

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS



MAY, 2017

**Training Schedule:
Class Sessions Can Be
Found on the GNDOC
Website**

**INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED Classes are still
held on Saturday mornings. Space is limited, so
make sure to sign up for the classes you want.**

MAY – Change the Scenery - Train Outside!

CLUB BUSINESS & MORE

THERAPY DOG AND CGC TESTING

Cheryl Metzel will be conducting Therapy Dog Certification with Bright and Beautiful, and Canine Good Citizen testing on Monday, May 15, 2017 starting at 8pm. Cost is \$10.00 each for therapy dog and/or CGC test. Please contact Cheryl ASAP if you are interested in either of these tests for you and your dog. crm105@aol.com

215-659-8764 Home

215-745-1003 Business

Cheryl may need a few volunteers to assist. Please contact her directly

CLUB MEMBER NEWS

Just found out that Otis, Judy's Boxer, has to have ACL surgery. ☹ We wish him an uneventful surgery and an easy recovery.

Andrea has a new grandson, who showed up early and surprised everyone. Welcome Adam! (otherwise known as "He Who Will Not Wait").

GNDOC CLUB WEAR

Anyone who ordered t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. – they are at the building. Please pick them up. They will not be mailed to you. Thanks!

BRAGS

In April, Camille and her German Shepherd, Maya, competed at the Shepherd Specialty at Kuhn's Day Camp in Horsham. Earning qualifying scores in both the Open and Utility classes at that trial, Maya earned her 3rd UDX Leg and also was awarded High Combined for having the highest combined score in both Open and Utility classes among all German Shepherds! Great job! Only 7 more legs to go for your Utility Dog Excellent title!

Andy and her Portuguese Water Dog, Ben, completed recently at the Lower Camden DTC in the Beginner Novice B class. Andy said "Ben did qualify and take 4th place (out of 4 dogs). His score was only 178 because he lost 10 points for swiveling around when we did the Stay. He never lifted his butt. I did not realize that he would be penalized for moving in place. He was distracted off the wall and even on lead coming out of the about turn in a corner, he couldn't get his nose up. Lost no points on Sit for Exam and only 1/2 point for crooked front on recall. He lost 6 points on Heeling and 5 points on Figure 8. Lots of work to do between now and Colmar on 5/13."

Doris and her Mini-Poodle, Nyssa also competed at the Lower Camden DTC in the Open A class. Out of 8 dogs that competed, only 2 qualified and Nyssa took 1st Place with a score of 188 1/2! The positive progress from Doris's work on Nyssa's inattention issues between the exercises are evidences in them earning their 2nd CDX Leg toward their title. One more to go! Keep up the good word and Go Team Nyssa!!

BRAGS (Continued)

Kathy and her Sheltie, Oskar, were in a Beginner notice Match @ Suburban DTC in Wyndmoor. He worked nicely and managed to keep his mouth shut! Tremendous progress!

Last but certainly not least, Michael and Melissa and their beautiful Mix, Simi, were in their first Novice match, also @ Suburban! It was a good experience for all, and hopefully the first of many! Yay!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, KEEP TRAINING, AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME YOUR BRAGS!!

NUBZ!

Although not a Club Member, one of our new Thursday night Beginner students, Nubz, is an Akita/Huskie mix who has prosthetics in place of his paws on both hind legs. His foster mom, Carla, took him to puppy classes and puppy socialization, and also takes him to aqua-cise to strengthen his legs. Now he needs obedience because he is just a pup with removable feet that needs this direction and training. If you are in the area, check out this class! Amazing what dogs can do when you give them the opportunity!

ATTENTION, FOCUS AND SELF CONTROL **WOW! CHALLENGE**

Susan Garrett is a dog Agility champion, competitor and trainer from Canada and the founder of Say Yes Dog Training. She often offers online classes and workshops, in addition to free videos on her website that deal with dog training.

There is an exercise that Susan calls the WOW! Exercise because this exercise involves getting your dog's attention, having them focus on a toy or treat then releasing them to get it, but *just before they get to it*, telling them to sit or down or stand.

Camille has issued a challenge to see who can teach their dog this exercise first! The steps to teach this exercise to your dog are as follows:

(Please Note the following:

As soon as your dog complies with your request, give them the food! AND do not move onto the next step until your dog can complete the step you are working on without difficulty.)

1. With food in hand, dog height, move hand around slowly, ask for a Sit;
2. With food in hand, put your hand on the floor, ask for a Sit.
3. Put food on the floor, ask for a Sit.
4. Hold the dog's collar and drop food as you say "Sit";
5. Do NOT hold the dog's collar and drop food as you say "Sit";
6. Put food on the floor – alternate between quick releases to the food and asking for a Sit;
7. Ask for a Sit as dog approaches food.

Here is a link to a YouTube clip to see this exercise in action with Susan and one of her Border Collies, Swagger:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_rAiB_eqVE

Any questions? Ask Camille! Ready, set – train WOW!

Thank you to Susan Garrett for her exercise and wonderful video!

MAKE SURE TO CHECK our Club Website for Class Schedules, Club News, Closing for weather, etc., etc.
Our website is: www.gndog.com

Please feel free to send me any newsworthy tales, stories, articles or anything else you think may be of interest to our Members for inclusion in future newsletters! Emails are: kacosta@fsalaw.com and home email is: kacosta66@gmail.com

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