



# CAPE COD KENNEL CLUB

## Newsletter

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## **From your Editor**

I can't believe it is now 2007. Where did the year go? We have come along way in the club and all the Board members join me in thanking all those members who helped put on all of our activities throughout the year. We could not have done it with out each and every one of you.

This year in the newsletter I want to get more into health issues. More in this issue.

In this issue you'll find your reservation form for the Annual Banquet. Please note the deadline.

Happy New Year! See you all at the banquet.

*Cynthia*

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **January 20, 2007**

Annual Banquet. Details on attached reservation form.

### **January 29, 2007**

Board meeting @ Cheryl's

### **September 14-17, 2007**

Cranberry Cluster

### **October 19-21, 2007**

CCKC Agility Trial

## **E-Mail Addresses**

We have been sending e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings and other reminders to all members who have given us their e-mail addresses. I have been receiving a few back as undeliverable. If you have not received an e-mail from me, please send an e-mail to me so I have your e-mail address. If you have blocked any e-mails, please allow any from [capecodkennelclub@verizon.net](mailto:capecodkennelclub@verizon.net).

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## **BREEDER REFERRAL**

If you want to be listed on the breeder referral list, please contact Janice at [jbalt@comcast.net](mailto:jbalt@comcast.net) or call (508) 394-1272.

Also, please contact Donna Martino at [dpmartino@comcast.net](mailto:dpmartino@comcast.net) to be listed on the breeder referral list on our website.

## **Deadline**

Any articles/brags for the February Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 01/20/07.

## CCKC Does Agility

Thanks to everyone involved with our first 3-day AKC agility trial. We had excellent entry counts for a first-time trial (500+ each day), two absolutely wonderful judges to work with, a site that's among if not "the" best on the New England agility circuit, and great exhibitors who helped with everything from cleaning up the Fairgrounds' infamous goose poop before the trial to filling the 100+ worker slots that were needed each day.

One of the most gratifying aspects was the content of the emails we received following the trial...from our judges Chris and Kim...from our Trial Secretary Noreen...and from exhibitors who've been to a LOT of trials.

*I am just now getting around to thanking you for such a GREAT time last weekend. You did an AWESOME job!!! Everything was so well thought-out and well-planned.*

*Chris*

*I want to thank you for an absolutely lovely weekend! You should be proud of yourselves for putting together a very successful trial.*

*Kim*

*Hope you are feeling rested and satisfied with the show. It went very well and I heard over and over how people would come back next year. Nice compliment for any show never mind a first time show :))*

*Noreen*

*I want to thank you and your club for a great trial. You did a great job from soup to nuts.*

*Exhibitor and AKC judge (from NY)*

*What a wonderful experience we had at your first agility trial! So many little thoughtful touches that made all the difference, and made the trial experience stand out--every single member of the trial committee should be busting with pride. GREAT job!*

*Exhibitor*

*the new cluster was fabulous!! -- it is going on my list for must attend.*

*Exhibitor (from NY)*

All that...AND a nice profit.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a successful event.

Pam and Sandy

## Training Classes

The schedule is as follows:

### SCHEDULE:

6:00 p.m. Basic Obedience—7 weeks

6:30 p.m. Puppy Kindergarten—5 weeks

6:45 p.m. Intermediate Drop-in

7:30 p.m. Attention (7 weeks) Includes theory (how a dog learns), attention games, how to motivate your dog, attention in heel position progressing into attention while moving, introduction to sit stay and down stay, introduction to front.)

8:15 p.m. Show Handling Drop-In

### AGILITY:

Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op, West Yarmouth

6:30 p.m. Foundation 1 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Foundation 2 – 6 weeks

Sea Horse Farm, Harwich

6:30 p.m. Teamwork 1 – 6 weeks

6:30 p.m. Handling Skills – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Teamwork 2 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Course Skills – 6 weeks

### COST:

Basic Obedience: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Puppy Kindergarten: \$60

Utility: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Drop-In Classes: \$7 non-members/ \$5 members

Foundation Agility @ Imbi's: \$95 non-members/\$90 members

Agility @ Sea Horse Farm: \$90 non-members/\$85 members

### Next class starting dates:

Basic 1/17/07

Puppy 1/24/07

Open 1/17/07

Agility @ Imbi's 1/11/07

## OBEDIENCE COLUMN

*by Jackie Owens*

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### ARE YOU READY?

You have been attending training classes, practicing at home and learning as much as possible about Trials. You have taken your dog to Main Street and shopping centers to train in order to have distractions. His heeling is lovely with nice attention. Stand for exam, no problem and he finally has the stays down cold. So are you ready to make your debut? If you haven't taken him to Matches and Show & Goes, you are not ready. The atmosphere is very different at these events. Strange sounds, smells and dogs. Most importantly YOU will be different. There will be some degree of tension and right away that tension goes to your dog. Once you have gone to many of these events and you both do well, then you may be ready. Remember however well you and your dog perform at class or at practice events, it's rare that you would perform that well at a real Trial. The distractions are mind boggling and there is tension in the air!!

