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Next Meeting ~ October 11th ~ 7:00 pm
AOTC Training Building

One of the busiest show seasons of the year is upon us. Any kind of trial event is available now and in the coming months. The hardest part is deciding where to go and when! Whatever your ambition, best of luck to you and your best friend! Bring home lots of green ribbons and tons of happy memories!

There is a new best friend at the Brand household this fall. Pipers Hi-

jacked at Blackwater, "Jack", is a 14 month old yellow Labrador from Cash's breeder. Loren & I took one look and pretty much fell in love with the boy. Cash & Sarge, not so much. He's a happy boy with lots of drive. We plan to keep him busy with all the normal retriever activities as well as Agility & Rally. We feel lucky to have such a special new guy in our lives.

ATTENTION!
The agility committee would like to change practice time on Sunday. Until Sunday, October 16, practice will be at 6:00. Beginning on October 16, practice will change to 3:00 pm.

Agility Trial December 31, January 1 & 2

The premium and entry form for the New Year's trials is now available on the club website: <http://www.aotcdogs.com/events.html> Here are some answers to questions you might have:

Yes, this is a "random draw" trial. All entries received during the "draw period" will be treated the same regardless of date received. This method will allow the club to reserve 35 entry spots for workers, but more than this number will actually get into the trial due to the draw method we will use.

Yes, you may hand deliver your entry at the club meeting on opening day, October 11. The maximum entries allowed per envelope is 10 dogs. Please mark the word "Club Member" on your envelope to help us get you on the work schedule and into the trials.

Hard copies will be available at the club meeting or by request from Carolyn Brand 537-5358, labradored@cablone.net

Show Ring Results

Got brags on Talitha! I just received word from AKC that Talitha got the Belgian Tervuren agility Top Dog Award for 2004! Moss' s latest brag, Q'd in jww (2nd) in Albuquerque trials. Nicky Trowbridge

Tom and I went to the Labor Day obedience trials in Albuquerque where Tom got his got a 198 and HIT out of Novice B . He also got his first Open leg with a 196 1/2 and 3rd place in Open B.

Tom, Trifle and I went to the Corgi Nationals at Purina Farms in St Louis this past week. In herding Tom finished his PT and Trifle finished her HT. The HT gives Trifle the last title necessary for her VCX (Versatile Corgi Excellent award from the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America). In obedience/rally Tom placed 2nd in Novice B and was High Scoring Dog With A Herding Title (the rosette is bigger than he is <G>), but got up from the down stay with 20 seconds left, so no Open leg. Trifle finished her RA (Rally Advanced) title. Unfortunately it started raining the night before the <outdoor> agility trial started, and let's just say that

Tom and I are not mudders .

And last, but not least, in case there was any doubt over whether or not I have truly lost my mind, we have a new addition to our doggie family -- Rainyday's Born To Fly aka "Sara" -- a beautiful red tri Aussie. She is Sam's neice (her mother is Sam's litter-mate). She is my first foo-foo Aussie (and of course a perform-

ance hopeful), *shella*

We went to Roswell this weekend and had a 50/50 weekend. Samantha and Trey passed another novice obedience and advanced rally on Saturday, but Sunday wasn't their day. I have decided that outside shows with an un-neutered bird dog are not the best idea in town :) Way too many distractions. Christi Ferguson

WOW, we just completed our first USDAA show in Ft. Worth and it was great! Lots of great handler and dog teams that have been on the World Team, like my team partner. Now let's get to Cassi! She did wonderfully! We only did team events, with the exception of Performance Speed Jumping, but she qualified in 7 out of 7 runs with five 1st places and two 2nds. She qualified the first day in Speed Jumping to make it to the final round on Sunday in which she finished 2nd to Jerry Brown and Niko in the first and second round and won \$5.00. Team events went great as well except I really messed up in snooker, but that was just my lack of knowledge. Cassi did her part wonderfully! She made me quite proud in Gamblers, and our team ended up 3rd overall in the performance level in the trial. Thank you, Susan, for encouraging us to attend this show. You are a great teacher! We actually qualified for USDAA Nationals, in both performance team and performance speed jumping, but won't be able to make it. Not enough vacation left to go to Scottsdale, Arizona. We'll try again next year! Cassi, you go girl!!!!!! Cassi's Mom & Dad

Christmas Party Plans

This year's Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony will be at The Plaza Restaurant at 34th & Bell, on December 12th, 2005, 7:00 p.m. It will be an open menu with everyone responsible for their own ticket.

Please RSVP by November 1st to Ricki Wallis at ricki@txelectric.com or Mike Hibbs at kmhibbs@cox.net so we can let the restaurant know well enough in advance how many folks to plan for. More info to follow.

