

# NEWSLETTER



## NORTH SAANICH Dog Obedience Training Club

TRAINING DOGS IN SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH, B.C. FOR 50 YEARS

February 2009

### President's Message

Welcome to NOSA's first 2009 training session and hopefully we are all rejuvenated after the Holidays and ready to train with enthusiasm. It's good to have a break but good to get back at it.



This year will see a new venue for our spring Licensed Trial, April 18 and 19. We will be at the Glen Meadows Curling Rink on McTavish Rd. Lots of help and support will be needed so please all members keep this in mind. You can polish up your dog and enter, help fund raise through the raffle, support the prizes and awards or help on the day. It's always fun and a good learning experience!

Meanwhile happy training and enjoy your class!

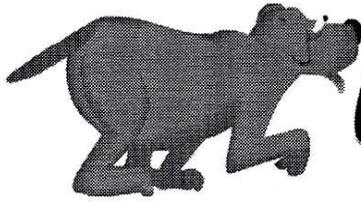
*Anne Morrison*

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

Feb. 5	Fifth class.
Feb. 12	Sixth class.
Feb.. 19	Seventh class.
Feb. 26	Eighth class.
Mar. 5	Ninth class. Spring class pre-registration for NOSA students only.
Mar. 12	Grad night for Beginners students at 7 p.m.. No class tonight for others. Mat cleaning night after class. Spring registration begins for anyone not currently training at NOSA
Mar. 14	GVIC/NOSA Joint Club Trials, Sanscha Hall, Sidney
Mar. 19	Mock trial night.
Mar. 26	End of session general meeting
April 9	Start of Spring Training Session
April 11	BMDCC Draft Test, Cedar, B.C.
April 12	Rally Obedience Match, Crow & Gate Pub, Cedar, B.C.
April 16	Second Class
April 18	Spring Licensed Trial – Glen Meadows Curling Rink
April 19	Spring Licensed Trial – Glen Meadows Curling Rink
April 23	Third Class
April30	Fourth Class

### 2009 Executive

President	<i>Anne Morrison</i>
Vice-President	<i>Heather Alexander</i>
Secretary	<i>Gloria MacLucas</i>
Treasurer	<i>Liz Hayes</i>
Training Chair	<i>Irene Copus</i>
CKC Trials Chair	<i>Alix Day</i>
AIOC Trials Chair	<i>Sandi Lovas</i>
AIOC Representative	<i>Bill Blair</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>Lee Pears</i>



# Chooo - Ahhhhhh!

Written by Tamara Aegard

**R**everse sneezing, paroxysmal respiration, pharyngeal gap reflex, post-nasal drip...so what is it really?

Reverse sneezing, as it is commonly called, has very little to do with actual sneezing. It is a common phenomenon in dogs, particularly small breeds. But, larger breed dogs are also often affected.

### What does it look like?

The dog makes rapid, loud, long and forced inspirations. The dog will often stand with their elbows spread apart, their head extended and their eyes may even bulge. This frightening scene can also be accompanied with a loud snorting sound. To those that have never seen a reverse sneezing episode it may look like the dog cannot breathe or they have something caught in their throat. The entire episode can last only a few breaths or up to a few minutes. The dogs appear normal before and after the 'attack'. The dog doesn't suffer from a loss of consciousness, there is no collapse and there are no after effects.

### What causes reverse sneezing?

There is no one identifiable cause. It can sometimes be attributed to sinusitis or upper respiratory disorders. These episodes may occur more frequently if the dog suffers from allergies, especially environmental ones. The dog may have an actual structural cause such as an elongated soft palate, some extra pharyngeal tissue or nasal polyps. Nasal inflammation can also contribute to reverse

sneezing episodes. For some dogs it is more likely to occur in stressful situations, or in situations here the dog is extremely excited.

### Can you stop it?

For some dogs, it appears that you can halt their episode. Stimulating the dog to swallow by either massaging the throat or briefly pinching off the nasal passages sometimes works. Sometimes a distraction is enough to stop them. If it is determined that the reverse sneezing episodes are allergy based traditional treatment usually includes a steroid or an antihistamine or a combination of both.

