



CAPE COD KENNEL CLUB

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From your Editor

I can't believe it's just about summer. This is a busy time of year for most people. Summer for CCKC means the dog show is around the corner. I have enclosed another copy of the catalog advertising form. Please get it in to Meb ASAP.

Don't forget our Sanctioned Match is June 9th at Upper Cape Regional Tech in Bourne. I have included the flyer in the Newsletter. I have also included the flyer for SSKC's match the next day.

See you all at the match.

Cynthia

CCKC Sanctioned Match

Our Sanctioned Match will be June 9, 2007 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 and set-up help.** Anyone who would like to help out can contact Marie Hannah at tt_the_op@hotmail.com or (508) 385-8116

Deadline

Any articles/brags for the July Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 06/20/07.

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 capecodkennelclub@verizon.net and we will get it answered for you.

Upcoming Meetings

June 9, 2007

Sanctioned Match @ Upper Cape Regional Technical School, Bourne, MA

July 18, 2007

Steward's Clinic—Part 1

August 2007

Stewards Clinic—Part 2

Annual Cookout

September 14-17, 2007

Cranberry Cluster

October 19-21, 2007

CCKC Agility Trial

BREEDER REFERRAL

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

Also, please contact Donna Martino at dpmartino@comcast.net to be listed on the breeder referral list on our website.

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Canine Brags

Helyne Medeiros's BIS Ch. Dobe's Den Point Becky owned & handled by Helyne Medeiros was Group 1 at St. Hubert's Kennel Club. BISS Ch. Soundness Vilma Dobe's Den, owned by Phyllis Kroll & Helyne Medeiros was Group 1 at Beaufort Kennel Club, her first time out as a special with Joan Scott.

Donna O'Connell's English Cocker Spaniel, Tyler, had back to back Group Fourths at the York County K.C. shows in Maine on May 5 & 6. Tyler returned to Maine on May 19 & 20 where he had back to back Group Firsts at the Vacationland Dog Club shows.

2007 STEWARDS CLINIC

Steward Clinic is a two part workshop. These will be held on **JULY 18TH** and again in August.

Stewarding in the breed ring is a great way to help YOUR club with our September show. The training technique is a two part workshop. The first part explains the stewarding procedure and the stewards' duties. Handouts are distributed and reviewed in detail. The second workshop is hands on training that allows participants to practice the job they will be doing at the Show.

ALL INEXPERIENCED STEWARDS WILL WORK WITH EXPERIENCED STEWARDS AT THE SHOW. The education continues while you help with the basic gate stewards' duties.

People who attended previous year's workshops are invited back for review as well as feedback on issues that came up while stewarding. People who have stewarded in the past and feel they could benefit from brushing up should also attend. People who have shown dogs but never stewarded before and are interested in seeing what it's all about should attend. People who can only attend one clinic should come to that one. Many first time stewards *had no training before jumping in the ring!* Anyone who think they might be able to steward at the Sept. 16 and/or Sept. 17th shows are welcome to attend this clinic.

The Clinics will take place in Centerville at 6:00 PM until no later than 8:30. There will be a pizza break. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

For information, call Gale Klun at (508) 362-3803 or send an e-mail to vgklun@comcast.net

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:

September 2007—

LAST CLASS—JUNE 13TH!

An update on pain management in companion animals:

Fentanyl transdermal patches are becoming more commonly used in veterinary medicine. Fentanyl is commonly used in human medicine with painful procedures. The problem most commonly seen in people is related to addiction. For obvious reasons this is much less of a problem in veterinary patients. Fentanyl is a member of the opiate drug group (think morphine family), and is a very strictly controlled substance. Fentanyl also is available in an injectable form, which is less commonly used in veterinary medicine.

Fentanyl is a nice drug in that it is extremely potent in controlling pain, and has very few side effects. Side effects may include urine retention and constipation, but these are not commonly observed. Dose related side effects may affect heart rate and respiration, but these should not be an issue with the patch alone. Increased temperature (fever) may increase the drugs absorption, if a fever occurs the patch should be removed. The patch will take effect 18- 24 hours after it is placed, and will remain effective for about 72 hours. This creates a very nice window of pain control post operatively. This relatively short window does limit the patch in regard to chronically painful conditions (osteoarthritis, bone cancer, etc.). Caution must be observed regarding placement so that the animal does not ingest the patch by chewing. I usually bandage these and utilize an Elizabethan collar to prevent this. After the three to four day period I will usually have a technician remove the patch.

As mentioned above, this is a very potent drug. I mainly use the patches for orthopedic surgeries like fractures and knee surgery. Pain associated with abdominal surgery may often be controlled with other drugs like non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. This is a class 2 controlled substance, and as a result some practice owners may feel this is somewhat of a liability to have in a hospital. This problem may be easily overcome by writing a prescription for the owner to pick up at their local pharmacy (be prepared to sign your life away).

In general I think pain control in small animals has come a long way in a relatively short time. There are several good choices available; Fentanyl would be best thought of as the heavy hitter of the group.

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Hyannis Animal Hospital

OBEDIENCE COLUMN

By Jackie Owens

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Oops, looks like I missed the deadline for the May issue of our Newsletter, so you will be reading this in the June issue. It is late to be talking about our Member's match, but a few words anyway. First off I look at judging from an entirely new prospective after having judged the member's match. When a job is being done well, it looks easy. But, I'll tell you, judging is far from easy. For judging to go smoothly and in a timely fashion, good stewards are indispensable. I want to thank the two junior boys who were excellent posts. And thank you to everyone else who helped with jumps, etc. A huge thank you to Meb who ended up being my ring steward and to Boots who jumped in to do the table steward work. Without everyone's help we might still be there getting through the last couple of runs!.

My most embarrassing time in the ring was my first Pre-Novice class at the CCKC Match in Bourne. I was very nervous/anxious/scared. I drove to the grounds where the match was to be held, said I can't do this and left. Drove half way home and said I have to do this and turned around and drove back. My instructor had said just keep your eyes on your dog and you'll be fine. Cam time for the figure 8 (always a hard exercise) and I kept thinking, just keep my eyes on my dog. So I did. Saw one pair of legs and went around, saw another pair and went around, thinking that wasn't so bad. But why were people trying not to laugh? I had gone around one post and the second pair of legs was the judge. That was a good lesson in the importance of peripheral vision!

Train with laughter!