



# CAPE COD KENNEL CLUB

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## **From your Editor**

Summer is here. We are fast approaching our dog show. Note that there will be the two-session Stewards Clinic. Also enclosed in the newsletter is a flyer for the dog show. There is no general meeting in July. In August we will have our cookout. More information will follow.

In this hot and humid weather, remember to keep our four-legged friends cool and well hydrated.

*Cynthia*

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**July 21, 2006**

Stewards Clinic

**August 18, 2006**

Stewards Clinic

## **OBEDIENCE STEWARDS**

Carol Ann Ballard needs Obedience Stewards for the September 14th and 17th shows. If you are interested, please call Carol Ann. No matter what your experience is (very experienced or no experience at all), we would love to have you. Join us. Please call Carol Ann at (508) 771-3754 (evenings).

## **2006 CRANBERRY CLUSTER**

The Cranberry Cluster has it's own website at [www.cranberrycluster.com](http://www.cranberrycluster.com).

The website has all the information on our September shows plus more!

A special thank you to Donna Martino for updating it!

## **Deadline**

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

## **Webmaster**

Donna Martino

[www.capecodkc.org](http://www.capecodkc.org)

## 2006 STEWARDS CLINIC

Steward Clinic is a two part workshop. These will be held **JULY 21ST and AUGUST 18th.**

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 last year's workshops are invited back for review as well as feedback on issues that came up while stewarding last year. 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. 14 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](mailto:vgklun@comcast.net)

## 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

Pam Kendall's 16 month old German Shepherd Laxfield's Be Not Afraid went Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Winners Dog on 06/04/06 at the Framingham District Kennel Club in Wrentham, MA. He was owner handled and is owned by Pam and his breeder Donata Restuccia.

Mikki Castonguay & Dianne McDonough's Toryglen Morning Star Pirate got his 2nd RAE leg and 2nd place at the Yankee Special on June 2nd in Wrentham, MA. He got his 3rd RAE leg at Ladies on June 3rd in Wrentham and his 4th RAE leg and 3rd place with a score of 100 at Framingham District Kennel Club in Wrentham. Also their Morning Star Toyrglen Songbird got her 1st Rally Advanced leg at the Yankee Specialty on June 2nd, 4th place and her 2nd Rally Advanced leg at Ladies on June 3rd and her 3rd Rally Advanced leg and new RA title at Framingham with a score of 100 and first place.

Marie Hannah's Shelly got first in open standard at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Agility Trial on May 20th.

Helyne Medeiros' Ch. Cookieland Foolish Pleasure was Group 2 at Greater Philadelphia KC on 06/02/06 and Group 2 at Burlington County KC on 06/04/06. Also a group 3 at Walkhill KC on 06/22/06 and a group 3 at Mid-Hudson KC on 06/24/06. Soundne's Vilma V Dobe's Den was WB & BOW for a 4 point major at Framingham KC and WB and BOW at Middlesex KC on 06/18/06. Ch. Dobe's Den Point Becky was BOB at Ladies & Framingham.

Grampian's Irene Adler bred by Debra & Charles Stevens and owned by Peggy Browne & Pattie Gallatin earned her third Best In Show on 06/04/06 at the Moore County Kennel Club in Pinehurst North Carolina on 06/04/06. She also has eleven group one's.

## Obedience Column *by Jackie Owens*

This column is not intended to be a “how to” column. A reader sent me the following question and since it is so important I decided to present my opinion and advice on the subject.

“Can you give me any suggestions on how to train my dog to come? I have tried everything to get him to come. The bottom line is that he will come if he feels like it—he is now in a novice class to get his CD title-can you also give me any tips on how to teach him to heel without a leash? He’s a standard poodle who is much smarter than his master.

Since I don’t know specifically when and under what circumstances your dog decides to come or not to come nor his age or what methods you have been using in training, I’ll just attempt to give a general discussion on training the dog to come.

