



May 2009 Newsletter

Portsmouth Chesapeake Obedience
Training Club

Mixed Breed Program Details

The Board and Staff have been considering a program for mixed breeds since January 2005. After extensive research, including gathering feedback from AKC Delegates, AKC Clubs, and mixed breed dog owners, the Board unanimously approved a program for mixed breed dogs at the April 2009 Board Meeting. This followed the non-binding resolutions passed by an overwhelming majority of the Delegates at the March 2009 meeting asking the Board to reconsider a program for mixed breeds.

The details of the program are presented below. Thank you to all Delegates, club officers, and club members who have provided feedback over the years. The program, which includes a Listing Service and Competition Eligibility, is a result of many years worth of research. You have been an integral part of the process and the feedback received has been invaluable.

Effective October 1st, 2009, mixed breed dog owners can list their dogs with the AKC's new mixed breed program. Dogs in the program will be issued an ID number. Dogs must be spayed or neutered. The fee for the program will be \$35.

In Phase I, listed dogs will receive a certificate of participation, a competition card, with their identification number. This number allows mixed breeds to compete in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events.

Access to a community of dog lovers interested in supporting all things canine, including the AKC Humane Fund Affiliation with an organization that: actively supports the right to own and breed dogs responsibly by fighting anti-ownership legislation at the local, state, and federal level; donates millions to canine health research, making all dogs healthier in the long run; proactively responds to disasters like 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina, reaching out to all dog owners in need during stressful times.

Editor's note: This article is very long but extremely informative. For those interested in finding out more please visit the website: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/MixedBreedProgramDetails.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Mattaponi Kennel Club 44th and 45th

All-Breed Dog Shows,
Obedience Trials, and Rally Trials
May 16 and 17, 2009

Entries close aWednesday, April 29, 2009

Prince William County Fairgrounds
Route 234, 2 miles south of Manassas, VA
Entry Fees \$27.00 for first entry of a dog and
\$22.00 for each additional entry of the same
dog
Obedience Judges Mr. and Mrs. Mett - Rally
Judge Mrs. Pratt

Virginia Memorial Day Cluster

Hampton Roads Convention Center
1620 Coliseum Dr., Hampton VA

May 22-25, 2009 - Entries Close May 6, 2009

Langley Kennel Club & Gloucester Kennel Club of VA
All-Breed Conformation Shows, Obedience & Rally
Trials

Obedience Judges: Mr. Nagler, Dr. Ray, Mrs. Wil-
liquette, and Mrs. Barrows

Rally Judges: Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Barrows,
and Mrs. Williquette

Entry Fees \$30.00 for first entry, and \$25.00 for each
additional entry of same dog.

BRAGS

About PCOTC 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.

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Still no obedience brag, but...

Pending AKC approval, Shane is now CH VanHaley Briarmoor Pay Dirt! Shane earned back to back 4 point majors at the Harrisburg shows Easter weekend in Harrisburg PA. Shane was handled by Rhonda Isley at the Bull Run ACD Club supported entry on Saturday for WD/BOW and by Robbie Hughes on Sunday for WD/BOW. Shane is finally home from Camp Misfit and now we can focus on our performance activities.

And a correction for our April brag, the Saturday Louisville win was only 3 points, not 4 points. Shane went to Harrisburg needing one major and 8 points. Easter weekend was sure good to us ;-)

Tracy

Congratulations to Becky and Abbie:

At HROTC trial on April 25 and 26, they received their RN and moved up to Rally Advanced and took 4th place. They also received their 2nd leg toward their CD. Way to go team!

Becky Riley

NEWS FROM JANETT :-))))

Hi all, just a note to let you know that as of this past Saturday Taylor passed her Tracking Dog test & is now Devan's Serendipity TD. She did a 450 yard track in 4.5 minutes! Now we'll be lengthening her tracks as well as continuing w/different ground covers, paths, creeks, etc. She's already pretty good w/indicating articles on the track. It was a learning experience for me as well; I picked up some pointers from people who know a *whole lot* more than me about tracking. We're so proud of her! We're also keeping up with herding, Schutzhund & getting that last CD leg this summer & back in the breeding this fall. Keep your fingers crossed.

