



the PUP

March 2010 Newsletter

Portsmouth Chesapeake Obedience Training Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Enclosed on this newsletter is the Membership Renewal form. For those who wish to renew their PCOTC membership, please do so by March 15, 2010. The form should be mailed to:

PCOTC, PO Box 3736, Portsmouth VA 23701

Everyone needs to renew by the 15 of March or the club newsletter, The PUP will be discontinued.

**NEXT BASIC CLASS
STARTS MARCH
25TH 2010**

All Dog Adventures - 4111 W. Clay St., Richmond, VA 23230 is conducting several workshops

- ◆ Foundation: This is for young dogs to learn body awareness, relationship skills and the skills needed for all performance sports.
Saturday March 20th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm \$80 working \$45 auditing
- ◆ Novice/Handling: This is for a dog getting ready to compete or for those who want to sharpen their handling skills.
Saturday March 20th 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm \$80 working \$45 auditing
- ◆ Master/Excellent: This is for dogs and handlers who have previously attended a workshop using the Greg Derrett method of handling. Your dog must be working at a master/excellent level.
Sunday March 21st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$150 working \$70 auditing

For more information call 804-355-7737 or email alldogadventures@gmail.com

Dog Training Camp 2010

April 4-9

Graves' Mountain Lodge Syria, VA

For the best time with your dog you have ever had!

- * 2010 - The Volhard's 34th year of annual Dog Training Camps.
- * Volhard Camps have been attended by individuals from almost every State and 15 countries.
- * Exceed Your Goals and Expectations!
- * Innovative training with a purpose to help you and your dog.
- * Improve your training skills and learn what works and why it works.
- * A friendly learning environment in a beautiful setting.
- * A team of instructors with over 20 years of teaching experience.
- * Above all - lots of fun!

<http://www.volhard.com> click on Dog Training Camp 2009

PVSSC All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials

March 27th and 28th, 2010

The Premium and Entry form for PVSSCs All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials are now available on the club website:

www.potomacvalleyssc.com

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.
200 Ridgewood Court N.E.
Vienna, VA 22180-3571
(703) 281-1191
stanktwo@gmail.com

HROTC 117th and 118th Obedience Trials and 10th and 11th Rally Trials

Saturday and Sunday, May 1st and 2nd, 2010 at Merrimac Dog Training Club

Entries close at 6pm, April 14th, at the trial secretary's address. Mail entries with fees to:
Suzie Parsons, 1010 Washington Drive, Chesapeake VA 23322

Entry fees \$25.00 for first entry of a dog and \$20.00 for each additional entry of same dog.
Rally entry fees \$25.00 for first entry of a dog and \$20.00 for each additional entry of same dog.

Judges: Dr. Ellen Adomelis and Mr. Stephen Picciuolo

This event is accepting entries for mixed breed dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

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.
pupedit@pcotcdogs.org

Rally Advisor Committee Seeks Input

The Companion Events Department actively seeks input from the sport fancy for each of our sports every four years; 2010 is the year for Rally. The information received during this solicitation will be combined with other ideas and suggestions received over time for improvements to the sport and its regulations and presented to the Rally Advisory Committee. The committee will collect data and give recommendations to promote and help improve the sport.

The last Rally Advisory Committee met in 2006, just one year after the sport of rally became a titling event for the American Kennel Club. The 2006 committee met to discuss and offer changes to the regulations and the sport in an effort to assist with and overcome some of the sport issues that had already developed. Additional concepts and ideas were discussed, with some being added to test the direction and needs of the sport.

Four years have elapsed since the Rally Advisory Committee met to review the sport and its regulations. We are now asking you for input on how to further develop and improve upon AKC Rally. Here are just a few questions to stir your thoughts:

1. Which, if any, of our current regulations do we need to review, change or further define?
2. What new aspects of our sport can we bring forward: new classes, changes to classes, etc?
3. Are there new exercises and stations that we can bring into the sport to further test our dogs in each of the classes?
4. What can we do to bring more junior competitors into the sport of Rally?

Your input need not be limited to just these questions – any and all suggestions regarding Rally will be welcomed.