To train a dog to come I start from the moment he first comes to live with me. I feel it is the most important command. It definitely could save his life. Say the word “come” or his name with it, “Fido come”, just once. The command is not “Fido come, come come,” “come here now?” You want your dog to respond to one word, “come”. If you give the command over and over, then what you’re teaching the dog is that the command is a repetitive series that the dog ends up interpreting as “blah, blah blah”. Always use the same tone of voice: an upbeat, happy, enthusiastic tone. Never let impatience or anger slip into your tone of voice. Your dog must learn that it is always a positive, happy, joyful thing to come to you. At the beginning have a 6 foot leash and use food as a bribe. Let the dog know you have the food, say come, be delighted that he did and reward him. As he learns how to do this start to back up as he comes to you so that he is covering a greater distance. Do not pull on the leash to pull him towards you. Each time give him praise and reward. Probably after a week of this (time varies with the age of the dog and the individual personality) when he is loose in the house call him to come and he should run to you happily. Do this several times each day. Continue to reward with praise and food. Be sure to set him up for success. If he is upstairs devilishly chewing your slippers or has found a yummy dead mouse, that is not the time to call him to come. Not yet. Be very sound in this exercise before you start to introduce distractions. Instead just go to him, tell him to “leave it” and remove him from the temptation.

Next, in a safe enclosed area outside attach a rope to his buckle collar not chain collar or prong collar) and call him to come. If he doesn’t respond, walk him down until you catch him. Catch him by stepping on the rope so you won’t have to reach for him when he’s going away from you. NEVER chase him! Take him by the collar and say in a matter of fact voice “I said come” and by his collar or the ruff of his neck take him back to the spot where you gave the command. Do not show anger, be very matter of fact. Do not plead with him. If necessary repeat the process, calmly walking him down, stepping on or picking up the rope, bring him to the spot where you told him to come. However if he responds and comes to you have a party! Praise, clap your hands and be sure to laugh. For your class put a flexi lead on him. If you don’t have one, get one. This is important and you will use it in future training. Some dogs when called to come in a class situation love to run laps around the ring until they are caught or until they’ve decided they’ve had enough fun. Do not let this happen. It is self-rewarding and very well could happen at a trial. Not to mention there is an element of danger in the dog running out of control and it upsets other dogs. Put the flexi leash on him. Instead of going 30 feet away, just go 10 to 15 to start. Use a prong collar. If you call him and he tries to bolt, press the lock button on the flexi and hold on to it tight. He will get a correction when he reaches the end of the leash. I would much rather see the dog trained to come nicely rather than getting into a correction like that in class. But if he’s developed the habit of running laps around the ring it must be corrected.

You mentioned your dog comes when he feels like it. This would tell me he is finding something more interesting than you or maybe he doesn’t find you interesting at all. To be interesting, be fun. Make the come a fun exercise and use some motivational techniques. At home call him to come and as he is about half way to you turn around and run. Your dog will love to chase you. Play games with your dog. Tug games and throwing balls can all be used to motivate your dog. Incorporate these games into the come exercise. When he’s almost to you quickly spread your feet apart and throw the ball or a treat between you legs for your dog to chase. Don’t let your dog know when you might do this. Keep him guessing. It’s a game. However he needs to learn to respect you. He must not get away with not coming. You must continue to get him and make him go to the spot where you called him to come. Again, it can’t be stressed enough, don’t get mad, be matter of fact. This goes for all your training efforts.

Maybe what your dog is doing is just sitting and not moving when you call him. This happens in classes when the dog is stressed, unsure of what is expected or just lacks self-confidence. You may feel that your dog, based on his behavior elsewhere is a confident and secure dog. Well do you feel any stress or anxieties when you go to class or when you go to call him? He will feel that coming from you and it will effect him. If he doesn’t move when you call him stay closer to him. You can encourage him to come that way. Smile, call and have a treat ready. Remember, say his name and the command to come just one.

Until you get a reliable recall don’t worry about doing a formal front. The front is a separate exercise. You don’t want to start correcting for a straight front after your dog has come running to you. Praise for that good recall! At home when you train for the come don’t set him up in a heel position all the time. You can be doing the supper dishes and turn around and call him to come. He should respond right away. Yeah!!

The second part of your question is about heeling off leash. Oh, how I wish I could give some good concrete advice about that. I still find that to be the biggest challenge. I do know you must have an excellent on leash heeling before you should think about off leash heeling. You must maintain your dog’s attention and unfortunately you can’t take cookies or toys into the ring when you are in competition.