Janett Willis

Pet First Aid—Sunday, May 17th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Learn to recognize symptoms and to care for ailments and emergencies

Receive instruction for creating a pet first aid kit
Obtain tips on maintaining your pet's health and well-being

To register & more information call 548-2000

Pre-Registration Required - Class fee schedule available at registration
Course Includes: Certified American Red, Cross Instructor(s), Textbooks,
Instructional Video, Training First Aid Kit

Certificate upon successful completion of course.

Minutes from the January 5th, 2009 Board meeting

(* **bold indicates corrections to the minutes**)

Meeting took place at Beckys house, meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

***** Mark and Veronica got married on 12/29/2008 *****

First order of business was to correct 2009 board: Tammy Darley and Lera Jones resigned.

Changes to the board:

Mark – VP, Tracy – CS, Sharon- BS

2009 board will be as follows:

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| President | Kay Walters | Board Members: |
| Vice President | Mark McCuean | Janice Dezern |
| Treasurer | Paula House | Barbara Veltri |
| Corresponding Secretary .. | Tracy Stevens | Becky Riley |
| Recording Secretary | Leslee Walters | Sharon Wright |

PCOTC's motto for 2009: **PCOTC is gonna shine in "09"**

PCOTC is in need of instructors.

Old business:

Auction for (1) free class will be used for Bark in the Park, Chesapeake

- ◆ Paula will look into Portsmouth Bark in the Park
- ◆ Kay wanted to thank all new and old board members for volunteering their time. If anyone is interested in teaching a class please let her know.
- ◆ Treasures report was read and approved.

New business:

Committee Report (PR)

Leslee made motion for Becky to take over and Mark second- unanimous

Paula will make changes to fliers and add Janice in place of Tammy.

Paula will handle, ad's, collars and leashes.

Mark will check on t-shirts.

Bark in the Park (Chesapeake)

We want an end lot, we want to do a demo, and we will donate \$100.00- Becky to handle making arrangements.

Mark made motion, Paula 2nd, unanimous

Leslee made motion to raffle classes off at Bark in Park (chesa), Barbara 2nd, unanimous.

Mark made motion for Becky to check on the information for the Suffolk Mutt strut. Location, parking etc, - we will discuss at future meeting.

Becky will also check on Portsmouth Civic league, Norfolk parade and Chesapeake parades.

Paula made motion to donate \$50 to Chesapeake and Portsmouth * **Humane society** for 2009

Paula amended motion to yearly donations at 1st quarter until changed. Janice 2nd unanimous.

PUP: Have all information to Veronica by 30th, - 1st week of following month; the PUP will go out every month.

FALL TRIAL

We are making plans for our Fall Obedience Trial.

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 contact Paula at 397-4791.

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Minutes from the January 5th, 2009 Board meeting continuation...

Show:

Sharon made motion to discuss having a trial in 2009- Paula 2nd.

Board discussed – Mark made motion to hold show in October, Paula 2nd, Barbara, Paula, Kay, Leslee, Becky and Janice in favor, Sharon opposed.

Motion to hold trial in 2009 is approved

Rally: Leslee made motion to hold Rally with the obedience show in October, Becky 2nd, Paula, Leslee, Kay and Mark in favor, Sharon and Janice opposed and Barbara abstained. Motion approved

Trail will be held October 24 & 25, 2009

1-premium, 1-catalog

Obedience:

Chairman- Mark

Secretary- Veronica

Rally:

* same

* same

Trophies: Paula and Tracy

Stewards- Barbara

Hospitality- tabled

Rings- Club members

Ads – David House

Booster page- Janice

Judges will be Kay: Tommy Wynn-

Unfinished: Motion made by Paula to discuss charity class, Mark 2nd, Paula will take care of it.

Next meeting will be March 2, 2009 at Barbara's.

Mark made motion for adjournment – Leslee 2nd – Unanimous

TEN PEEVES THAT DOGS HAVE ABOUT HUMANS

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all !!!
2. Yelling at me for barking. I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whooooo Hooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for 'the big snip', then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello??? Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous.
11. Now lay off me on some of these things. We both know who's boss here! You don't see me picking up your poop do you?

