

# TAILS OF THE PLAINS

November 1, 2003

Next meeting ~ November 11th  
7:00 pm ~ NEW Training Bldg.  
9285 Amarillo Blvd. West

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Take a look at our new training building at the November meeting. If you missed the move, here's your chance to get a look around and see why we're so excited!

Directions: North on the Soncy exit from West I40 to the first stop light, turn west (left) and drive .8 miles to the turn around (divided highway), as you make the turn around you will see the entrance to the site which is surrounded by a chain-link fence. There should be ample parking for everyone but remember to park friendly so we

can all get in!

**Our last day in the old building will be November 15. If you have equipment in the old building, please pick it up before then.** On the day of the move there were several crates and a few other items that did not seem to belong to the club. There was plenty to move otherwise so those things were left for you to pick up.

Classes are currently ongoing at the new building and reports are that it has been awesome with plenty of room for all types of exercises and a more ring type environment with things going on all around.

## DOG'S SERENITY PRAYER :

*God, grant  
me the serenity to accept  
the owners  
I cannot train,  
courage to  
train the ones  
I can, and  
wisdom to  
know the difference.*

## Successes in the Ring (and elsewhere!)

In Enid, OK: Lynne Tellman & Buttons qualified 3 out of 4 runs and Judge earned 1 MXJ leg.

Chip & Laveta Bryan got a leg in Novice JWW and a camel (he got 1st place and they gave camels for 1st)! Bogie earned 1 jumpers open preferred, 1 standard open preferred (finished title in this), 1 excellent standard preferred leg. All 1st places!

Rick McGuire and Wyndi qualified on four out of six runs for one Double Q and Wyndi earned her MX Title! The next weekend in Lubbock they qualified six out of six runs for 3 Double Qs!!!

Also in Lubbock: Lubbock turned out to be a good show for Harley and I. We earned our first High Combined, took 1st in Utility and 3rd in Open on Friday, a 1st in Open on Saturday, and a 2nd place in Utility and a 2nd place in Open, 199 1/2. on Sunday. We added 7 OTCH points to our total. Headed to Houston the next week and earned our 2nd High Combined with a 1st in Utility and 2nd in Open on Friday. Harley and I have decided that we like running with the Big Dogs, in fact we decided to see how it feels to take the lead for awhile.

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NAPA Award

## And More Brags

On Saturday, we took High In Trial with 198 1/2 in Open and 1st in Utility, 198 to earn our 3rd High Combined. On Sunday, we placed 2nd in Open and 4th in Utility. We came home with a total of 16 OTCH points for the weekend. Bringing our total up to 83!!! Keep your fingers crossed, we are shooting for this year to finish our OTCH!!! Judy DeShong

Yes, Lubbock was very, very good to AOTC members, read on:

Lubbock was Sukari's first agility trial and she had 6 runs. She ran 5 of those clean. She now has 6 first place ribbons and her 2 Novice agility titles in both standard and jumpers with weaves. It was a great weekend for us both! Linda Passmore

Bogie & Laveta finished JWW Open Preferred title with 2nd place and got 1 Excellent JWW Preferred with a 1st place.

Well, we have had a few good shows and wanted to let everyone know how my little Cassi did. I am so very proud of her! I had the goal of being in Excellent for our January show and have made it there in just 4 shows. At the Lubbock show she qualified 4 out of 6 runs, received our novice JWW title and our first 2 open jumpers legs along with her second open standard leg, 3 first places and 1 second. At Tulsa she gave me a little scare! Thought she forgot how to weave! But she came through on the last day and we received our final leg of open jumpers, title, and

final leg of open standard, both clean runs and way under course, 8 seconds on the jumpers and 12 on her standard, time with 2 first places.

Mom says, "You go, girl!"

Jinger & Donnie Guinn

Several other members had great results from the Lubbock agility trials. Don't forget to turn in those brags!



