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THE QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE TULSA SCHUTZHUND CLUB

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

BY BOB BROWN

Well, if you were not a training Saturday, Sept. 13th you missed the word. The County Commissioners after 5 months have come to the conclusion that it is okay for the Tulsa Schutzhund Club to train off leash in Chandler Park. They reinstated the letter we had from the Park Department allowing us the privilege to train off lead. This means that our training can get back on track and we can plan for the November trial. Incidentally, there was another nice article in the Tuesday Sept. 16th issue of the Tulsa World about how the Commissioner are allowing us to train.

NOTE: THE WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN FOR REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR 2004, THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 2 AT THE BROOKSIDE LIBRARY. IT IS LOCATED AT 1207 EAST 45TH PLACE. THAT IS TWO BLOCKS WEST OF PEORIA ON 45TH PLACE. THE MEETING WILL START AT THE SAME TIME, 7:30 PM.

The annual KG meeting will be held at the KG Championship Nov. 7 & 8. The prez has raffle tickets for the KG raffle. The raffle helps defray Championship costs. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Also, if anyone has any-



Classifieds

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in a pickup truck, hunting, camping, and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call XXX-XXXX and ask for Daisy.

Over 15,000 men responded to the ad ----- and found themselves talking to the local Humane Society ----- about an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever. Men are so easy.

(from the Atlanta Journal)

thing they think should be placed on the KG agenda, let me know or bring it up at the Oct. meeting. Forced requirement of the LV to provide rule book availability might be a good idea.

Congratulations to Nick and Jerol on being upgraded to Level II helpers. This allows them to be selected to do the helper work in KG Championships.

We have several new prospective members coming out to training. Be sure to introduce yourself and give them any assistance that you can.

Bob Brown

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOTICE:

CHANGE OF MEETING
LOCATION AND DAY

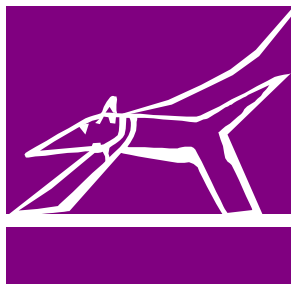
THUR, OCT 2, 7:30 PM
BROOKSIDE LIBRARY

ON AND OFF THE CUFF

By MIKE RICKMAN

Welcome new club members Jerol Skinner, Henry Sowders, and Kim Weaver.

- New Probationary members David and Janice McHughes Rott, Nathan Frazier and Michelle Galloway Dobes, Judi Detjen Rott, and Steve and Shawn Edwards Rott.
- Condolences to Bob Armstead and Sandra Tam on the loss of their Malinois, Dutch. I have a very vivid memory of trying to drive this dog while carrying a milk jug full of rocks in one hand. He was a challenge to work and will be missed.
- Kathy Watson lost her SCH3 male Boss just after his 11th birthday. It's never easy when a long time friend leaves us regardless of those who have gone before or those who are left behind. Kathy we grieve and remember with you.
- This area of the newsletter is much to large this quarter, just got word that Susan Gandy's 9 1/2 year old female Shepherd companion just passed away. Susan you are in our thoughts.
- The Rickman family had the privilege of hosting a club get together on Sunday August 31. It was a combination belated Fourth of July, Labor Day, and August, September birthday party. Although the weather outlook was grim the skies actually cleared and except for a 2 to 3 minute shower, which was inadequate to drive the strong hearted Schutzhunders inside, we stayed dry. There were 25 people in attendance who shared in good food, good company, and good conversation.
- OK Metro Trial Sunday October 26, Ann Dolan Judge. MWKG Championship McMinnville, TN November 8 and 9, Ray Reid Judge, Allen Brooks SCH1 and SCH2 helper, Akin Otika and Tom Hunn SCH3 helpers and Nick Reinhard as alternate. TSC Fall Trial November 22 and 23, Judge Ann Dolan.
- If you are needing a scorebook for the fall trial you may have waited too late. Please contact Bob or Mike if you haven't done this



yet and we will try to expedite.