Member Updates

Applicants

Michael & Charlotte Lewis
(returning)

Adam Madewell

Joshua, Sandy, Kaleb &
Devin Whitney

New Members

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Changes

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Carol Bishop jimmycarolb@aol.com (new email)

Meeting Minutes September 13, 2005 Training Building 7:00pm

Ray Ramsay conducted the meeting. Darlene Winters moved to accept the minutes as published. Jinger Guinn seconded the motion. Ray Ramsay asked that the board minutes show him, not his wife attending the board meeting. The minutes were approved with this change. Lynne Tellman gave the treasurer's report. Marty Wallis moved to accept with Ricki Wallis seconding. The report passed.

Committees: Obedience: David Paul stated class sign up was last night. Agility: Ricki Wallis is still looking for a new judge for May. Janet gave the financial report for the May agility trial. Seminar: David Paul has set up a T-touch seminar for Nov 19 and 20th. Cathy Cascade will be the presenter.

1st Readings: Michael and Charlotte Lewis, Adam Madewell, and the Whitney family

2nd reading and approval: Karen Hicks and Susan Lowe

Brags: Susan Kraus and Callie earned their MACH

Old Business: Fair Parade: Participants will meet at the park located at 15th and Taylor. T-shirts: Shirts are not ready. Mike Hibbs will hopefully get them on Friday. If you are walking in the parade he will bring them Saturday morning for you to wear.

New Business: Class Evaluation: Susan Kraus asked for some clarification on the board meeting minutes from last month. Discussion ensued. Clarification was given regarding the minutes, also several opinions were voiced about the pros and cons of the recommendation. May Agility Trial Committee: Carol Brand will be the Trial Secretary and Jeri Berryman will be the Chief Ring Steward. Please volunteer for the remaining positions--Equipment, Chairman, Hospitality, and security. Christmas Party: Ricki Wallis volunteered to chair the Christmas Party committee. Mike Hibbs will help her. Hurricane donation: Susan Kraus moved to have the board look at donating money to a pet organization to help with the hurricane relief. Nikki Trowbridge seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Donna Black gave a presentation on helping at the hurricane site.

Darlene moved to adjourn the meeting as 8:10. Michelle Schaeffer seconded and the motion passed.

Board Meeting September 13, 2005 Training Building

Board Members present included Mike and Frances Hibbs, RAY Ramsay, Lynne Tellman, Carol Brand, Janet Nelson, Amy Ray, Ricki Wallis, and Jeri Berryman

Old Business: Ricki will try to contact Judy Flagle to judge in May. Alicia Calhoun has not returned phone calls to Ricki. It was suggested she contact other presenters for the future.

New Business: The **T-touch seminar** is an AOTC sponsored activity. Carol Brand and Mike Hibbs were contacted before it was set up. Ricki asked about **insurance issues** in using our agility equipment to be "leased out" vs. "loaning." Frances Hibbs will do some checking into this issue.

Discussion was brought up about the policy allowing "**drop ins**" at classes. Some of the issues discussed were prices, policy, who decides, how money was handled, and if it was for members only.

Carol Brand moved to send \$500 **donation to pet organizations** as suggested by the membership. \$200 to go to a local organization and \$300 to a LA shelter. Mike seconded the measure. It was approved. Mike and Frances will take care of sending the checks.

Carol moved to pay Darlene Winters for expenses incurred at the agility field.

Rates were checked by several board members at various banks. The difference was not significant. Lynne moved to leave the money where it is with Ray seconding. The movement passed.

There have been some difficulties in processing dues renewal. Hopefully all discrepancies have been taken care of. Positive changes will be made next year.

Carol moved to adjourn at 9:15 with Mike seconding.



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T ellington T ouch Weekend

Our Tellington Touch seminar with Cathy Cascade will be held at the training building on November 19-20 from 9-4 PM each day. Cathy allows attendance of fifteen dogs. Seminar fee for handler/dog is \$160 and will include lunch both days on site. For auditors, cost is \$65, including lunches. Building will open at 8:15 AM for set up, coffee, etc.

To further AOTC's relationship with the shelter/rescue community, Cathy has offered to present a demo/training session on Friday night for workers from the SPCA, the Humane Society, and Animal Rescue Shelter. This will be at the AOTC Training Building at

7PM, and AOTC members are definitely welcome to attend.

Working spots in the seminar are still available but going quickly. Please get your check (payable to AOTC) to David Paul as soon as possible. You can mail to him at 2110 S Van Buren, Amarillo, Tx 79109.