Laura Baar & Tyler qualified in Senior both days at an AKC hunting retriever test at Lake Conchas, NM. Tyler will require two more qualifications to earn his Senior title. (Ed. note for those unfamiliar with the objectives necessary to earn these qualifying scores: Tyler picked up two water retrieves and a water *blind*-a bird he didn't see fall-two land retrieves and a land blind, each day. Now think about how cold it was on October 25! Want to take a swim?) Pardon my pride on Tyler & Laura's achievement. We've watched them work so hard all year to reach this goal, and thrown a bird or two to help! And if you didn't know, Tyler is Cash's littermate, brother and best buddy!

## Claudia Winters

**Dear AOTC Members,**

***Please accept this thank you from the family of Claudia Winters. There were so many cards and kind words from the club members it was hard to keep track of them all. Thanks to all for the flowers and donation to the Humane Society.***

***Darlene, Sherry, Iris and Families***

## Title Plaques

Title plaques are presented to all members whose dog has earned an AKC title in obedience or agility. Additional titles are added with a plate that can be attached to the plaque. **Janet needs the title plaque and Ben McClendon Award information by Dec. 1. Please notice this change from the minutes of the last meeting!**

If anyone earns titles at the PKC shows, let Janet know by the following Monday—December 8 and she will try to add them if the trophy shop will let her.

For those who do not yet have plaques, send Janet, IN WRITING, the dog's name the way you want it on the plaque (e.g. registered name, call name, or both), the title, and the month it was earned. **You can email to Janet at [jandnelson@cox.net](mailto:jandnelson@cox.net), do it today!**

## Registration 2004

***January 12, 2004 will be the next registration for classes. Please contact Laura Teichmann or David Paul to teach or volunteer to assist to teach a class. You can contact Laura at [teichmann1@cox.net](mailto:teichmann1@cox.net)***

***Teaching classes for the public is a main mission of this club. It's how we save dog's lives and help make them better companions for their families.***



# Regular club meeting minutes ~ Oct 14, 2003

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. The minutes were read. Steve moved to accept them and Mike seconded them. Michelle gave the treasurers report. Judy moved to accept with Carol seconding.

Braggs were stated with many wins over the last month at agility trials. Judy DeShong is on the inside front cover of *Front and Finish* with Carly and a picture of Sharon.

## Committee reports

### Obedience

Advanced classes are starting. John will teach a Novice class at the building starting on Mon Nov. 26 at 8 pm. Judy and Jerry are teaching Utility at 7:30. It started Oct 13.

### Agility

Janet is accepting entries for the opening of the January trial, which is tomorrow. She will deliver them to Terri. Marsha will be the trial secretary for the May agility trial

### Christmas party

Nicky had a vote on possible dates for the Christmas party. It was decided to have it on Dec. 27 in the late afternoon. Janet agreed to get the title plates and Ben McClendon award. Lynne will get the Nelson Agility Performance Award. They are due in writing no later than Monday, Dec 8. Carol will put the forms for the two special awards in the newsletter.

### Show committee

Jeri sent a sign up sheet around for the January show. If you did not get to sign up please contact her.

## Readings

### 1st readings

Clint Berkley & Tamera Lacey

### Approved new members

Mike and Barbara Campbell; Emily Beatty;

Kylene and Kaylee Thomas

## Old Business

Fair parade - We had 5 pairs walk in the parade.

SPOTC Trial - Workers have been contacted in their judging program.

## New Business

### Instructor Compensation

Jerry presented the information discussed at the last board meeting. The information includes that any club member teaching 3 or more classes may go to a seminar, which the club holds for free. This will be retroactive to Jan 2003. The club will hold a seminar each year alternating between Obedience and agility. Carol was appointed the committee chair for seminars. Please contact her if you have someone you would like to see.

### Building

Jerry presented the information on renting Judy's building. The building is located at 9285 Amarillo Blvd West. Zip is 79121. The members present voted to rent the building. The official date will be Nov 15. A committee was set up to move equipment. David Paul, Mike, and Jerry will be responsible. They will move equipment on Sat, Oct. 25 at 11 am. Michelle will try to get the phone moved by Nov. 1.

### Obedience Classes

David Paul will be added the obedience committee to help arrange classes

### Minutes

Jerry discussed the minutes being placed in the newsletter or posted on the website so they did not have to be read at the meeting. Discussion was in favor of this.

