



# ON LEAD

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## NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 19 - 7:00  
AT THE CHURCH**

2725 Concord Dr. Florissant. MO

**Bring your own beverage and a  
favorite dish**

**POT  
LUCK**

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	Carol Carter
	Bryan Clifford

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## The President's Gavel

Greetings members,

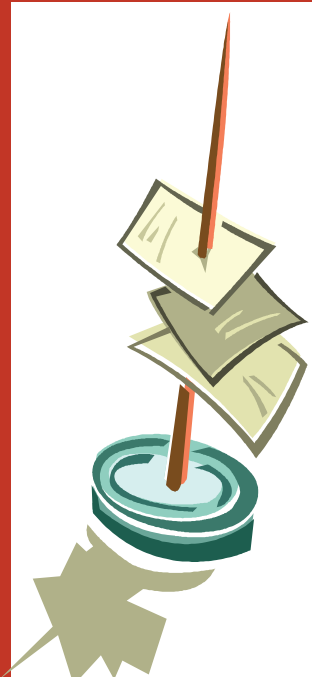
The weather has broken and it's really looking like spring is very near. Coming into one of my favorite things to do, training outside! Get out and enjoy the wonderful weather with your dog and get some extra training in to boot.

Remember that this month's (March) meeting is pot luck. So please bring something along to share.

Some upcoming dates to remember: our show n go is May 2nd at WOOF in Wentzville and our summer trial is coming up June 19-21, also at Woof. Let's everyone pitch in at these events. The more that help out the easier the job is.

See you at the meeting. Tim

### ***To Do List for March***

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- All: Contact Sharon Dash if you would like to submit a photo for the Rainbow Bridge Wall.
  - Nancy: Send out updated membership directory.
  - Nancy: Send out policies and by-laws.
  - Nancy: Send Hycinth Vincent the T-Shirt Ordering information.
  - All: Send photos to Stephanie to appear on our website..
  - All: Volunteer! It's the best way to get involved and meet new people.
  - All: POT LUCK meeting in March - bring a dish!



# **BRAGS**



## **February Meeting**

Missy Kichline and Pearl titled in Intermediate Rally the first day and scored 100 the next day at the Collie Club Trial.

Tim Cutshall and 10-month old Gala participated in her first Trial. She qualified with a 96 on Saturday and a 97 on Sunday at the Collie Club Trial.



## **THIS & THAT**

### **NEW APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1st Reading – Debbie Lynch

Debbie is from St. Peters MO, is retired, and her hobbies are Dog Training and Videos. She owns Cooper, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. She recently moved from Milwaukee WI, was a long-time member of the local obedience training club and taught the Canine Freestyle Dance Class for the past 10 years. She has titled two dogs, both Corgi's, earning championship titles in Agility, Trick and Canine Freestyle Dance. She loves dancing with her dogs, and her goal is to spread the joy. In fact, she has offered to teach Freestyle Dance for our Club.



### **HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Clay Lincoln - March 2  
Kathy Schreck - March 21

Note - please let Sue Bierman know your birthday so we can celebrate. (sbier1031@yahoo.com)



# Future Obedience and Agility Trials

**Check the AKC web site for accuracy**

## March 2020

- 06-08 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina
- 14-15 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 21-22 Greater St. Louis Sheltie Club - Obedience at Westinn
- 27-29 National Agility Championship - Perry, Georgia
- 28-29 Columbia Kennel Club - Obedience @ Purina

## April 2020

- 03-05 Dalmation Club of Stl - Agility @ Westinn
- 10-12 Greater St. Louis Agility Club - Agility @ Kim'a
- 17-19 Capitol Canine TC - Agility @ Westinn
- 20-22 Gordon Setter Club - Agility @ Purina
- 24-26 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 29 Doberman Club of Missouri - Obedience @ Purina
- 30 Kuvasz Club of America - Rally @ Purina

## May 2020

- 01-03 Triune Agility Club - Agility @ Triune Building
- 02 **NCOTC Show & Go - Westinn Kennels**
- 08-10 Capitol Canine OTC - Agility @ Glen Carbon
- 16-17 Greater St Louis Obedience Training Club - Obedience @ North County Rec
- 16-17 US Australian Shepherd Assoc - Agility @ Purina
- 22-24 St. Louis Sheltie Club - Agility @ Wood River
- 28 Gateway Terrier Assoc- Rally @ Purina (Terrier Group)

## June 2020

- 05-07 Mound City OTC - Agility @ Kim's
- 12-14 Schipperke Club of America - Agility @ Kim's
- 15-16 American Rottweiler Club - Agility @ Purina
- 21-23 NCOTC - Obedience @ Purina**
- 26 National Rally Championship - Wilmington, OH
- 26-28 MRKC - Obedience @ Purina
- 26-28 National Obedience Championship - Wilmington, OH
- 27-28 Springfield MO DTC - Agility @ Springfield

## July 2020

- 04-05 Show-Me Agility Club - Agility @ Westinn
- 10-12 Tri County Agility Club - Obedience @ Westinn
- 17-19 American Spaniel Club - Agility @ Purina
- 18-19 American Spaniel Club - Obedience @ Purina
- 24-26 Gateway Agility Club - Agility @ Purina
- 31 Springfield MO DTC - Obedience @ Springfield
- 31 St Louis Sheltie Club - Agility @ Purina



**Trainers/Assistant Trainers Meeting** - Friday, March 20, 6:30 at the building

We are looking new assistants and for a few assistant trainers and/or former trainers who can be on a substitute list for a session. Contact BJ

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**Building Cleaning Day**

Come help get ready for the new session - Monday, April 6, 6:30

Contact Hycinth Vincent if you can help - hrvinny@aol.com

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**POT LUCK MEETING**

DON'T FORGET - THE MARCH MEETING IS A POT LUCK!  
BRING A DRINK AND YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE.