You can locate some Matches or Show & Goes on line. At the CCKC's web site, go to Links & Things, then under Show/Trial click infodog, then click Match. There you will find Matches all over the country. I find this list difficult, it is not organized by state, but by date and in bright red letters. I think it's difficult to find things. But worth a try and the infodog site is full of information and worth exploring. An excellent source of up coming Trials, Matches and Show & Goes is the Charles River Dog Training Club's web site, <http://www.geocities.com/crdtc/>.

It was requested at the AKC Board of Directors meeting in November that all Companion Event Judges be exempted from the "conflict of interest policy" recently developed by the AKC. This would mean that AKC judges could judge Rally, Obedience and Agility at clubs other than AKC affiliated, as they always have done in the past. Once again it was decided to postpone the consideration of this motion to the next month's meeting.

Do you like obedience competition the way the rules are currently written? Do you think it's just great the way it is? Are there some aspects of the rules that you would like to see changed. Perhaps add an exercise or eliminate an exercise. Would you like the scoring to be different? Different Titles? Please e-mail the AKC Obedience Advisory Committee at [obedadv@akc.org](mailto:obedadv@akc.org) and let them know. Comments should just be about obedience regulation and the sport of obedience and you need to do it before the cut off date of January 31, 2007.

*Train With Laughter*

### Canine Brags

Jackie Owen' Australian Shepherd, Maine-Ly Troubador's Noel Cd, FFX-OG, CGC, "Jingles", took first place with a 193 for her first Open leg at the Ladies Dog Club in Boston on December 8, 2006.

On December 7th, at Middlesex KC show in Boston, Marie Hannah's English Setter, Birdhaven Song of Stillwood went WB from the 6-9 puppy class for her first 2 points. Meadow is shown by Marie and co-owned with her breeder M, Ptacek, J. Chalmers & Marie. Marie's Dobie pup Rose (Cinnakerrys Right To The Beach) won her 6-9 class at 4 days in Boston.

### *Health Topics Wanted*

This year I would like to have more on health topics in the newsletter. Articles can be sent to me. Or do you have a particular health question you would like answered? Send me the question at [capecodkennel-club@verizon.net](mailto:capecodkennel-club@verizon.net) and we will get it answered for you.

### SNOW CANCELLATIONS

In the event that we have to cancel training classes due to inclement weather please check the front page of the club's webpage—[www.capecodkc.org](http://www.capecodkc.org). We will also be listing it on WQRC. If you are unsure you can call Bayview Kennel's at (508) 362-6506 and John will have the cancellation on the recording.

# RALLY

## IMPROVING YOUR RALLY SCORE

### STATION #26

#### CALL FRONT-1,2,3 steps Backward

This stationary exercise presents problems for many handlers, both new and experienced. We saw many teams in the Novice Class at the Cape Cod Kennel Club Match back in June lose 10 points for improperly performing this exercise, driving what would have been scores in the 90's down into the 80's.

One of the longest exercises in Rally, it is completed as follows:

Ø As you approach the station, call the dog to front while stepping backwards. Command the dog to sit in front of you.

NOW YOU ARE SET UP TO COMPLETE THE EXERCISE.

Ø Take ONE step back, calling the dog to front as you move. The dog sits. (The dog moves with you.)

Ø Take two steps back, calling the dog to front and then sit the dog in front of you. (Dog moves with you)

Ø Take 3 steps back, calling the dog to front. (Dog moves with you.)

Ø Finish the dog to the left or right and proceed to heel forward to the next station. There is no sit at the end of this finish.

Ø **REMEMBER: YOU CAN COMMAND THE DOG EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

Everyone knows it is much more difficult to teach your dog an exercise you are not yet sure of. Your attention is divided between you and the dog. So practice this exercise without the dog, using your voice and hand signals just as you would if the dog were with you. (Don't forget to practice praising your pretend dog....) Do this until the exercise becomes automatic, then try it with your dog.

Ø **REMEMBER; YOU CAN COUNT YOUR STEPS OUT LOUD, AND SOME OF THE BEST HANDLERS DO IT.**

Good luck,

Mikki & Dianne

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One reader asks:

*I am just starting in rally. I would like to go as fast as I can, but am worried about going past a sign. What do you suggest?*

*NEVER FORGET THAT GOING BY A SIGN IS AN AUTOMATIC NO. Always go for accuracy rather than speed. (One time I got a perfect score of 100 and only got a third place. Plenty of people went faster than I did, and received no placement).*

*If you are thinking about ribbons, you need to be accurate.*

*YOU CAN'T GET A LEG WITHOUT A QUALIFYING SCORE.*