Attack on 'first puppy' choice is out of line

By Steve Dale - Tribune Media Services

No, they didn't get a shelter dog. So what?

The First Puppy is as purebred as they come, a Portuguese Water Dog named Bo, a gift from Sen. Ted Kennedy's family. The Kennedys have three Portuguese Water Dogs of their own.

By accepting 6-month-old Bo, who was returned to the breeder by another family, you'd think animal rights (AR) groups would be pleased with the Obamas' choice. Instead, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and the Humane Society of the United States were sharply critical of the President and his family because they didn't adopt a shelter dog.

To be absolutely clear, adopting a shelter animal is one way ordinary people can do something extraordinary; it's relatively inexpensive and you may potentially be saving a life. It's a great thing to adopt a shelter animal. However, I'm sick and tired of AR groups blaming responsible breeders for the ills of animal shelters, as if they're somehow to blame for too many animals being given up and too few being adopted.

When I began writing this column nearly 15 years ago, most people simply considered shelter dogs and cats damaged goods, and were reluctant to adopt. That perception is no longer accepted. Today, shelter adoptions are up, and in many places, way up. Some communities even have shortages of adoptable dogs, so they 'import' them from other cities, counties or states where there's an abundance.

Meanwhile, spay/neuters are up, and overpopulation is down in many parts of America. A complex web of caring volunteers rescue purebred dogs and pedigreed cats, yanking them from shelters (freeing space there for others), and bringing those rescued into home environments to be adopted.

When you subtract the dogs and cats considered unadoptable for behavior and/or health reasons, we're doing better than ever when it comes to adoptions. Still, it is true that too many animals languish and die in shelters. I'm not ignoring that tragic fact.

Unfortunately, animal rights (AR) organizations have blasted Obama for not choosing a shelter dog. The President is not alone. Joe Biden was attacked for purchasing a purebred German Shepherd. In fact, according to these extreme AR groups, anyone who buys a purebred dog or cat from a breeder is considered directly responsible for animals dying in shelters. That leap of faith is simply wrong.

Pets purchased from conscientious breeders rarely land in shelters because, according to most contracts, they must be spay/neutered, and if anything goes wrong the pets are supposed to be returned to the breeder. That's exactly what happened to the Obama puppy, who unfortunately turned out not be a good fit in his first home. He was returned to the breeder rather than dumped at a shelter. If somehow, some way, that puppy had landed in a shelter, Portuguese Water Dog Rescue would have saved him.

In fact, the AR groups have it backwards - responsible breeders are a part of the solution, not the problem. The problems begin with the idiots who breed animals for all the wrong reasons, don't belong to breed clubs or consider genetics in their haphazard breeding. They simply hope to make a buck.

Totally at fault are pet stores (whose animals come from puppy mills and commercial warehouses) selling to anyone with cash. Credible breeders are discerning and interview prospective buyers.

Most of all, according to data, here are reasons animals most often land in shelters: owners who can't deal with a behavior problem and can't find or don't bother to seek suitable help; owners who relocate without taking their pets; people who rent an apartment or buy a condo where pets are prohibited -- and are soon discovered; and owners who can no longer afford to maintain a pet. Increasingly, lots of dogs are confiscated from gangs and other 'bad guys.'

Dealing with all these issues are what we should all be working on - not worrying about the breeders who are acting responsibly. If the AR groups literally had their way - based on their own statements - there would be no breeding whatsoever.

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Attack on 'first puppy' continuation from previous page

Their mantra is to advocate all breeders go away and that each and every animal be "Bob Barkerized" (spayed or neutered). If that were to happen, Maine Coon cats would soon be as endangered as the Cheetah; and Portuguese Water Dogs would be as threatened as the African Wild Dog.

Made to feel guilty, and pushed to do positive PR, the Obamas will make a contribution to the Washington (D.C.) Humane Society. That's nice. But the First Family has nothing to feel guilty about. If you buy a dog from a pet store or a reckless breeder, you should feel guilty. Some people feel they're saving a pet by purchasing it - and while I understand that thinking, the bottom line is you're giving someone money for bad behavior, keeping them in business. Rescuing an animal from a shelter is good, but so is choosing one from a loving and responsible breeder. These two choices are not mutually exclusive.