



WAGGIN' TAILS

Newsletter of the
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June 2020

CALENDAR:

6/4/20 Classes resume

6/9/20 General Meeting (see info)

6/27-6/28/20 Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

6/30/20 Board Meeting

All therapy visits are canceled

Boys and Girls Club Waggin Tails reading program:

Canceled until further notice...



Classes WILL start on June 4th at the Shingle Springs Community Center. Classes offered: Puppy, Beginning, CGC/Beg2, Nosework

There will NOT be Conformation Classes offered at this time



JUNE

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 9th

6:30pm-8pm

El Dorado Pet Club Dog Park

4131 S. Shingle Springs Rd.

Shingle Springs, CA

This is located next to the Post Office in the shopping center with the

Breakroom Restaurant

Please bring your own chair, a mask if you wish and feel free to bring food and beverages.

Places will be marked for social distance seating

NO DOGS AT THIS MEETING PLEASE

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB:

Agility: our trials are canceled for the following dates:

May 8th, 9th and 10th (Daytime)

June 8th, 9th and 10th (Evening)

Agility Trial still scheduled: August 24th, 25th and 26th (Evening) (I believe these are now canceled too)

Training Classes June 4 (4 weeks) Shingle Springs Community Center

Rattlesnake Avoidance June 27-28 and July 25-26

Bobbie Lyons seminar Sept. 19-20 postponed to April 2021

Upcoming Seminars and Matches:

April 2021 – HKC Seminars presents Bobbie Lyons of Pawsitive Performance . Bobbie is an expert in the area of canine fitness! More details to follow.

October 2021 – Kathy Sdao

BOARD MEETING NOTICE: OUR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD at the El Dorado Pet Club Dog Park on June 30

PLEASE NOTE THAT OBEDIENCE CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JUNE 4TH. Conformation/Handling classes will not resume at that time.

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION:

We will have an in person General Meeting on June 9th at 6:30pm. It will be held at the El Dorado Pet Club Dog Park at the back of the shopping center where we have been having our General Meetings at the Breakroom. Kerry McBride has generously offered us the use of this outdoor space (it has a series of large canopies for shade) for our meetings. Thank you KERRY! You will need to bring your own chair, food, beverage, mask and sense of humor! Social distancing will be encouraged and places will be marked for the correct distancing of your chair. If you have something for the agenda, please contact Carol Sweeney prior to the end of this week. Please make an effort to be in attendance!

Two items of interest:

Animal oxygen masks were delivered to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department at their request. Thanks Sherry.

At the Board meeting it was approved to send a letter to three state legislators and to the Governor in regard to our Fairground's need for funding in the upcoming budget.



RATTLE SNAKE INFORMATION: Rattlesnake training is still going forward in June and July. There will be significant rules to follow during this event. Social Distancing will be enforced. Participants will be asked to stay in their vehicles until it is their turn to go for training. Masks will be available for workers and participants at no cost from HKC.

People are needed to fill several kinds of positions as workers.



LUNCH HELPERS



SETTING UP AND TEARING DOWN



RUNNERS TO GET THE PARTICIPANTS FROM THEIR VEHICLES TO THE WORKING SITE

June is full as per Cheryl Tibbals but there is still space on July 25th after 3pm and July 26th has many spots left.

To offer to help contact Cheryl

To register to participate contact Cathy Keeler



EDITOR'S CORNER

So here we are!

Another month has gone by with the new normal of social distancing, masks and civil unrest. Not making a political statement just an observation of fact. Some mornings when I wake up, I think that this has been just a long bad dream but no, its real. So I get up and dust myself off for another day. I have been keeping up with my training through online classes and workshops which are a terrific way to learn if you have no alternative! I recently took a workshop that dealt with "heeling". I have been teaching heeling to my dogs and other people's dogs for over 30 years. You would think I would be an expert. Not so much it seems. The basics are a piece of cake, most of my dogs have had decent skills but now I would love to see some cool high scoring heeling since I have so much time on my hands. You know what was missing from my dogs' schooling? Clear communication of what my expectations were for the exercise. "Close enough" is not a good criteria for excellence in any activity. I know that. But I have always given up at the "close enough" stage of training. Or the "I think that's right" stage. I have rewarded

the "close enough" stage often enough to make it the criteria the dogs have thought was right. Dogs, like most humans, prefer a black / white standard versus a gray standard. I was using the gray standard. When it was pointed out to me (we do video submissions of our practices) that I was rewarding at the gray area not the black/white area of my heeling criteria, my dog's heeling improved drastically. Sounds so easy, the retraining of the woman with the cookies in her hand is the hardest part. So my point is in everything we do we should set a criteria, keep that picture in our mind and strive to achieve that picture. Don't settle for less and always be aware of the "good enough" trap we can fall into.

Mary Clark

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN GET TITLES ON YOUR DOGS IN BOTH RALLY AND TRICKS VIRTUALLY? The AKC has just announced that its Novice Rally title (RN) is available by video! Yep, you can get all the details on the AKC website. If you are interested in doing this but have never taken a Rally class, I can send you my teaching outline with practice courses to use to learn the signs. You can print the signs from the AKC website for free. Just email me a request and I will be happy to forward my lessons to you. Please don't share with anyone outside of the club.

Stay safe and healthy! Watch your email for club meeting updates and check FaceBook and the Website often.