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June 2009 Newsletter

Portsmouth Chesapeake Obedience  
Training Club

## Presidents Note

Just a short note from me your president. I am back from a wonderful trip to Alaska and it was awesome, now back to work.

I understand that the basic class is coming along nicely and thank you Paula for that. I'm not sure when the basic class ends but let us all be there to help. A big Thank You to Leslee for stepping in and picking up my slack and getting judges for our October trial. I promise I am already working on judges for 2010. Remember with summer coming and everyone being so busy we still need to be thinking ahead to the trial, donating trophies and pulling it all together.

I attended a couple of shows this past weekend and there were several nice runs. I hope I can remember them. Leslee got a leg in advanced Rally and Kahne is now a C.D. dog. Congratulations.

Mark received advanced Rally legs, I can't remember if he got a title although I do know that he could not outpace that nice little sheltie that I bred and is owned by Lera (its ok Mark, Shelties rule). Sharon also did very nicely I think I heard that she got a 200 one day and was also HIT a couple of days and Paula showed up on Monday and I think she took first in both of her classes. I don't know about titles. Way to go PCOTC. If I left anyone out I apologize but I was Brain Dead that weekend. Well I can't wait to get back to training and I'll see ya'll there.

Kay

## Upcoming Events

All Breed Dog Shows  
Obedience and Rally Trials  
Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.  
Saturday & Sunday June 20 &  
June 21, 2009  
The Showplace  
300 Mechanicsville Turnpike  
Richmond VA 23223

Entries close on Wed, June 3 at  
Noon.

Entry fees each day are \$25.00  
for the first entry and \$23.00 for  
each additional entry of the same  
dog.

Obedience and Rally Judges are  
Mr. and Mrs. Mett

Enter on-line at [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

All Dog Adventures Summer Run Thru Schedule  
4111 W. Clay St. Richmond, VA 23230  
Additional info & directions at [www.adpsrichmond.com](http://www.adpsrichmond.com)

Sunday June 14, July 12 and Aug 30: obedience & rally

These are training run thrus: treats, toys and gentle corrections are allowed. No electronic collars.

Building open to entrants at 8:30am

Registration: 8:30-10am - Judging: 9am

Judging order:

Obedience: Two rings, Novice & Open start at 9am, followed by Utility in first available ring.

Rally: Excellent level walk thru start at 8:30am, Excellent level judging starts at 9am, followed by Advance, followed by Novice

Obedience & rally are indoors, fully matted. Judge will be in the ring. Bring your own crate, chair, water & fans; plastic to put under your crate & chair. Please clean up after your dog; bitches in heat are not allowed on site. For additional run thru info, e-mail [dobrman@aol.com](mailto:dobrman@aol.com)

# BRAGS

## About PCOTC [www.pcotcdogs.org](http://www.pcotcdogs.org)

Portsmouth Chesapeake Obedience Training Club, Inc. is a nonprofit organization composed of people who enjoy working and spending time with their dogs. We are interested in helping you train your dog to be a well mannered family member and a source of pride.

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### The PUP deadlines:

Please submit all information by the 25th of the previous month.

[pupedit@pcotcdogs.org](mailto:pupedit@pcotcdogs.org)

Razor was High in Trial and High Combined at the Langley Kennel show on 5-22. He received a 198 in Utility and a PERFECT score of 200 in Open B.

Razor is so special, he always tries to do his best and he is my once in a lifetime boy.

Another brag. Razor was HIT at the Gloucester trial Memorial day with a 199 out of Utility B.

Sharon

Shane earned his first Rally Novice leg at the Langley Kennel Club show on Friday, May 22nd with a qualifying score of 92!

I was very pleased with his performance. He actually listened to me in the ring. I don't know what dog was with me at the Gloucester show on Monday, but it surely wasn't the same dog. No green ribbon on Monday; we've got some work to do. Congratulations to all whom trialed and qualified at the shows!

Tracy

Leslee and Kahne managed to get through ONE of the CRAZY days at the Memorial Day circuit. Kahne earned his CD and his 1st leg in Rally Advance at the Langley Kennel Club show. We won't talk about the rest of the weekend, but I decided not to send him back to the farm...yet :)

Thanks to everyone for their support! Becky THANKS for being my right hand!!!

Congrats to the rest of PCOTC members that showed!!!

## DKC - Cancer Study @ NCSU Vet School Tissue and Blood samples need for cancer study

If you know anyone who can help, please pass this information along. The University of Minnesota Madiano - Lab and NC State University Breen-Lab need help in obtaining blood and tissue samples from dogs diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Hemangiosarcoma, and Osteosarcoma.

They need information from the following breeds: Australian Shepherd, Greyhound, Bernese mountain dog, Irish setter, Border collie, Labrador retriever, Boxer, Mastiff, Briard, Poodle, Bullmastiff, Portuguese water dog, Cocker Spaniel, Rottweiler, Flat Coat Retriever, Salsuki, Golden Retriever and Visla.

For more information: <http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/HealthSubmt.pdf>

## Minutes from the March 9th, 2009 Board meeting

### PCOTC Minutes

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 7:25pm

- ◆ All members present except Becky and Sharon.
- ◆ Meeting took place at the home of Barbara Veltri called to order by Kay.
- ◆ Minutes read, corrections were made, and approved. Minutes stand approved as corrected.
- ◆ Treasures report, read and approved.
- ◆ Motion was made by Kay to purchase 6 rolls of Forever stamps, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> – unanimous.

#### Corresponding Report:

- ◆ Hampton Roads obedience trial.
- ◆ ADOA Renewal – Janice made the motion to renew and Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup> – unanimous;
- ◆ The 2009 board will be updated with AKC;
- ◆ Priscilla was very happy to learn she had been made an honorary member.

