



# CAPE COD KENNEL CLUB

## Newsletter

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## **From your Editor**

Summer is now beginning. Watch your dogs in the heat. Our sanctioned match is coming up—help is always needed. The match flyer is enclosed in the newsletter. Please note that the deadline for advertising in the Cranberry Cluster catalog is fast approaching. I have enclosed another copy—please send them in. Please note dates of summer events.

Stay cool!

*Cynthia*

## **CCKC Sanctioned Match**

Our Sanctioned Match will be June 11, 2006 at the Upper Cape Regional Technical School. For those prospective members, please note that helping on the match satisfies one of the meeting requirements for full membership. **We are in need of stewards.** Anyone who would like to help stewarding or in other ways can contact Leslie Little at (508) 548-8537 We need help in all areas.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**June 11, 2006**

CCKC Sanctioned Match (see enclosed flyer)

**June 19, 2006**

Board Meeting @ Cheryl's @ 7 p.m.

**June 24 & 25, 2006**

S. Windsor Kennel Club will hold an Obedience & Rally seminar.

**July 21, 2006**

Stewards Clinic

**August 18, 2006**

Stewards Clinic

### **Webmaster**

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### **Deadline**

Any articles/brags for the July Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 06/20/05.

## AGILITY NEWS

Members of the CCKC Tuesday night agility program finished their first six week session of 2006 on May 9th. Four levels of classes from beginner to competition are offered by CCKC at Sea Horse Farm in Harwich. A Foundation training program is also offered by the CCKC at Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op in West Yarmouth.

The Tuesday night agility handlers are training a wide variety of breeds from large to small. Members of the competition classes that tested their skills at recent trials including AKC sanctioned events in Wrentham and Westfield were **Betty McAdams**/Shelties, **Anne Corrigan**/Vizslas, **John Ednie**/ Rough Collie, **Pam Demetrion**/Labrador Retriever, **David and Laurie Wyndham**/Briards, **Anne Timson**/Keeshonden & Papillon, **Caitlin Crowley**/Springer Spaniel, **Heather Garre**/Border Collie and **Cheryl Benson**/ Border Terrier & Border Collie.

**The next 6 week series of classes at Seahorse Farm starts June 27.** Information is available from Pam Demetrion at (508) 86-8110. The next Foundation classes at Imbi's begin May 25 and July 13. Contact Donna Marino at dpmartino@comcast.net or 508) 778-5017.

**Fall CCKC Agility Trial**—The CCKC is hosting its first three-day AKC sanctioned Agility Trial this October at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds. Agility handlers from throughout the North East will be competing, making it an exciting event for both spectators and participants. Info is available on the CCKC Website...And a reminder that Betty McAdams is still looking for donations for the workers raffle.

## Training Classes

### 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:

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

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

### Next class starting dates:

Agility @ Imbi's 07/13/06

Agility @ Sea Horse Farm: 06/27/06

## Canine Brags

Dianne McDonough's Toryglen Dream of Flight, CD TDI, made her Rally Advanced title at York Kennel Club on May 6th.

Mikki Castonguay's Toryglen Morning Star Pirate made his Excellent title and 1xst RAE leg and Morning Star Toryglen Songbird made her Novice Title at York Kennel Club on May 6th.

Barbara Sciarra's Whippet, Bunrana's Knickerbocker H UD SC won first place in Utility B and 2nd place in the non-regular veteran's class at the American Whippet Specialty show in Danvers, MA on April 22-29. He also placed fifth in the Triathlon which consists of competition in lure coursing, obedience or agility and confirmation. In October 2005 Knick earned his American Sighthound Federation of America Veteran field Championship and in November 2005 earned his AKC senior courser title.

Lynda Brogden-Burns' BAH Ch. Shadowglen's Midnight Dylan CGC, BAH CD, BAH RN ("Dylan") earned his first CD leg in Novice B with a 3rd place at the South County KC trial in Warwick, RI on April 29, 2006. Dylan earned his second CD leg in Novice B at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley trial in Westfield, MA on May 13, 2006. At the same trial Dylan earned his second Rally Novice B leg with a 2nd place.

Michelle McCafferty's Border terrier, Seamus, (Bradcliffe Seamus MacDervish CD, RA, NA, NAJ, JE, CGC) earned his Rally Advanced title in 3 successive trials with a score of 90 at the Springfield Kennel Club trial (April 21); 97 points at the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club trial (April 22); and 90 points for the final leg at Windham County Kennel Club trial (May 14) in Connecticut.

At the American Pointer Club National Specialty, Ch. Dobe's Den Point Becky was (BOS) National Specialty Best Bitch in Show, Ch. CookieLand Foolish Pleasure was AOM, Sounde's Vilma V. Dobes Den was First Place in her large 6 to 9 Sweeps Class. The three girls are owned by Helyne Medeiros.

## Obedience Column

*by Jackie Owens*

Differences between obedience and rally.

The sport of obedience competition began in the 1930s. After visiting England, Mrs. Whitehouse Walker decided she would like to attempt to get the sport started in this country. She prepared rules and regulations and presented them to the American Kennel Club in hopes that the AKC would sponsor obedience. It worked and thanks to Mrs. Walter the sport of obedience competition was born in the USA. Along with her friend, Blanche Saunders, who was an excellent trainer/teacher, they promoted clubs, matches, trials, gave demonstrations and instructions. The original rules and regulations have changed over the years with AKC advisory committees in place to weigh and discuss the issues as the sport evolved.

