (Nov. B)
John DeJong & Keegan: 187 HIC Opn A
Lee Pears & Jesse: 188 ½ HIC Opn B

Once again, these trials are only possible because of the dedicated volunteers that NOSA has. Alix Day and Hew Lines our ever faithful Ring Stewards. Bill and Karen Blair, always present and ready to chip in for any job. Phil Griffith co-coordinating and running the kitchen. Liz Jones learning the ropes on the front table and a new comer this past trial, Shay Lockhart, our runner and assistant to our Ring Steward crew.

Our next AIOC Club Trial will be held in conjunction with GVDOTC on April 12, at the RCMP Barn at the Saanich Fairgrounds. Registration starts at 9am with judging commencing at 9:30am sharp. Bill Blair will be our judge for the day.

I hope to see you all out trialing or just supporting and cheering on fellow club members.

See you at the Trial,
Sandi Lovas

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

There isn't space in this newsletter to tell you everything about our dog obedience club. If you visit our website www.nosa.ca, you'll find information about the club's history, dog etiquette in and around our training facility, class descriptions and schedule, upcoming events, past newsletters, club contact info and more. Use the feedback link to let us know what you think.

CKC Obedience titles:

UD – Terry Gains & Lira – Labrador Retriever – Gr. Vic. – May 16, 2007

CDX - Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Gr. Vic. – May 17, 2007

CD - John Costello & Bella – Labrador Retriever – Vic. City KC – August 12, 2007

CD - John Costello & Hunter – Springer Spaniel – Nanaimo KC – Nov. 18, 2007

Message from the CKC Trial Chair

NOSA's CKC Trial is coming up quickly. Saturday, April 19 will see two trials with over 35 dogs competing in each trial. Cherry Condrey has gathered some wonderful trophies - most of which have been donated by NOSA members. If you are not competing this year, maybe your goal will be to compete next year! If you are just starting your obedience training, this would be a great opportunity to come out and watch a real trial. You will see what can be accomplished with dedication and practice - and maybe you will realize that your dog IS capable of competing as well and it is always nice for the competitors to see that people are interested enough to come and watch and cheer them on. If you would like to make a donation to the kitchen (check the list on the bulletin board next time you come to class at the Hall to see what we still need) or would like to make a monetary donation to offset costs, it would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at the Trial.

Alix Day

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.

-Sigmund Freud

Graduation Trophy Winners

Graduation - November, 2006

Novice A: Patricia McCarter & "Kato" (ACD)

Novice B: John Costello & "Bella" (Lab)

Intermediate: Jim Fathers & "Colleen" (Kerry Blue)

Graduation - March, 2007

Novice A: Faye Little & "Toby" (Dobe)

Novice B: John Costello & "Hunter" (Springer)



Graduation - June, 2007

Novice A: Margaret Green & "Jake" (Cross)

Novice B: Rod Deacon & "Lindy" (Flat-Coat)

High Junior: Disa Breadey & "Riggley" (Pitbull X)



The last night of each session, each Beginner and Intermediate student has the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. Pictured are the shining stars from the last 4 sessions. Novice A is for handlers who have never trained before; Novice B is for handlers who have trained a dog before; and Juniors are students 16 years of age or younger.

Graduation - November, 2007

Novice A: Dianne Blair & "Guinness" (Am. Cocker)

Novice B: Brenna Litwack & "Bella" (Golden)

High Junior: Disa Breadey & "Riggley" (Pitbull X)

Intermediate: George Emmond & Skye (Border Collie)



Graduation - March, 2008

Novice A: Heidi Bray & "Kali" (Chesapeake)

Novice B: Lee Pears & "Erin" (Am. Cocker)

High Junior: Emily Phillips & "Poncho" (Mastiff)



Club (AIOC) Obedience titles:

UD – Elaine Hobday & Sophie – Labrador Retriever – Lakewood – October 28, 2006

UD – Bill Blair & Jordan – American Cocker Spaniel – Greater Vic. - October 14, 2007