Judy moved to adjourn the meeting with Michelle seconding it.

## Special Board Meeting Oct 13 9:10pm

Members present were Jerry Smith, John Beard, Janet for Joe Nelson, Michelle Knevelbaard, Donna Hilton, Lynne Tellman  
Jerry presented the information on renting Judy's building. The rent will be \$800 plus \$200 for utilities each month. If the utilities go over \$400 the club will pay 75% of the amount over \$400. There is a need for striping the parking lot. The club will need to pay for that. The one ring at the far end of the building will remain Judy's. It is not to be used by anyone anytime. The club will get the middle ring and the extra space at the end of the building. We will be able to mat the area with the tires when they are moved. The mats in the middle area belong to Judy and we may leave them down. The club will replace any which are damaged. The club will also have the use of the office area and one storage area in the second building with access to a bathroom. We will still have Bob come in to clean once a week. The advantages of this building included having two classes run at the same time and extra room. Other concerns brought up were to have a lighted sign of some sort put up and keyless entry for our use. It was emphasized the gate would need to remain locked when not in use. It was suggested we have our own lock put on the gate so if it were changed it would not keep Judy from entering. The last concern was about water for drinking. Options were discussed.

## Regular Board Meeting 10/14/03 8:15 pm

Members present were Jerry Smith, Joe Nelson, Carol Brand, Robin Clark, Michelle Knevelbaard, Lynne Tellman, and Donna Hilton. Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

### Building

Information was again stated about the building we are going to rent. Jerry questioned our liability insurance for Judy. We do carry insurance. Michelle will contact the company and make the necessary changes.

Carol moved to rent the building with the agreed on stipulations. Donna seconded. The motion was voted on and approved. Robin will draft a contract to make everything legal. Michelle will check on signs and moving the telephone.

### Seminar Information

Carol stated the Soccer Center had been contacted for seminar dates. They have been sold. Kathy is still the contact person. She has not gotten back to Carol with dates for the seminars. All trial contracts have been signed for 2004 and will be honored.

### New Business

Lynne moved to buy the Obedience trial software that corresponds to our agility trial software. Carol seconded. It was approved.

### Donations

The board accepted a donation from Dani Bernabeu for the building fund. It also made donations to SPCA and Humane Society in memory of Darlene's mother and Janet's father, both of whom have died in the last month.

Lynne moved to adjourn with Michelle seconding.

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## Thoughts & Thanks

Just thought that all of you that I didn't see on Oct 25, moving all of the AOTC's belongings would like to know who did. Yes, I know that people have other obligations but strangely, it is almost always the same familiar faces who manage to put their club somewhere in the forefront and show up for so many events. Be sure to thank these folks: Lynne Tellman, Dani Bernabeu, David Paul, Mike Hibbs, Steve and Donna Hilton, Jim Boger, Kay Cook, Lissa Callaway, Dale & Sally Swan, Joe & Janet Nelson, Carolyn Brand & Mike Campbell. An extra thanks to Lynne for hours spent organizing our new office. I've heard great things! Thanks also to Janet for helping with this effort.

This is an abbreviated version of your usual monthly newsletter. It seems that working on this edition prior to surgery might have been advisable. Does a recovery ever work the way you plan or do I just always plan too much?!

I have found wonderful new uses for a Labrador while home recuperating. First of all, having a house full of well trained, obedient dogs is a boon. Although I love for my dogs to jump up and greet me, they also understand that they need permission and understand the word "Off". Secondly, loving dogs surrounding you while you get it well is "good thing". Their concern is evident and the feeling of normalcy you get from their just being there is immeasurable.

Back to the handy Labrador portion of this writing. Bending over isn't something that comes easily those first few days at home, however, dropping things comes quite readily! Cash has been more than willing to pickup everything from chapstick to pens to garbage can lids. What a good dog!

Lastly, wanting to get back to your normal activities with your favorite canine is reason enough to get you up and moving when sitting around feeling sorry for yourself is what you'd really rather be doing. So far only the eight pound dog has been walked but we're getting closer to big dog walks everyday!