



# AMARILLO OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

## Tails of the Plains

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Next Meeting ~ May 10th ~ 7:00 pm  
AOTC Training Building

**Nominations for AOTC Officer & Board positions**

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| President      | Mike Hibbs    |
| Vice President | Ray Ramsay    |
| Secretary      | Lynne Tellman |
| Treasurer      | Sue Boger     |
| 1 year Board   | Amy Ray       |
| 2 year Board   | Jeri Berryman |
|                | Janet Nelson  |
| 3 year Board   | Ricki Wallis  |
|                | Carolyn Brand |

**Next Obedience Class registration:**  
Monday, May 9th at the training building.

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Volunteers are needed to move the agility equipment from the training area to Kid's Inc. on Friday, May 27th. Be at the agility field at 4:00 pm to clean equipment before loading on the trailer at 5:00 pm.

To the person who borrowed the obedience bar jump from the club building: please bring it back, no questions asked! This is an expensive jump and we will need it for the July trials!

### Sharing the Good News!

Kayla, smooth Collie, CH Kayloma's Keepsake OA, OAJ finished her OA in Wichita this last weekend and won the Open Standard class. She won Open Standard the next day, too with a clean run, for those who don't know she has been having a weave entry problem so this I felt was a major break through for her. Vicki Loucks

I know there will be a lot of brags next month. Hope to see all our

members Q & title at our exciting Memorial Day trials. Now read page 2 for the best brag of all—a dog and handler didn't Q or title at all but had a fun time together and learned something, too! Read Jinger & Cassi Guinn's *Show Experience*.

We welcome your brags at Tails of the Plains. Please send yours to the Editor at [labradored@cableone.net](mailto:labradored@cableone.net) or PO Box 1076, Panhandle, TX 79068!

## SHOW EXPERIENCE by Jinger & Cassi Guinn

I have been showing now for a little over 2 years and am always reading about how you should not be frustrated when you do not qualify for whatever reason at the agility shows. Cassi and I got off to a great start qualifying about 98% of the time only to experience many failures because of one obstacle, weave poles in our case, but for some reason it only happens at the shows. Well, I figured that Cassi, my little toy poodle, must have show sense because I can't get her to mess up her weave poles at practice or at home, as a matter of fact I was surprised at class when we were timing the weave poles that she was actually faster in them than the border collies, I wasn't just surprised I

was actually shocked, but you go to a show and you would think she had never seen them before. You learn as you go, you ask questions of those who have been doing it much longer than I and no one has many suggestions so you have to see what you can learn when you go to the shows. "It doesn't do you any good to be frustrated," easier said than done. Talk to as many people as you can, both your instructors and other people at the shows you go to-everyone has a different suggestion and you may find one that helps you and you may have to find the answer on your own but, ask! ask! ask!. Then try everything and eventually, although our problem is not completely solved, you will find what works for you.

and fast. Well at the Odessa show I found, much to my surprise and amazement that she also has a Border Collie speed!!!! We did not qualify on course because I didn't know what to do with that speed and we actually did pretty well, but I'll tell you that we both had the best time with that run and came off that course with quite a bit of knowledge. As a matter of fact we didn't qualify on anything that weekend but we left with the best feeling.

So to all you handlers that are just beginning, it really does pay to just go out and have a great time, do what you can do and then learn and enjoy the rest. Remember that if you are frustrated then your dog is definitely going to be picking up on that.

Before this past weekend I have only seen Cassi at 3 speeds, slow, medium

### A Note From Erin Orr

I just was notified the members are making a donation to a terrier rescue on my behalf. Please give my thanks to all of them for the boost to this cause. I have asked that the donation go to OK Fox Terrier Rescue. They have been a great help to me over the years, especially right now - working to keep the DFW Metroplex rescue population managed while I am still recovering.

I'd also like to thank everyone for all the cards and emails sent since I began my recuperation from the three surgeries, including the amputation. I am making slow but steady progress (would have been faster if I had not had the three so close together!). I am not sure when we will be around, but look for us to pop up out of the blue.