CDX –Duncan Morrison & Angus – Labrador– Cowichan – Sept. 30, 2006

CDX – Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Cowichan – May 5, 2007

CDX – Helen Moulden & Dante – Briard – June 10, 2007

CD – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collies – Gr. Vic. – October 15, 2006

CD - George Emmond & Skye – Border Collie – NOSA – April 15, 2007

NOSA Club Trial Trophy Winners

March 10, 2007

High In Trial: George Emmonds & “Skye” 188.0

High NOSA Novice: George Emmonds & “Skye”

April 15, 2007

High In Trial: Liz Hayes & “Stitch” 197.0

High NOSA Novice: George Emmonds & “Skye” 194.0

High NOSA Open: Liz Hayes & “Stitch” 197.0

High NOSA Utility: Bill Blair & “Jordan” 181.5

October 6, 2007

High In Trial: Linda Edgell & “Sammy” 180.5

High NOSA Novice: Linda Edgell & “Sammy” 180.5

April 15, 2008

High In Trial: Heather Alexander & “Colby” 196.0

High NOSA Novice: Heather Alexander & “Colby” 196.0

High NOSA Open: Lee Pears & “Jesse” 188.5

Special Accomplishments

Perfect 200! (CARO Rally Advanced) – Bill Blair & Jordan - Am. Cocker – Nanaimo KC – Sept. 16, 2006.

Perfect 100! (CKC Rally Novice) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Vic. City KC #1 – Aug. 10, 2007

Perfect 100! (CKC Rally Novice) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Vic. City KC #2 – Aug. 10, 2007

High In Trial [Herding] (CKC) – Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardigan Corgi Club of Canada National Specialty – August, 2007

Bronze Medal (AAC Agility) – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – March 10, 2007 [10 Masters Standard + 25 Masters Games]

5 Smooth Collie In Canada 2006 (Conformation) – Marilyn Clayton – Zephyr – July *Dogs In Canada*

5 American Cocker In Canada 2006 (Obedience) – Karen Blair – Tanner – August *Dogs In Canada*

#4 Smooth Collie 2007 (AAC Agility) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr

“Most Promising Started Dog” (ASCA – Herding) – Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardigan Corgi – July 15’07

High Aggregate Cardigan (Herding) - Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardigan National (AB) - Aug., 2007

Award Of Merit (American Working Collie Assoc.) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Sm.Collie - Aug. 26, 2007

Versatility Award (Collie Club of America) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie –March 22, 2008

We give dogs the time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. -M. Acklam

Mandatory spay/neuter by-laws introduced to North Saanich and Sidney.

Mandatory spay/neuter by-laws have been proposed to both the North Saanich and Sidney councils. Both councils have sent the proposals to committee.

The proposal brought to North Saanich states that all dogs and cats must be spayed/neutered before they are 5 months of age unless a special (1-time only) breeding permit is obtained (at a cost of \$500) and that permit is to last only for 12 months. Yes, that means the bitch must be bred and have her puppies prior to reaching 17 months of age. In other words, while she herself is still a puppy and 7+ months before hips/elbows can be OFA certified! In other words, this by-law promotes irresponsible dog ownership.

The Sidney proposal exempts 'registered' dogs from mandatory spay/neutering, however, it then goes on to say that any dog/cat that ends up in the hands of animal control for any reason, must be spay/neutered prior to being returned to the owner or adopted.

Both proposals include a section stating that any dog that is left in a boarding kennel or with friends/individuals, for more than 60 days, will be considered the property of the persons looking after them. So much for extended vacations and what about an individual who is hospitalized for more than 2 months – this does happen.

April 14th at 7:00 pm. in North Saanich

Proposed Mandatory Spay/Neuter Bylaw will be on the North Saanich Committee of the Whole agenda. A copy of the Committee report and the agenda will be on their website Friday at http://www.northsaanich.ca/Municipal_Hall/Council_and_Committee_of_the_Whole_Meetings.htm

What I find interesting about both these proposals is the reason the proposals were made is to reduce the cat over-population problem in the Greater Victoria area. Why then, you might ask, have they included dogs? That is a very good question because dogs are being IMPORTED INTO the Greater Victoria area for adoption because there aren't enough dogs locally.