The most often used steroid is prednisone and Benedryl is the most common antihistamine prescribed. An alternative or naturopathic veterinarian may suggest a course of treatment including anything to boost the immune system. This may include feeding a raw food diet, and supplementing the dog with vitamins and minerals including zinc, Vit E, Vit C and EFAs (essential fatty acids). A probiotic may also be suggested.

If the cause is structural in origin sometimes surgery can be of benefit. If the dog has an abnormal pharyngeal structure and the reverse sneezing episodes are accompanied by worse symptoms that include spasmodic coughing or even loss of consciousness, surgery may be necessary. This is not common, however. So reverse sneezing is not nearly as serious as it looks. Relax, and your dog will too.

### Awards Presentation: (November/08 General Meeting)

Heather Alexander and Sandi Lovas presented the following awards:

#### CKC Titles:

Lee Pears & Erin	CD
John Costello & Hunter	CD
Jane Morrison & Suvi	CD
Lee Pears & Jessie	CDX
Heather Alexander & Colby	CDX
John Costello & Bella	CDX
John de Jong & Keegan	CDX
Margaret Powers & Keilidh	CDX



Beaulieu Perpetual Trophy:	Jane Morrison & Suvi
Sidney Committee Cup	Heather Alexander & Colby
Heatherlee CDX Trophy	Heather Alexander & Colby
Most Valuable Trainer Award	Karen & Bill Blair



### RECIPES

#### (great training aid) DOGGIE TUNA TREATS

- 1 CAN Tuna (in water) – DO NOT DRAIN
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup flour
- Light sprinkle – garlic powder

Combine tuna, egg, flour & garlic powder (mix well)

Spread in a 9 x 9 greased pan

Bake for 20 minutes at 250° F or 5 minutes at 350° F

Cut into small squares

**FREEZE**

## CKC Trials Report

Everything is coming together for this year's CKC trial. This year it was decided to expand our trial and do four trials over two days instead of just two trials in one day. We hope that it will encourage more people to come over from the mainland to participate. This year the trials will be held at the Glen Meadows Golf and Curling Club. It is our first time using this venue, but it looks like it will be a really good one.



Our Trials Secretary, Bill Blair, has been phenomenally busy booking judges, hotels, and organizing the premium list. Once the premium list is out, his work load will increase as he receives all the registrations from those entering the trials. With four trials to look after, he'll be a busy man.

Cherry Condrey is our Trophy Chair and has been hard at work getting donations of trophies for all the classes. NOSA has always prided itself on having wonderful trophy tables at our trials and from the looks of things, this year will be no exception. If you haven't been approached by Cherry and would like to donate a trophy, please give her a call.

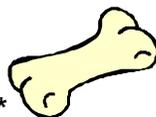
Karen Blair is our chief ring steward and is looking for a couple more volunteers to act as stewards and runners for the trial. Please give her a call if you are interested in helping out.

Irene Copus will be organizing the raffle again this year. This is another event that usually generates a tidy sum for the club and helps to offset the costs of putting on a CKC sanctioned trial. (Judges are expensive and both of our judges this year are from Alberta so the travel expenses are a little higher, not to mention that they need to stay over for an extra night!) If you have something (new) that you would like to donate to the raffle or if you would like to help Irene canvas some of the businesses in Sidney and North Saanich etc for donations, please give Irene a call.

We would like to encourage you to enter the trial. We will be having an AIOC trial in March to "warm you up". If you are a new student and not yet ready to begin trialling, we would love to see you out as a spectator and to cheer on your fellow club members and all those from other clubs who enter.

If you would like more information about the trial, please do not hesitate to call anyone on the committee.

Alix Day  
CKC Trials Chair



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***A wife says to her husband one weekend morning, "We've got such a clever dog. He brings in the daily newspapers every morning." Her husband replies, "Well, lots of dogs can do that." The wife responded, "But we've never subscribed to any!"***



# Special Notice!

Early this month we received a special **“ALERT”** from LeeAnn O’Reilly, President of the Dog Legislation Council of Canada. This is a synopsis of what she had to say:

“The constitutional challenge to represent the collective national interest of responsible dog owners is in dire straits. We are \$67,000 short of being able to get our voices heard in Canada’s highest court, the Supreme Court. We have been granted an extension to come up with this amount, but only until the end of January 2009.