## Member Updates

**Please remember to send all newsletter information to my new email address:** labradored@cableone.net  
(Carolyn Brand, editor)

### New Members

Rex & Dana Barbour  
1908 Rimsite Dr  
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Lana (Molly) Stehle  
PO Box 157  
Canyon TX 79015  
(H) 231-0004

Cathy & Mitch Presnall (Returning)  
c/o the Beards (info in directory)  
Amarillo TX  
(H) 381-0184

### New Applicants

Robert Cortes  
Lynn Ledford

Lupe & Alan Egoodkin  
Sherrie & Bill McClendon

Kelley & Ellen Monteith  
Sunny & Franklin Ratliff  
Megan Cook (Returning)

### Changes

Michelle Fowler - new address and phone  
4411 Summit Circle  
Amarillo TX 79109  
(H) 683-4847

Chance Smith - new address  
1607 S LaSalle  
Amarillo TX 79106

R Nicky Trowbridge - new email  
mrmosstal@aol.com

## Board Meeting, April 12, 2005

Members present included:

Jerry Smith, Joe and Janet Nelson, Lynne Tellman, Sue Boger, Don Dean, Carol Brand, Ricki and Marty Wallace

The **Microsoft Access** software is finally downloaded. A bill has come to pay for the obedience software update. We will need to pay it. Joe Nelson moved with Carol Brand seconding to **purchase a Cannon IP printer**. The motion was approved.

Carol moved with Sue seconding to **purchase a new bar jump**. Discussion included asking John Beard if he had one for sale and a new purchase of one from J and J equipment. Jerry Smith is in charge of this purchase.

The board is asking both the obedience and agility committee to do an **inventory of equipment**. Then mark all equipment.

Joe Nelson moved to **purchase a longer cord** for the timing equipment. Carol Brand seconded and the motion carried. Another agility request was for a **set of wheels to move the A-frame**. Don made the motion with Sue seconding it. The motion carried.

Carol made a motion with Joe seconding to allow money to be moved to from the money market account to the checking account to keep the account from becoming overdrawn as long as it had 2 officer signatures.

A refund check from the January trial was misplaced with the owner asking for it to be replaced. Lynne moved with Carol seconding that we do so minus the stop payment charge.

Joe moved to **pay AOTC trial secretaries \$2 per dog per day** to be our trial secretary. The position would be offered first to club members who had volunteered for the job in the past. The motion passes with Carol Brand abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

## Club Meeting April 12, 2005

Ricki Wallace moved to accept the minutes with Jeri Berryman seconding. The motion carried.

Darlene moved with LeeAnn McNeil seconding to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

**Agility Committee**--Ricki Wallace announced the winner of the silent auction of some agility equipment. She indicated the agility committee would do an inventory of all agility equipment at the board's request. Darlene indicated the first set of classes is underway. They are not full. You can sign up by mail for classes. Ginger asked for **volunteers for the May agility trial**

Obedience Committee-- David Paul stated that the next obedience registration would be in early May.

**Seminar Committee**-- Carol Brand stated the Jane Simons-Moake seminar was lots of fun. We are looking forward to the **Connie Cleveland seminar** in May. All working spots are full, but sign up to audit.

**First Readings:** Gale Shaeffer, Megan Cook, Alan and Lupe Egoodkin, Frank Ratliff, Ellen Monteith, Bill and Sherry McClendon, and Donna Savage.

**Second Readings** and approval as new members: Jane Lasher, Rex and Donna Barbour, and Lana Stehle

**Old Business:**

The membership voted on the By-Laws change as published in the newsletter. It was approved

**New Business:**

Lynne Tellman moved with Nikki Trowbridge seconding to make a **donation to a Terrier Rescue group** in Erin Orr's name.

Jim Boger moved to place part of our money in a CD. The board will talk about it at the next board meeting.

Nancy Schaeffer presented information on a **new UKC club** in Lubbock. They will hold a trial in September. Before the trial they would like to have a 2 day T-Touch seminar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05. The motion was made by Tammie Heggie and seconded by Ginger.

# AOTC AGILITY AREA RULES

## ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

**Parking-** Please park along the east side of the driveway; in front of the agility area; or on the north side of the shed. Do not block driveways or garages.

**Crates-** Bring crates or x-pens for your dogs. No dogs tied up, loose, or left in stays. Please.

**Safety-** Keep dogs off of obstacles they have not been trained to do properly.

**Dogs-** The dogs should be flea and tick free. Nails need to be kept short. Your dog needs to be in good health and working condition. Do not feed your dog right before class as this could cause a serious and sometimes deadly condition called bloat.

**Collars and leashes-** A flat buckle collar with a short tab [no loop on it] is preferred. Long leashes for beginners, but not flexi leashes. This is for the dogs' safety.

Please do not allow your dog to potty on the equipment or the field. If this happens please, clean it up.

**Classes-** will be held unless there is bad weather. If you're not sure call your teacher or Darlene.

**Pick up-** Please pick up all your trash and belongings before leaving. Put up chairs and equipment not being used in next class.

**Teachers-** first of all; thank you for donating your time and talents to AOTC. Without you there would be no classes. Please scan the area to make sure everything has been picked up before leaving. End all classes and training by 9:15pm so no one is leaving later than 9:30pm.