I hope that this will be a little help to you. Everyone else, jump in with your suggestions/comments and send them to [rosehoss@cape.com](mailto:rosehoss@cape.com).

*Train with laughter.*

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 2006 DELEGATES MEETING** *submitted by Helyne Medeiros*

New York, NY—Highlights from the June 13, 2006 meeting of the AKC Delegates are as follows:

- The proposed amendment to the AKC Bylaws, which would have permitted AKC Delegate judges to charge a fee for judging, was not adopted.
- The proposed amendment to the AKC Bylaws, which would have eliminated the nominating committee, shortened the timeframe for nominations, and increased the number of signatures for a nomination-petition, was sent back to the Bylaws Committee.
- The following AKC Management promotions were announced:

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Darrell Hayes—Dog Show Judges, William Speck—Performance Events, Robin Stansell, Event Operations.

**ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Curt Curtis—Companion Events, Steve Fielder—Coonhound Events, Gina Lash—Assistant Executive Secretary, Daphna Straus, Business Development

- The Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California was elected as a member club.
- The 2nd quarter AKC 2006 Community Achievement Awards were announced as follows:

Edward Peterson, Vermont Federation of Dog Clubs

Holly Stump, Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs

William and Donna Welty, New Brunswick Kennel Club

***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.

## RALLY

### *Hand Signals by Dianne McDonough & Mikki Castonguay*

Most handlers starting in Rally quickly learn to give the necessary verbal commands but are slow to take advantage of hand signals. Often experienced handlers who have learned “proper” obedience hand position struggle with hand signals.

Rally Obedience allows most type of hand signals. Signals may be given with right, left or both hands. Commands and signals can be used together and multiple hand signals are not penalized.

To make the most of hand signals each handler needs to decide what signals to use for their dog with each exercise. Once signals have been decided on, spend some time practicing the signals.

Practice first without your dog, then with your dog. If a signal does not produce the desired behavior, try a different signals.

Hint: Be sure your dog can see your signal. Practice in a mirror or have a friend watch you. Often you think you’re giving your dog a signal but your hand is not where the dog can see it.

Have some fun, and send us your thoughts/questions on hand signals to [mbc883@tmlp.com](mailto:mbc883@tmlp.com)

A reader recently inquired about Rally classes. At this time we know of only one place where Rally is offered on the Cape, and that is Joseph’s Obedience School in Pocasset (508) 563-1122, which is where Dianne and I have Rally Run throughs on Monday nights. If anyone knows of any other classes offered on the Cape, please contact us so we can share the information in our column.

Off Cape classes and/or run throughs are held at:

- Master Peace, Franklin (508) 553-9300, [www.masterpeacedog.com](http://www.masterpeacedog.com)
- Performance Plus, Taunton (508) 821-7587
- Canine Mastery, Seekonk, (508) 399-5867, [www.caninemastery.com](http://www.caninemastery.com)
- Silver City Canine Training, Taunton (508) 822-4364, [www.silvercitycanine.com](http://www.silvercitycanine.com)

Good luck with your efforts and P.S. Check the Rally Brags.

## **4H MUDDY PAWS DOG CLUB NEWS** by *Kara Felegian*

June was a busy month for the Muddy Paws 4H Dog Club. We started the month making plans through the summer. We planned our schedule for the many upcoming regional shows: the state 4H Dog Show, the Barnstable County Fair as well as our “Pirate” float for the Osterville Days Parade in July. Other meetings concentrated on dog knowledge and obedience training with CCKC member Laurie Wyndham of Brewster and Showmanship with Judy Dog.

On June 10th Muddy Paws members showed at the 4H Cape Paws Dog Show which was held at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds. Luckily, the Sheep Building kept us dry from the rain.

June 11th was the Cape Cod Kennel Club Sanctioned Match at the Upper Cape Regional Technical School and one of our members, Jake Smith, sowed there. He received 1st in Juniors, 2nd best all around junior, and had a qualifying score in rally.

The 4H State Dog Show was held on June 17th at the Barnstable Fairgrounds and once again the shady sheep building kept everyone cool. We were happy to see Barbara Baker return to judge Obedience assisted by Allison Cappelina.

July will keep us busy between the Osterville Days Parade on July 15 and many events at the Barnstable County Fair including the Pet Show, Dog Show, and working in the 4-H Kitchen