On-SCARIO (AKA Ontario, Canada) has flagrantly wasted tax-payers’ dollars to act as GOLIATH against our DAVID (Banned Aid Coalition) to ban any “substantially similar dogs to the banned pure bred dogs, Am Staffs, Staffie Bulls and Am PBT’s. **NOW WHO IS THE BULLY?** Over 4,000 dogs dead, yes, even puppies. In essence the Ontario Government has taken over our Pedigree Act and has decided what breeds and mixes thereof will live, drive through or visit within its boundaries. It simply doesn’t matter whether you like the bully dogs. It is now a matter of sending a message to government that we are no longer willing to allow politicians to sacrifice the lives of innocent dogs. DOGS FOR DOLLARS. Is your dog worth a dollar?

PAY PAL: Please go to [www.doglegislationcouncilcanada.org](http://www.doglegislationcouncilcanada.org) and click on the “donate” link for the Pay Pal tool. You can also make an online payment from your financial institution’s website by sending a bill payment to [treasurer@doglegislationcouncilcanada.org](mailto:treasurer@doglegislationcouncilcanada.org) or:

Send cheques or money orders directly to Mr. Ruby at the following address, c/o BANNED AID LEGAL CHALLENGE FUND: [Ruby & Edwardh, 11 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1B2.](#)”

**NOSA** responded immediately with a cheque for \$300.00.

## **HERE IS THE LATEST UP-DATE!**

(from LeeAnn O’Reilly, President, DLCC dated January 21<sup>st</sup> 2009) “We raised \$61,715 so far - - - \$5, 285 to go. STAND UP CANADIAN DOG OWNERS AND TAKE A BOW!! WOW!! -- UNBELEIVABLE, you people love your dogs and have shown your respect for those that love theirs too!! We told Clayton Ruby to GET TO WORK and FILE THOSE PAPERS for the SUPREME COURT. **Bless you all** - - - we can, with your help, make the bill statement ZERO! It’s just a paw step away.”

**And just in January 26<sup>th</sup>** - - the DLCC wants to say THANK YOU to the Canadian Kennel Club, as they will be sending Clayton Ruby a cheque for \$8,000!!!!!! Those folks deserve a HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE, especially the Board of Directors, who gave it a UNANIMOUS 'green light'!!!

It looks as though we'll get our Supreme Court filing submitted on time - but we couldn't have without all of you. Now the wait will be to see if the SC of Ontario will read the case; only time will tell so cross your fingers, rub your lucky rabbits' foot, light your candles...do whatever you have to do, but keep those positive thoughts coming!!!! For those who have donated to, and supported this legal challenge, our expressions of gratitude will never be enough. The outpouring of confidence from the purebred community has never been stronger, or more affirming - I don't know where to start, but we hope you all know what an enormous difference you ALL have made!!

Now it's on to the courthouse!!! Yours in dogs, Dawne Deeley, TsarShadow Carelians, CKC Perm Reg'd Bear Dogs - Founder/Board member - Dog Legislation Council of Canada  
[www.carelianbeardogs.com](http://www.carelianbeardogs.com)

During break time at obedience school, two dogs were talking.  
One said to the other..."The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff you will never use in the real world."



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## Two AIOC Club Trials

North  
Saanich  
Dog  
Obedience  
Training  
Club

### GVIC/NOSA Joint Club Trials

**DATE:** **Saturday, March 14, 2009**

**LOCATION:** **Sanscha Hall, at MWCCC, Sidney**

**ENTRY FEE:** **per entry: \$7 – G-Vic; \$7 - NOSA**

**REGISTRATION:** **9:00 AM or time appropriate to your class**

**START TIME:** **9:30 AM Sharp**

**JUDGES:** **Betty Ruff** **Leslie Gardiner**  
GVIC NOSA

**ORDER OF JUDGING** **Utility** **Novice B**  
**Open B** **Novice A**  
**Open A** **Utility**  
**Novice B** **Open B**  
**Novice A** **Open A**

#### Lunch at Judges' Discretion

Exhibition dogs will be allowed to compete at the highest class level they have completed.  
Ribbons will be awarded to qualifying Exhibition dogs.  
Rosettes will be awarded to High Qualifying Score in each class, High in Trial, High Visitor and High Junior Handler

Remember:  
\* Your valid AIOC Club membership card.  
\* Your dog's trialing card.