This is a working farm so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Darlene

## Agility Classes

Mail in registration for the previous classes was a great success. Please utilize this method for the classes beginning May 16. You can download an agility class form from our website ([www.aotcdogs.com](http://www.aotcdogs.com)) and mail it to:

Darlene Winters  
8009 E Farmers Ave  
Amarillo, TX 79118-6404

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **AOTC!**

### Monday, May 16

7-8 pm Weave class—open only to teams with weave problems, limit 8 teams

8-9 JWW courses class—for excellent level teams only (courses will be challenging!), limit 10 teams

The Monday classes listed above will be held at Nicky Trowbridge's house. She prefers to not take the same people in both classes unless they don't fill. Contact Darlene or Nicky if you have any questions.

### Wednesday, May 18

7-8:30 pm Excellent class—taught by Susan Kraus, limit 8 teams. Will emphasize course analysis & handling techniques.

### Thursday, May 19

6:15-7:15 Beginners II—Tammy Heggie, instructor. Must have completed Beginners I.

7:30-8:30 pm Novice sequencing—Jinger Guinn, instructor, limit 10 teams.

*Be sure to check the website before the first class.  
If classes are delayed one week due to bad weather (like snow and freezing temperatures in May of all things!) any changes will be announced on the agility page.*

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**AOTC Membership Renewal Information**

**The Club Year changes effective July 1. Only those members who have renewed their membership by the date of the July meeting, the “Annual Meeting,” will be able to vote in elections for new officers and board members. Please renew soon. Anyone joining the club since April of this year is paid for the coming year!**

Send your check for \$20 (single membership) or \$25 (family membership) TODAY! Send your payment to:

Sue Boger  
1806 Club View Dr.  
Amarillo TX 79124

Please make the check payable to “AOTC,” and in the memo section, write “dues.” If you do pay by check including other items paid to AOTC (for example, classes), please show all items paid, by amount, in the memo section of your check so that the Treasurer can properly record the payments by item. If you need to ask about your renewal status status, please **contact Sue at 379- 7750 or [bluesky@c1ama.net](mailto:bluesky@c1ama.net)** .

If you have had any changes to your directory information during the last year, please complete and return this notice with current information below, with your payment (or send the information changed directly to Erin Orr by email: [norinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:norinfo@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you.

**Name(s) of member(s):**

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**Complete Address (with ZIP):**

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**Telephones** (that you want in directory) :

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**Dog Breed(s):**

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**Email address(s):**

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**Check all interests that apply:** Obedience  Agility  Therapy

Teaching/Assisting  Hunting  Earthdog  Tracking  Other (describe)

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**Year initially joined** (“best guess” will do) : \_\_\_\_\_



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## Vet 'Vice

**Question:** Is there any evidence that weed killers and pre-emergence herbicides cause cancer in dogs? Are lawn pesticides (like grub worm control) and fertilizers harmful to pets, especially to dogs that eat a lot of grass?

**Answer:** Before using any fertilizer, herbicide, or insecticide on your lawn, read the instructions for information concerning the safe usage around pets. When diluted appropriately and allowed to dry after application, these products have not been shown to definitively cause cancer, or any other illness. 2,4-D (Weed and Feed) is a common herbicide that has been used in agriculture and lawn care for over 50 years. Dogs appear to be more sensitive than other animals to 2,4-D; however doses of 12 mg/kg/day over 2 years caused no effect in experimental dogs. At the concentrations for recommended yard usage, it would be difficult for a dog to get even close to that dose range. If ingested while wet, the herbicides can be irritating to the GI tract, causing mild and usually self-limiting vomiting, but generally they are not much of a problem once dry, as they distribute to the plant interior and roots quickly after application.

In 1991, a study was published reporting a weak association between 2,4-D and lymphoma in dogs. Subsequently, a re-analysis of the same data questioned the methods used, and showed no correlation between the herbicide

and canine lymphoma. Another more recent study looked at the possibility of 2,4-D exposure having an association with transitional cell carcinoma, the most common cancer of the urinary tract in dogs. Scottish Terriers have a greater risk of this urinary bladder cancer than other breeds, and results of this study suggested that Scotties were even more likely to develop this cancer if exposed to phenoxy herbicides such as 2,4-D more than four times per year. The issue isn't any clearer for humans--for every study that showed a positive correlation between 2,4 D and various cancers you can find another study that showed no correlation. 2,4-D is only listed as a "possible" carcinogen in humans.

Of course, insecticides can be toxic to pets if used incorrectly. If the directions are followed, these products are safe. The benefits of having a parasite-free lawn and pet far outweigh the minimal risks of a potential chemical exposure.