Another interesting thing about both proposals is that it includes a list of other municipalities that have mandatory spay/neuter by-laws implying for both dogs and cats, however these other areas include CATS ONLY. The proposals also include a number of letters of support. Again implying that these letters support the entire proposal, however, upon reading the letters, all but one refers to CATS ONLY.

Please go to the respective websites and read these proposed documents. If you disagree with these proposals, now is the time to express your feelings via letter, even if you do not live within that municipality.

And this is just the start. The proponents for these proposals are targeting all municipalities within the CRD, so keep a watchful eye on your area!

As a dog owner and lover, I want the right to continuing living with, showing, training breeding and simply enjoying the breed of my choice.

Marilyn Clayton

DRUG SENSATIVITY IN DOGS

Some dogs have adverse reactions to some drugs such as ivermectin, loperamide (Imodium®), and their derivatives. It was previously unknown why some individual dogs were sensitive and others were not. Advances in molecular biology have led to discovering the cause of multi-drug sensitivity. The problem is due to a mutation in the multi-drug resistance gene (MDR1), which encodes a protein, P-glycoprotein, responsible for pumping drugs and toxins out of the brain. Dogs with the mutant gene can not pump some drugs out of the brain as a normal dog would, which may result in abnormal neurological signs. The result may be an illness requiring an extended hospital stay-- or even death.

A Real Contact Sport – Agility!



by Liz Hayes
(with Drago – German Shepherd
& Stitch – Miniature Poodle)

Contacts in agility are everyone's nemesis. All dogs MUST touch the yellow "contact" zone on the obstacle with at least one foot, or in some cases, "toenail"! The obstacles are a dog walk, teeter, and an A-Frame, whose height ranges from 5' to 6'3", depending upon the organization holding the trial. These contact zones are on either end of the obstacle, and being a safety issue, are strictly enforced

Some handlers teach a running A-Frame, where the dog does exactly that, running smoothly up, over, and down the other side. This method depends greatly upon the dog's stride length and is usually best for small dogs; however some giant breeds also do this beautifully. Most medium sized dogs do a "two on, two off", where the front two legs are on the ground and the rear legs are on the obstacle. These dogs are trained to hold this position until released. This sounds easy, and it is, relatively, in training. However, bring on the trial and the excitement of the moment results in some huge leaps right over the yellow zone. I swear my Drago used to say "it's okay Mum, I promise I won't touch that dreaded yellow part!!" Needless to say, failure to touch the contact zone results in a non-qualifying score.

The teeter presents its own problems. These can be quite spectacular. Missing the contact zone on the down side of the teeter usually results in a "fly-off". This is where the dog runs up the plank and sails thru the air, not waiting for the plank to touch the ground. The size of the dog necessitates a difference in training. Small dogs have to run to the end and wait for the plank to fall to the ground, the smaller the dog, the further to the end they must go.

The little Yorkie runs right to the end and rides the plank down. Again, stride length is the determining factor. Drago had a perfect stride for the teeter, he just ran right over it, easily touching both contacts, with the plank on the ground when he got there. Stitch, on the other hand, absolutely knows that the "boogey men" will get him while he is on it, and will regularly refuse it, or hesitate at the pivot point, and make it much harder for himself.

The dogwalk consists of two ramp planks and one cross plank. These planks are 12 feet long and the top, cross plank is 4 feet above the ground. Most dogs love the dogwalk, but really don't feel it's necessary to run to the bottom. Again, it is much easier for them to leap off, which is why the two on, two off method is taught. Once the dogs realize what their job is, to stop at the bottom, then theoretically the rest is easy.