Rally was developed about four years ago and has become very popular. For many it is a bridge between a Canine Good Citizenship program to traditional obedience or agility. The judge will set up a course that the handler and dog will navigate going from one sign to the next. The team follows the instructions given at each sign, then goes on to the next.

By all means obtain the AKC Obedience Rule Book. It contains all the Obedience and Rally rules and much more. To order one (\$2.00) write to The American Kennel Club Order Desk, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390 or [orderdesk@akc.org](mailto:orderdesk@akc.org). The CCKC's website has a link to the AKC where you can read the rules and regulations. Go to [capecodkc.org](http://capecodkc.org), click on Links and Things, then under Show/Trial Information is a link to AKC. Then click on obedience regulations and rally signs. You can download the rally signs. There will be instructions for each exercise. You can take each sign you've downloaded, put it in a plastic sleeve and make your own rally course at home. Holders are available to purchase from some suppliers, but you can use clothespins to clip the signs on empty large coffee cans and that will hold them in place.

In obedience competition the judge will tell you what the next exercise is and ask if you have any questions, then ask if you are ready. After you respond that you are ready and give your dog his command, you may not speak to your dog again, unless giving an appropriate command, until the judge says exercise finished. Rally is less ridged and the dog can be encouraged all through the course. In rally novice the dog is on leash the whole time and the handler can talk to her dog, clap their hands or pat their legs.

If you would like to get involved in competition but your dog is not registered with the AKC and is a recognized breed you may get an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP). Information is on AKC's web site or [ILP@akc.org](mailto:ILP@akc.org). If your dog is a mixed breed you can compete at the United Kennel Club's Trials. You will need to register in their Limited Privilege Registry. Go to [ukcdogs.com](http://ukcdogs.com). Their rules are very similar to AKC, but they don't have a lot of trials in this area. It's a good website to check out.

Besides going to classes, a good way to learn is to go to matches and trials and watch. Even better volunteer to steward. It truly is an education. Don't worry if you have never done it before, someone will tell you what to do. That same someone didn't know what to do at some point himself. Check out the section "The Steward in Obedience" in the rule book or on the AKC website.

Many thanks to the folks who e-mailed me, [rosehoss@cape.com](mailto:rosehoss@cape.com), with comments, etc. Next month I'll address a training question that was sent. Look forward to hearing from more of you good dog people.

Train with laughter!

## RALLY

Hello from Mikki Castonguay and Dianne McDonough. This is the start of a new column focusing on the AKC's fastest growing sport, Rally Obedience. Dianne and I have been involved with Rally since it was a twinkle in the AKC's eye, and have titled 6 dogs.

If you have any questions about Rally you can e-mail us at [mbc883@tmlp.com](mailto:mbc883@tmlp.com). Since many handlers may have the same questions, we will print the answers to those most frequently asked in this column, as well as passing along information on the sport of Rally.

An example of an often asked question is how many legs are required for an RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title. The answer is ten legs each consisting of a qualifying score in both Excellent B and Advanced B at the same show. But in May, at the York County Trial, Mikki's dog Kidd got his Rally Excellent title and his first RAE leg at the same show. You can get both together but you must have entered both Excellent B and Advanced B. Given the cost of entries and the price of gas, it's worth considering.

Have fun,

Dianne & Mikki

## New York Bill Would Prohibit Ear Cropping and Tail Docking

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef has introduced **A. 11242**, a bill to prohibit ear cropping and tail docking. It is imperative that New York fanciers and concerned dog owners contact their representatives immediately to oppose this legislation. A person found guilty of tail docking would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be sentenced up to one year in jail and/or fined up to \$500. Ear cropping would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000.

In order to show or compete in **any** event, including conformation, field trials, performance events and companion events, an owner will have to prove that the dog's tail was docked prior to September 1, 2006 or the surgery was performed in another state.

Finally, the bill sets up a private right of action that would allow any dog owner or animal rights organization to sue a person who violates this section. Therefore an animal rights group could sue a breeder, owner or veterinarian under this proposal.

A. 11242 has been assigned to the Assembly Agriculture Committee, but a hearing date has not been announced. AKC will be posting new information as it becomes available. Please watch our web site for additional updates. [To read the bill in its entirety:](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A11242&sh=t)<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A11242&sh=t>

### Points to Consider:

When appropriate veterinary care is provided, ear cropping and tail docking are safe, acceptable practices. Owners, in close consultation with their veterinarians, should make informed decisions about their pets' health care—not the government.

Once legislators determine they can ban certain elective procedures, they may be just a short step away from removing veterinarians' and owners' rights to make informed decisions about animal care and treatment.

### What You Can Do:

Fanciers should immediately contact their own Assemblymember and ask him or her to oppose A. 11242. To find out who represents you in the New York State Assembly, click here: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>. It is critical that legislators hear from their own constituents!

Purebred dog owners should also contact their veterinarians and urge them not to support A. 11242. Point out that veterinarians should be concerned about allowing the government and public opinion too much control over their practices.

Share this information with other fanciers and dog clubs. We need everyone's help!

Your voice is especially important if your representative sits on the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

## Columnists Wanted

I have been wanting to expand what is put in the Newsletter, such as health articles, show reports, agility info etc. and am looking for fellow members to be columnists. Anyone interested should contact me at [capecodkennelclub@adelphia.net](mailto:capecodkennelclub@adelphia.net).

## 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**.

## Hunt for Articles

I am looking for dog-related articles for the newsletter. During this I know you all have them. Here are the requirements:

- They must be dog-related
- I need to be told the source of the article, and for published articles, I need the name and address of the Editor.