#### Old Business:

- ◆ All PR will be tabled until next meeting;
- ◆ 17 renewals have been received from the advance members;
- ◆ Paula will check on long time members that have not renewed;
- ◆ Paula has made changes to fliers and pet tales for contact information;
- ◆ Veronica did a very nice job on last PUP;
- ◆ Basic class will graduate March 12<sup>th</sup> – there will be no advance class;
- ◆ Next session will start April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Paula teaching;
- ◆ Advance class will be Rally with everyone taking a week sitting up courses;
- ◆ Mark will change the light bulb outside of church.

#### New business:

- ◆ Sue Vickery would love to judge Rally for the show. Janice made the motion – Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> – Unanimous.
- ◆ Kay will contact Merrimac for building use.
- ◆ Hospitality for the show will be Janice and Becky- Paula made motion, Kay 2<sup>nd</sup> – unanimous.

Leslee made motion to adjourn, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **FALL TRIAL**

**We are making plans for our Fall Obedience Trial.**

**These shows will include our first Rally events.**

**We are going to need a lot of help from the membership.**

**If you can help please let one of the board members know.**

**We will need Trophy Donations, Stewarts, help with ring set up, and many other things.**

**Be on the look out for objects you can donate as trophies.**

**If you have questions please call Paula at 397-4791.**

Next meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> at Paula's' moms house.

## **AKC AND DOG OWNERS WIN RULING GRANTING A TRIAL TO CHALLENGE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF DENVER BREED BAN**

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has ruled in favor of plaintiffs Sonya Dias, Hillary Engel, and Sheryl White in their appeal challenging the constitutionality of the Denver breed ban. This ruling reverses the United States District Court of Colorado's 2007 dismissal of the suit.

The Denver ordinance bans ownership or possession of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the American Pit Bull Terrier and/or any dog with a majority of physical traits of one or more of these breeds within the City and County of Denver. Since 2005, as a result of this ordinance, more than 1,000 dogs within the city limits have been euthanized.

In July 2008, the AKC® joined Karen R. Breslin of the Progressive Law Center, LLC of Lakewood, Colorado, and retained the Washington D.C. office of Kaye Scholer LLP to represent dog-owning plaintiffs Dias, Engel and White in their appeal in which they asserted that the Denver ordinance banning pit bulls within the city limits is unconstitutional. The original lawsuit stated the owners were forced to move out of Denver with their dogs because of the ban which they asserted was a violation of, among other things, their constitutional rights.

"The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners. We support reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs," said Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel for the AKC. "We also have serious concerns about AKC breed standards being used by law enforcement to identify dangerous dogs. Breed standards are intended to serve as the written ideal of a dog which breeders can aspire to, not a benchmark for defining dangerous dogs."

In fact, the Tenth Circuit Court's decision quotes the AKC breed standard for the Staffordshire bull terrier: "with its affections for its friends, and children in particular, its off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, [the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is] a foremost all-purpose dog."

The AKC supports laws that: establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as "dangerous" based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsible owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. If necessary, dogs proven to be "dangerous" may need to be humanely destroyed but the AKC strongly opposes any legislation that determines a dog to be "dangerous" based on specific breeds or phenotypic classes of dogs.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

The book MAKING SCENTS OF TRACKING has just been released. Author Deborah Davis has been invited to be the author of the month in June on DogRead to discuss her book and answer questions.

On line question/answer discussions will be ongoing throughout the entire month of June. If any of your club membership might be interested in joining in this discussion, please share the following information:

DogRead group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DogRead/>

For additional information go to: [www.authorhouse.com/bookstore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=60033](http://www.authorhouse.com/bookstore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=60033)

**Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club's June 7 & 8 show in Harrisonburg, VA.**

**SVKC has moved their Obedience/Rally location!!**

**All judging, INCLUDING OBEDIENCE AND RALLY will be INDOORS and AIR CONDITIONED this year!!**

**This should be posted on all refrigerators in plain sight for all family members.**

To My Husband:

Please don't eat the hot dogs (for training) or roast beef (rewards) in the fridge the night before I leave for a trial/show.

Please don't move anything that I have set out on the table - it is all in a certain order to be packed.

Please don't talk to me as I pack the morning of the trial. I am stressed and excited and have many details on my mind.

I would LOVE to have you come watch us run, but please:

Don't talk to me 15 minutes prior to my run. Though I may look normal, I am in a zone.

Please don't try to be helpful and "X" the dogs. I have a system. I know who pooped and who didn't and who needs to pee before the next run, how soon it needs to do it, and how long it takes for it to get done.

If I throw a dog at you when running to another ring, just feed it and praise it.

I would also like food and praise after my run.

"What did it cost me" is not a good thing to say if I ask you if you like our new Ez-Up.

I have lots of good friends that I see every weekend at trials. When you meet them, just say "Hi...I'm Tom" because I probably don't know their names.

If we have a lousy run, please don't tell me it's just a game. IT IS NOT-this is serious business. We're out to qualify AND place.

If I have a great run, hugs and kisses are in order for me and the dogs... for it is a wonderful game we play!!!

Please don't roll your eyes when my tent neighbors and I giggle and act like silly school girls- even when the tears are running down our faces and it's the umpteenth time you witnessed it. It's a stress-reliever that we learned at a seminar.

I won't be happy if you go to the men's room and missed my run. "There were five people in front of you" is not a good answer.

I won't be very happy if you tell me about the gorgeous run you saw in the next ring and I see a 25 year old girl walking out with spandex shorts and a BC.

Please don't expect me to make dinner when we get home. I would love to go out and have a glass of wine- but I have to be in bed by seven- alone.

One more thing- thanks for being there for me and always being supportive of our dogs and all of our activities. I love you.

Now, can you help me unload the car?