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**CGC, CGC(A) and Trick Tests**

Tests - Sunday March 29 - 4:00

CGC and CGC(A) Practice sessions - Saturday, March 21 - 4:30

Thursday, March 26 - 6:30

Cost - Practice dates are free

CGC(A) testing is \$15

Trick testing is \$10 (\$5 for current students)

Notify Stephanie Markl if you are planning to attend.

trouble100x2@yahoo.com



# Front & Finish

## 2019 Delaney Obedience Rating System

### Compiled by Dave Pluth

The Delaney Rating System compares performances of dogs in AKC all breed obedience competition. This system was originally devised by Kent Delaney, a highly respected obedience and breed judge. The philosophy of the Delaney Rating System is that teams placing in each class are the best performers and comparisons of teams should only include these participants. Therefore, this system only ranks dogs that place first through fourth in Open and Utility classes. Novice class dogs are not included in this system.

Among teams that place, one point is earned for each dog defeated in a given class. For example in a class of twenty competing teams, the first place winner would earn 19 points as it defeated this number of other dogs. The team in second place would receive 18 points, the third place team would earn 17 points, and the fourth place team would earn 16 points. After points in each class are determined they are compiled across a given competition year.

Ratings published by Front & Finish list the top ten dogs ranking highest across all breeds, within each group and by breed. Dogs must earn a minimum of four points in a given year to be listed and all ties are reported. Dogs are listed with the recognized AKC titles they received during the competition year and they may not reflect a dog's current titles.

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NCOTC members who appeared in the ratings are listed below with titles as of 12/31/19

#### Top Ten Miniature Schnauzer

#3 Christine Carter and MACH PACH Southcross Double Feature UDX3 OM6 BN GN 32 pts  
VER RM RAE3 MXB MJB

#4 Nancy Lincoln and MACH Southcross Secret Code CDX PCD BN RA MXS OF T2B 30 pts

#### Top Ten Bearded Collie

#1 Laurie Lo and Majela Chaniam Vimiusa By Stealth UDX2 OM4 167 pts

#### Top Ten Mixed Breeds

#9 Greg Gouge and Jada Mayhem UDX PCDX OM1 BN GN RAE3 CGCA 28 pts

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## WHAT TO DO ABOUT A DOG FIGHT

**Two dogs got into a fight at the dog park yesterday. Afterward, everyone debated the safest way to separate fighting dogs. What do you recommend?**

Before we talk about the right ways to break up a dogfight, let's first focus on the wrong ways:

- Never reach in with your hands to separate fighting dogs. The intense nature of the fight may cause even your own dog not to recognize your hand or arm. Animals may attack anything in the fight zone, and serious bites can result.
- Never put your face close to the fight. The location of the brawl can change quickly and may move to include where your face is.
- Never grab the dog by the tail and attempt to pull him away from the fight. The dog is maximally stimulated and might quickly wheel around and bite your hand.

### **What, then, are some sound strategies to safely break up a dogfight?**

We asked several trainers, veterinarians, dog groomers, and veterinary technicians and were surprised by the wide variety of answers: One trainer said to step on the combatant's feet. He said this distracts the dog enough for him to stop fighting.

- A groomer says she places a large push broom against the chest of the fighter and shoves him away from the other dog by extending her arms and the broomstick.
- A veterinary technician says he uses a police whistle to blow loud, shrill blasts right above the fight to distract the dogs.
- A veterinarian suggests placing the sole of the foot against one of the dogs' chests and sharply pushing the dog away.
- Other ideas: throw water on them, scream loudly, and bang the ground next to the fighters.

Overall, use some common sense, and be careful. Use foresight before placing your dog in stressful situations that may lead to a fight. Spend time with your dog, learn his temperament, and recognize when he is getting agitated or ready to fight. If your dog is aggressive or a chronic fighter, these problems can often be aided greatly by neutering. Obedience and socialization classes can help turn a fighter into a better citizen and a more enjoyable companion. I certainly believe that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Originally published in the "Ask Dr. Kevin" column [AKC Family Dog](#) by Kevin Fitzgerald, a staff veterinarian at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver, who is also featured on Animal Planet's *E-Vet Interns*.



**MACH5 Southcross Majority Vote UDX2 OM2 BN GN GO VER  
RN MXC2 MJS2 MXP2 MJP XF RATO AMSC Versatility  
Nov 7, 2006 - Feb 13, 2020**

We had to say goodbye to our Major at 13.5 years. He was the sweetest dog we have ever had - just wanted to please. He earned his UD in eight trials, followed by eight straight UDX legs and a Utility first. He absolutely hated the metal articles, but still managed to pick them up - to please. He loved agility and really loved Barn Hunt. We miss him so much.

Clay and Nancy Lincoln

If love could keep you here, you would live forever. Anonymous