For further information call: Amalie Bush @ 479-2345 or Sandi Lovas @ 658-2678

**A FOOD CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

### AIOC? What's that?

If you are new to the obedience world on Vancouver Island you have probably heard us "old-timers" talking about the AIOC and wondered what it was. Here is the short version.

We, on Vancouver Island, are lucky to have a unique organization in the obedience world – the Association of Island Obedience Clubs.. The AIOC was formed in 1960 to "foster the co-operation and integration of dog obedience training clubs on Vancouver Island" and the association's function was to "act as a clearing house for dates of proposed trials and track tests."

At the current time there are twelve associated obedience clubs across the breadth of the island – four in Greater Victoria (Greater Victoria DOTC, Lakewood Dog Club, German Shepherd Dog Club and NOSA), and one each in Mill Bay, Cobble Hill, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Courtenay, Comox and Campbell River. Executive responsibility rotates between the clubs on a bi-annual basis.

Each club is required to hold at least one obedience trial during the year (referred to as club trials) utilizing the Canadian Kennel Club performance rules and legs are earned towards novice, open and utility titles. Although all scores are reported to the AIOC executive, it is the responsibility of each club to track and award degrees to their own members as they see fit. The 2009 schedule of club trials is posted on the club bulletin board and the NOSA website.

If you have any questions about the AIOC feel free to ask me.

Bill Blair  
NOSA AIOC Representative

## AIOC

### Team Challenge

The 2009 AIOC Team Challenge event is coming up quickly – Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at Beban Park in Nanaimo with David Denis of Ladysmith as the judge. This year's hosting club is the Forbidden Plateau Obedience and Tracking Club.

This is a fun event– it is all about showing up, having a good time while working your dog (s) and representing your club at the same time. There is no limit on the number of teams entering and the first entry is already paid for as part of our annual AIOC dues.

There are three events – one for three member teams with one dog from each of novice, open and utility; one for two member teams with dogs from two of the three levels, and; starting in 2008, one for two member teams with both dogs from the same level. The latter event proved to be the most popular at last year's Challenge as it allowed for participation from clubs where there are not many training beyond the novice level. Each team member performs the exercises for their particular class and the scores (including partial) are simply added together to get the team score. The highest scoring team in each event gets to be suitably recognized.

Should you need another club leg towards your degree, there will be an official AIOC Club Trial held at the same time and place hosted by Forbidden Plateau. You can kill two birds with one stone if you want.

In 2008, there were no clubs from south of the Malahat represented. Let's get busy and show them that we are still trialing down here.

Full details of the Challenge Match and the rules for participation as well as the Club Trial are posted on the club bulletin board. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Bill Blair  
AIOC Representative



## One All-Breed CKC Sanctioned RALLY OBEDIENCE MATCH

on  
SUNDAY, 12 APRIL 2009

Starting at 10.00 am

Outdoors at (see map)

THE CROW & GATE PUB

2313 YELLOW POINT ROAD, CEDAR, BC  
(Vancouver Island)

No cover in case of inclement weather  
Drinks, Snacks & Lunch available at the Pub

**JUDGE: DAVID DENIS**

9.30 am Registrations open

10.00 am Excellent A & B

Not before 10.30 am Advanced A & B

Not before 11.00 am Novice A & B

Entry fee: \$5

Ribbons for "Passing Score"; Rosette & Prize for High in Class

For Information, please contact:

LISBETH PLANT, Match Secretary

e-mail: [billisbeth@shaw.ca](mailto:billisbeth@shaw.ca) tel: 1-250-743-7648

Match Chair: CORAL DENIS

Held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club

### **Editor's Message:**

This first 2009 edition of the "NOSA Newsletter" is my initial attempt to keep members informed of past activities and future events. It is my intention to publish three times per year (once during every training session). All members should receive a copy of the newsletter either by e-mail or "snail" mail, however, mailing black & white copies of this newsletter is costly and it would be much appreciated if you could let me know your e-mail address if you have one. Colour copies received by you electronically should be much better reading material. If you have any questions, contributions or comments regarding the newsletter, please let me know at [john.maclucas@telus.net](mailto:john.maclucas@telus.net) or feel free to call me at 250 656-3374.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

### **NOSA's big bash!!**



The annual Christmas party is a fun experience that no-one should miss (unlike Hew and I this year! but we had a good excuse - tickets to Sarah Brightman!). The planning starts early. The "attendance list" goes up in October and we encourage all students and members to sign up so we know how many people to plan for. The club pays for the turkey and the ham and someone volunteers to cook them. Those attending the party are asked to bring a dish for the potluck table. We have some great cooks in the club and there is always a wonderful variety of dishes.