The dog stopping at the bottom of a contact obstacle also gives the handler a chance to catch up to their dog and to reposition themselves if necessary. Personally, Stitch feels the whole sport would be much better if there were no "poodle-eating" contacts at all!

NOSA Members Qualifying for the Canadian National Agility Championships 2007

Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle –
16" Specials

Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie –
26" Regular

Monica Zanker – Miya – Australian Cattle Dog –
10" Veterans

Jim Fathers & Erin - Kerry Blue Terrier –
16" Veterans

What is a Title, Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it; a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in the world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that it's achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have seemed.

And, a title says that you loved your dog; that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog; and that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified. A title proves your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience [agility or herding] title is nothing less than true love and respect, given, received, and recorded permanently.

Author Unknown

Numerous breeds have been found to carry the MDR1 drug sensitivity gene.

A list of the percent of individuals carrying the MDR1 gene, in susceptible breeds, can be found at:

www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/research/canine/projects/MDR1/

Rally titles

RA-MCL (CARO) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Nanaimo KC – Sept. 16, 2006

RA-MCL (CARO) – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – Nanaimo KC – Sept. 16, 2006

Am. RN – Liz Jones & Cole – Lab – March, 2007

RN (CKC) – Liz Jones & Cole – Lab – Lower Mainland – March 1, 2008

Canine Good Neighbour

CGN – Rod Deacon & Lindy – Flat-Coated Retriever – Citizen Canine – October 14, 2007.

Conformation titles

Championship – Marilyn Payne & Kayley – Nanaimo KC – June 16, 2007

Championship – Jeanine Stannard & Connor – Vic. City KC – August 12, 2007

Agility Titles

SMGDC (AAC Special Masters Gambler Dog of Canada) – Monica Zanker – Miya – Austr. Cattle Dog – Oct. 7, 2006

SAADC (AAC Special Advanced Dog of Canada) – Heather Alexander – Colby – N.S. Duck Toller – November 3, 2006

SAGDC (AAC Special Advanced Games Dog of Canada) – Heather Alexander – Colby – N.S. Duck Toller – November 25, 2006

ADC (AAC Agility Dog of Canada) – Marilyn Clayton – Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Feb 3, 2007

SGDC (AAC Started Games Dog of Canada) – Marilyn Clayton – Zephyr – Sm. Collie – March 1, 2007

VMTRDC (AAC Veteran Masters Team Relay Dog of Canada) – Monica Zanker – Miya – Austr. Cattle Dog – March 9, 2007

A.T.Ch.C (AAC Agility Trial Champion of Canada) – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – March 10, 2007

MTRDC (AAC Masters Team Relay Dog of Canada) – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – March 10, 2007

AgN (CKC–Agility Novice) – Heather Alexander – Colbey – Nova Scotia Duck Toller – July 21, 2007

SMADC (AAC Special Masters Agility Dog of Canada) – Heather Alexander – Colby – N.S. Duck Toller – September 7, 2007

VMJDC (AAC Veteran Masters Jumper Dog of Canada) – Monica Zanker – Miya – Austr. Cattle Dog – Oct. 6, 2007

VATChC (AAC Veteran Agility Trial Champion of Canada) – Monica Zanker – Miya – Austr. Cattle Dog – Oct. 7, 2007

SMSDC (AAC Special Master Snooker Dog of Canada) – Heather Alexander – Colby – N.S. Duck Toller – November 24, 2007

SMJDC (AAC Special Master Jumpers Dog of Canada) – Heather Alexander – Colby – N.S. Duck Toller – February 29, 2008

AAC = Agility Association of Canada.

Herding Titles

HIC (Herding Instinct Certificate) – Marilyn Payne & Kayley – Smooth Collie – Sept. 14, 2006.