- Fourth Quarter Club tracking days are October 4 and 25 and December 13. Local dog events that a part of the club may want to attend pushes our tracking days away from the first Saturday in November and December.
- Nick, Akin, Jerol, and Sean all attended a helper seminar in St. Louis on August 17 and 18. It was hosted by the MWKG and given by Clay Meadows. There were 14 individuals trying to become certified and another six there to upgrade. Nick and Jerol were upgraded to level 2 helpers and Sean was newly certified as a level 3 helper. Level 3 helpers can work local trials, Level 2 can work Regional events, and level 1 helpers are selected to work National Championships. Akin has again been chosen, I believe for the fourth straight year, to work the MWKG regionals. He will do the front work on the SCH3 dogs. Nick was chosen as the alternate and will be ready if the opportunity presents itself.
- Our Club President Bob Brown has been selected as one of the Judges for the AKC National Tracking Invitational Championships September 20 and 21 in Asheville, North Carolina. The competition is for dogs who have already completed TD, TDX, and VST. Congratulations Bob.
- And speaking of the Brown's: Did you hear that Stormy finished his UKC Agility Championship in August? Onni also won High in Trial at an UKC agility trial in Columbia MO in August.
- LV Championship June 24-27 Washington DC area.
- Hooray! After 22 long weeks what was right has finally won out. We are back to having off lead permission at Chandler Park. A special thank you to all club members for their patience in this matter along with their determination to stick this out. We greatly appreciate the Board of Commissioners for making the right decision and all our dog training friends who showed support during this time frame through their letters and calls. Let's train dogs!

TITLE HOLDERS

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to the higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a title says that you loved your dog enough to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified. A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. A performance title is nothing less than the love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

Author unknown



IF A DOG WAS THE TEACHER YOU WOULD LEARN STUFF LIKE:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be Loyal Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



HOW TO GIVE YOUR PET A PILL

Cat:

- 1) Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
- 2) Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
- 3) Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw away soggy pill.
- 4) Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
- 5) Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.
- 6) Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
- 7) Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
- 8) Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.
- 9) Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink 1 beer to take taste away. Apply Band-Aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
- 10) Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in



cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

- 11) Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus jab. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
- 12) Ring fire department to retrieve the %\$@*& cat from tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil-wrap.

13) Tie the little monster's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table, find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour 2 pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14) Consume remainder of Scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room, sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15) Arrange for SPCA to collect mutant cat from hell, and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

Dog:

- 1) Wrap it in bacon and stand back.

• Birthday's This Quarter:

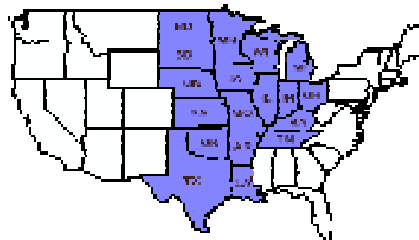
Bob Brown	Nov 12
Pam Felton	Dec 6
Mindy Friend	Oct 24
Cindy Parks	Oct 9
Bill Paul	Nov 17
Ross Peterson	Oct 16
Kevin Poteet	Sep 23
Karla Sanders	Oct 1
Kathy Watson	Nov 10
Gary Ziegler	Nov 22

THE DOG IS MY SHEPHERD,

Just what I want. She maketh me to rise early every morning. She leadeth me beside garbage cans and parking meters, and she restoreth my freedom. She guideth me in the paths of safety for my life's sake. Yea, though I walk through the thunder of the railroad station and among the mongrels of Flagler Street, I will fear no evil, for she is with me. The creak of her harness and the jingle of her collar, they comfort me. She prepareth a way before me in the presence of all confusion. She covereth my hand with affectionate licks and nibbles, and my love for her runneth over. Surely, with affection and correction, I shall follow her all the days of her life, and she will dwell in my heart forever.

~~Larry Liggin~~
Guide dog partner.

Midwest KG



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DVG: <http://www.dvgamerica.com/events.html>

USA: <http://www.germanshepherddog.com/eventcalendar.htm>

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