In an effort to make the collection of suggestions a smoother process, we are implementing a new system this year. This process automates the collection and filing process for each of your suggestions. It also enables the review of your explanation and/or reasoning for the change suggested on a suggestion-by-suggestion basis.

To submit suggestions for the Rally Advisory Committee, please go to <http://www.tfaforms.com/134727>

Once the link is open, you will need to choose the publication you are referring to, i.e. *Rally Regulations*, *Rally Judges' Guidelines*, etc., the chapter and section you are referring to, your email address and finally your suggestion. Once you hit submit, you will receive an online message that your suggestion has been submitted. An email outlining your submission will also be generated to the email address provided. This process does sound difficult, but we feel it will assist the Committee in receiving your recommendations word for word.

Please note that if you would like to submit multiple suggestions, you must first CLOSE your web browser and then reopen the [Rally Advisory Suggestions web form link](#). DO NOT use the back arrow button to return to the form – it will not function properly.

We need your help and advice for the future of our sport and thank you in advance for your support and suggestions.

Recommendations will be accepted through Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Sincerely,
Curt Curtis, AVP Companion Events

And the Field Staff ... Roger Ayres, Bill Thayne, Larry Warsoff, Diane Schultz, and Betty Winthers

Help Tackle Canine Cancer Free DNA Collection Clinic

ALL PURE BREEDS NEEDED AND WELCOME



THE TIDEWATER AFGHAN HOUND CLUB IS PLEASED TO SPONSOR A DNA COLLECTION CLINIC TO SUPPORT CANINE CANCER RESEARCH

DNA COLLECTIONS

- SALIVA BASED
- FAST & EASY
- NO COST
- CONFIDENTIAL
- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



When: March 13, 2010

Where: Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel
5700 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, Va. 23451
Ballroom, 2nd. Floor

Time: 10am to 3pm

Contact: Pat Warner
757-426-5933
patan@cox.net

The Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium, a NIH 'Grand Opportunity' Grant Initiative
Two world-class cancer research institutes have teamed up to tackle canine cancer - The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) of Phoenix and the Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) of Grand Rapids.
The research will identify genes responsible for breed-specific susceptibilities to cancer—for example, hemangiosarcoma in Spaniels, and Osteosarcoma in sighthounds—with the ultimate goal of translating new discoveries into tangible benefits for both canine and human patients.

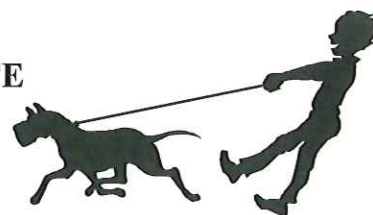
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PORTSMOUTH CHESAPEAKE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC



Application For Membership Renewal

I hereby apply for renewal of my membership in the Portsmouth-Chesapeake Obedience Training Club, Inc. (PCOTC) and agree to abide by the Constitution and Standing Guidelines of PCOTC. I have enclosed fees in the amount of \$20.00 for membership plus yearly training dues \$20.00 for Advanced. (Training dues are waived if member has obtained a "UD" title)
Mail to PCOTC, PO Box 3736, Portsmouth VA 23701

Name: _____ Age if under 18 _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Alternate Phone: () _____
E-mail Address: _____ Published, Yes _____ No _____
Would you prefer your newsletter by E-mail or Snail mail? _____
 Please check box if no information has changed since last year?

_____ RENEWAL, List previous training – When and Where Dog's Name _____

Obedience Titles Earned: _____
Goals to Achieve: _____

Check any activity that you are willing to help with or volunteer your services:

- be a "Buddy" for a prospective member
- work CGC events
- work class registration table
- clean building
- instruct/assist obedience classes
- be a board member
- steward
- work obedience trials
- clean grounds
- demos
- chair/serve on a committee
- computer
- newsletter
- work obedience run-thrus
- OTHER: _____

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Name of Owner (if different from name on reverse side)

Address _____

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip* _____

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent
(In case of minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Date:

** \$25.00 Service Charge for Insufficient Bank Funds or Returned PCOTC Membership Check.