HTD I (AHBA – Herding Trial Dog I) – Gloria Graham & Pearl - Cardigan Corgi – May 20, 2007

Am. PT (AKC Pre-Trial) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – May 26, 2007

Am. PT (AKC Pre-Trial) – Laurie Savoie & Hope (almost 11 yrs old) - Pembroke Welsh Corgi – May 27, 2007

Am. HS (AKC Herding Started) – Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardigan Corgi – 4th IC – July, 2007

HTDs (ASCA Herding Trial Dog – Sheep) – Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardigan Corgi – July 14, 2007

HTDs (ASCA Herding Trial Dog – Sheep) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – July 15, 2007

HS (CKC Herding Started) – Gloria Grahama & Pearl – Cardigan Corgi – August, 2007

HTAD (AHBA Herding Trial Advanced Dog) – Gloria Graham & Pearl – Cardi - July, 2007

HRDI (AHBA Herding Ranch Dog I) – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – March 15, 2008

ASCA = Australian Shepherd Club of America

AHBA = All Herding Breed Association

MDR1 GENE TEST AVAILABLE

A test, developed at Washington State University screens for the presence of the mutant gene. Instead of avoiding drugs such as ivermectin in known susceptible breeds, veterinarians can now determine if a dog is normal, in which case the drug can be administered. If the dog is found to be susceptible an alternative treatment can be given.

Owners and breeders can submit samples for testing. All that is needed is a cheek brush sample that can be obtained by the owner and sent by mail for analysis.

Affected Breeds

Collies (Rough & Smooth), Australian Shepherds (Regular & Miniature), Old English Sheepdogs, McNab, German Shepherds, Shetland Sheepdogs, Long-haired Whippets, Silken Windhounds, and a variety of mixed breed dogs have been found to be affected thus far.

The only way to know if an individual dog carries the mutant MDR1 gene is to have the dog tested. As more dogs are tested, more breeds will probably be added to the list of affected breeds.

List of Problem Drugs

A list of problem drugs can be found of the University of Washington's website. If you have a susceptible breed or individual, keep an eye on this web site as it is continually updated.

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-VCPL/drugs.aspx>

Club Obedience legs:

Utility – Elaine Hobday – Sophie – Lab – Lakewood – Oct. 29, 2005 – 178.5 - 1st leg.
Utility – Elaine Hobday – Sophie – Lab – Cowichan – May 6, 2006 – 181.5 – 2nd leg.
Open B – Duncan Morrison – Angus – Lab – Cowichan – Sept. 30, 2006 – 188.0 - 3rd leg - HIC
Novice B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Gr. Vic. – Oct. 15, 2006 – 195.5 - 3rd leg - **HIT**
Open B – Lee Pears _ Jesse – Am. Cocker – Western – Oct. 15, 2006 – 183.0 – 1st leg
Novice A – Liz Jones & Cole – Lab – Western – Oct. 15, 2006 – 186.5 – 1st leg
Novice B – Linda Edgell – Sammy – Lab – Gr. Vic. – Oct. 15, 2006 – 191.0 – 1st leg
Utility – Elaine Hobday – Sophie – Lab – Lakewood – Oct. 28, 2006 – 170.5 – 3rd leg - HIC
Novice A – George Emmond – Skye – Border Collie – NOSA – March 10, 2007– 188.0 – 1st leg
Novice A – George Emmond – Skye – Border Collie – Gr. Vic. – March 10, 2007– 184.0 – 2nd leg
Utility – Bill Blair – Jordan – Am. Cocker – NOSA – April 15, 2007 – 181.0 – 1st leg - **HIC**
Open B – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – NOSA – April 15 – 197.0 – 1st leg – **HIT!**
Open B – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Gr. Vic. – April 15 – 193.5 – 2nd leg – **HIT!**
Open B – Helen Moulden – Dante – Briard – Gr. Vic. – April 15 – 191.0 – 1st leg – **Reserve HIT**
Novice A – George Emmond – Skye – Border Collie – NOSA – April 15, 2007 – 194.0 - 3rd leg – **HIC**
Open B – Liz Hayes – Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Cowichan – May 5, 2007 – 194.5 – 3rd leg - **HIT**
Open B – Helen Moulden – Dante – Briard – May 5, 2007 – 186.0 – 2nd leg
Utility – Bill Blair – Jordan – American Cocker – Sept. 29, 2007 – 183.0 2nd leg
Novice B – Linda Edgell – Sammy – Lab – NOSA – Oct. 6, 2007 – 180.5 – 2nd leg – HIC & **HIT!**
Open B – Helen Moulden – Dante – Briard – Oct. 6, 2007 – 188.5 – 3rd leg
Novice B – John Costello – Hunter – Springer Sp. – Oct. 6, 2007 - 191.5 – 1st leg
Novice B – Linda Edgell – Sammy – Lab – Oct. 6, 2007 – 191.0 – 3rd leg
Novice B – Alix Day – Piper – Samoyed – NOSA – Oct. 6, 2007 – 177.5 – 1st leg.
Utility – Bill Blair – Jordan – American Cocker – Oct. 14, 2007 – 180.0 – 3rd leg - **HIC**