Liz Hayes, Karen Blair and I get together for a day of shopping - what group of women wouldn't like to do that.....retail therapy! We purchase gifts for door prizes and all the other bits and pieces we need for the decorations and table settings etc. We check out various craft fairs to see if we can come up with some sort of crafty project that we can make to put at each place setting. Failing that, Karen usually manages to find a kit which we can copy. This year I found the pattern for the angels on the internet. We have a craft evening when Liz, Karen, Lee, Marilyn and I do battle with the glue guns and construct our projects - one for each place setting and a few extras, "just in case". The men, Brian, Bill, Hew and Rod, are responsible for making the dog cookie wreaths that are such a huge hit and which really help to raise money for our contribution to the Sidney Lions Food Bank. I wrap all the gifts we have purchased and try to camouflage some of the more obvious ones!

The day of the party, Karen and Bill, Liz and Brian, Hew and I, Lee, and Duncan Morrison, arrive at the hall in the morning and spend a couple of hours putting up tables and chairs, setting tables, and decorating. When we arrive back in the evening, we do some of the last minute things and then wait for all the food to arrive. While we feast, tickets are drawn for door prizes. After the dishes have been cleared away, one of the other highlights of the evening takes place.....the auction with auctioneer Helen Moulden and her assistant, Brian Hayes. Some of the people attending the party bring items which they donate to the auction. It never ceases to amaze me what people will bid on and how much they will spend!! There is hot competition for some of the items, especially the trees donated by George Emmond. The proceeds from the auction are donated to the Sidney Lions Food Bank and over the last few years, we have donated over \$7500 (we usually manage to donate between \$750 - \$1000 each year).



After Christmas, Liz and Karen and I keep our eyes open for any Christmas gifts that have been marked down so we can get a head start on next year's party. This year I found some GREAT bargains so there will be some really awesome door prize gifts this year. One more reason to make sure you get your name on the list come October! Hope to see you all at the 2009 Christmas party. Mark it on your calendar now - Saturday, December 4, 2009.

*Submitted by Alix Day*

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#### **Some Dog Rules:**

##### **DOORS:**

The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.

##### **THE ART OF SNIFFING:**

Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.

##### **DINING ETIQUETTE:**

Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.

##### **HOUSEBREAKING:**

Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.

**MEET THE TRAINERS:** (A NEW FEATURE IN OUR NEWSLETTER - in every issue some will be introduced)

*submitted by Lee Pears*



**BILL BLAIR**

Bill has been associated with NOSA since the mid-1980's. He started as an assistant in 1988 and became a trainer in 1990 (19 years ago) At present he owns an American Cocker Spaniel – OTCH Nonnies Fancy Footwork RNMCL ,aka Jordan. Bill & Jordan have earned their UTILITY degree. Bill keeps his weekends busy with judging Obedience and Rally O for the CKC, AIOC and CARO.

**KAREN BLAIR**

One of the “oldest” NOSA members and trainers is Karen. She has been a member for 23 years since 1986 and a trainer for 21 years. She presently owns an American Cocker Spaniel , Tanner who has earned the Utility degree. Karen has also shown dogs in Conformation.



**HEATHER ALEXANDER**

A member of NOSA for 6 years, Heather, has been a trainer for 10 years with NOSA & various clubs on the Lower Mainland. She owns two dogs, Colby, a 5 year old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, and Zoe, a 14 years Maltese. Both dogs have their CDX-Colby both in Canada & the US. Colby is also active in Agility (CKC & AAC)- she has an ATCH and Bronze Award of Merit- and also Rally O.

**Keep Informed of all NOSA Activities go to <http://www.nosa.ca>**