Novice B – Heather Alexander – Colby – NS Duck Toller – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 196.5 – **HIT**
Novice B – Heather Alexander – Colby – NS Duck Toller – NOSA. – March 15, 2008 – 196.0 – **HIT**
Novice B – Jane Morrison – Suvi – Lab – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 193.0 – 1st leg
Novice B – Jane Morrison – Suvi – Lab – NOSA – March 15, 2008 – 191.5 – 2nd leg
Novice B – Duncan Morrison – Bruna – Lab – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 185.0 – 1st leg
Novice B – Lee Pears – Erin – Am. Cocker – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 183.0 – 1st leg
Open B – Lee Pears – Jesse – Am. Cocker – Gr. Vic. – March 15, 2008 – 188.5 – 1st leg – **HIC**
Open A – John DeJong – Keegan – Kerry Blue – NOSA – 187.0 – 1st leg

CKC Obedience legs:

Utility – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – FPO&TC* – Sept. 9, 2006 - 187.5 - Shirley Hubenig
Utility – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – FPO&TC* – Sept. 9, 2006 – 191.0 - David Denis – HIC??
Utility – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – Gr. Vic. – May 26/27, 2007
Open B – Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Gr. Vic. – 194.5 – May 26 – Lindsay Ibbotson – **Reserve HIT.**
Open B – Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Gr. Vic. – 197.0 – May 26 – Marion Postgate
Open B – Liz Hayes & Stitch – Miniature Poodle – Gr. Vic. – 198.5 – May 27 – Marion Postgate – **Reserve HIT.**
Open B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – FPDOTC – 191.5 – Sept. 8, 2007 – Margaret Chandler
Novice B – John Costello & Bella – Labrador Retriever – Nanaimo KC – 189.5 – June 17, 2007 – Katherine Stoner
Novice B – John Costello & Bella – Labrador Retriever – Nanaimo KC – 182.0 – June 17, 2007 – Chris Cornell
Novice B – John Costello & Bella – Labrador Retriever – Vic. City KC – 195.5 – Aug. 11, 2007 – Jim Thomson - **HIC**
Novice B – John Costello & Bella – Labrador Retriever – Vic. City KC – 192.0 – Aug. 12, 2007 – Jim Thomson

Novice B – John Costello & Hunter – Springer Sp. – Nanaimo KC – 194.5 – Nov. 17, 2007 – Roland Belanger

Novice B – John Costello & Hunter – Springer Sp. – Nanaimo KC – 192.5 – Nov. 17, 2007 – Karen Brearley

Novice B – John Costello & Hunter – Springer Sp. – Nanaimo KC – 185.0 – Nov. 18, 2007 – Roland Belanger

Novice B – John Costello & Hunter – Springer Sp. – Nanaimo KC – 194.0 – Nov. 18, 2007 – Karen Brearley

*Forbidden Plateau Obedience and Training Club

CKC - August 10th, 2007- Victoria City Kennel Club:

Nov. B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – judge: Bill Blair – 100 – **HIC**

Nov. B – John de Jong & Keegan – Kerry Blue Terrier – judge: Bill Blair – 99 – 2nd in class

Nov. B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – judge: Lindsay Ibbotson – 100 – **HIC**

Nov. B – John de Jong & Keegan – Kerry Blue – judge: Lindsay Ibbotson – 99 – 2nd in class

Nov. A – Liz Jones & Cole – Labrador Retriever – judge: Bill Blair

Nov. A – Liz Jones & Cole – Labrador Retriever – judge: Lindsay Ibbotson

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CARO - Sept. 16th, 2006- Nanaimo KC

Trial #1

Adv. B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16, 2006c – 196 – **HIC**

Adv. B – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16, 2006 – 194 – 2nd in Class

Trial #2

Adv. B – Bill Blair & Jordan – Am. Cocker – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16, 2006 – 200 – **HIC**

Adv. B – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16, 2006 – 195 – 2nd in Class

Adv. B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16, 2006 – 186 – 3rd in Class

Trial #3

Adv. B – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16 – 194 – **HIC**

Adv. B – Terry Gaines & Lira – Lab – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16 – 192 – 4th in Class

Adv. B – Bill Blair & Jordan – Am. Cocker – Nanaimo KC– Sept. 16 – 190 – 5th in Class

CARO – Sept. 15th, 2007- Nanaimo Kennel Club – Judge: Bill Blair

Excellent – Marilyn Clayton & Zephyr – Smooth Collie – Nanaimo KC – Sept. 15, 2007 – 196 – **HIC**

Stem Cell Research Improving Dogs lives

Hunter, a 9-year old Golden has hip dysplasia and server arthritis. Hip replacement surgery was being considered when a vet offered an alternative – treating Hunter with his own stem cells, the healing and regenerative cells that live in of us.

While the debate rages over the ethics of embryonic stem cell research, research has made advances with “adult” stem cells recovered from body fat. Adult stem cells are not as powerful as embryonic ones, however, they do not require an embryo; and there is no rejection because the patient is the donor.

Stem cells are recovered from the patient’s body fat, isolated, and re-injected into the patient in greater concentration than his own body could create.

About 3,000 horses, many with joint problems have already been treated. A race horse, Be a Bono, had bone chips in his knee and damage to the sack that holds the fluid around the joint. After stem cell injections, he returned to racing, earning 1.25 million in prize money.

Stem cells show promise for healing joints, hearts, livers and kidneys. And perhaps, in the future, they can be isolated in surgical wards (rather than remote labs) and be injected into stroke and heart attack victims ... and maybe used to regenerate damaged spinal cords within hours of injury.

See the full story at

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=4109559&page=1>

Calendar of Events:

April 10: 1st night of our Spring session.

- Beginners and Puppy Students: 6:00 pm in Room 2 at the Mary Winspear Centre.
- All other classes at the RCMP Barn (Saanich Fairgrounds) at your scheduled time.
- **Drop-In Handling:** 8 pm for this Thursday ONLY – after this, it will be at 9pm at the MWCCC.

April 12: **NOSA/Gr. Vic. Club Trial** at the RCMP Barn.

April 17th: Class back at the MWCCC.

April 19: **NOSA CKC Trials** at the MWCCC. See the web site for a premium list.

April 24th: **NO CLASSES!**

May 1st: Classes resume at the MWCCC.

June 5th: **Registration for the fall session for students presently enrolled in NOSA classes.**

June 12: **Graduation** for Beginner and Intermediate students; mat washing (come and give us a hand); and **fall registration** for all.

June 19th: NOSA's **Mock Trial** at the MWCCC.

June 26th: NOSA's **General Meeting** and BBQ at the Saanich Fairgrounds.

July 1st: **Sidney Day's Parade.**

September 4th: Trainers Education Night for NOSA Instructors and Assistants only.

September 11th: **1st Night of our Fall Session!**



Mat washing after Graduation.



Participants in the 2007 July 1st Sidney Days Parade.