

TEETER TALES



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2017 Kruisin' Banquet was a Great Bash!

Club members had a good time at the Kruisin' Kanines annual banquet, January 28, at the Gardenville Hotel. Many thanks to Linda Goldman for planning, executing, choosing delicious food, communicating all the details, and coming up with such fun games! Linda designed and painted the dog toss board below, which deterred many determined efforts to defeat the odds. The mystery kid photo contest was a challenge for most people, but Rosemary McQuate won with 8 of



them right. Alan's video presentation was a hit, as usual, with so many memorable team moments it was a pleasure to watch. Sally's slide show of the numerous certificates Terri assembled and awarded to members told the story of how successful Cruisers are as individuals and a club. It was wonderful to see members who aren't always at the barn or doing the same types of trials.

Thanks to everyone who made this such a fun night!

Board and General
Membership Meeting

**Board Meeting 6:15/
General Meeting 8:15**

**February 27 @ the
Firehouse**

Work Days

**March 2 (afternoon)
March 3 (evening)**

UKI Trial

March 4 @ the barn

Kruisin' Kanines

AKC Trial

April 29 & 30

**ENTRIES OPEN ON
Tuesday March 7, 8am**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON
Tuesday April 11, 6pm**

JUDGE

Pam Johnson

SATURDAY (small to tall): Prem Std, Ex Std, Open Std, Nov Std, T2B, Prem JWW, Ex JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW

SUNDAY (tall to small): Ex JWW, open JWW, Nov JWW, FAST, Ex Std, Open Std Nov Std

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Kruisin' Kanines Minutes, January 28,

Location: The Gardenville Hotel, during the banquet, at approximately 9pm.

Minutes: The minutes for the December meeting were not approved; this will be done at the next meeting.

President's Report (Konnie McCaffree):

Konnie thanked everyone who was involved in organizing the banquet, and thanked the members for attending.

Committees

Treasurer (Tony Luzynski):

No Treasurer's report.

Training (Carole Allen, Training Director):

No Training Committee report.

April AKC Trial (Anne Ford):

- The judge is confirmed.
- We have received permission from the club that is 98 miles away from us to hold the trial.
- The committee will soon begin to ask for volunteers.
- Workdays are requested for Thursday, April 27 (afternoon), and Friday, April 28 (evening). Times TBD.

UKI 2016 Trials (Teresa Koziatek):

- The next UKI trial will be March 4.
- Workdays are requested for Thursday, March 2 (afternoon) and Friday, March 3 (evening). Times TBD.
- Teresa will ask for volunteers for food and trial jobs. She will

be out of town for work during the week before the trial, and will need help with tasks that week, particularly someone to lead the Thursday, March 2, workday.

Membership (Peg Antrobus):

No Membership Committee report.

Library (Becky Forry):

The library is on hold at this time. However the current collection is available and resides in the office.

Website (Allison Miele):

No update from Allison, but Konnie thanked Allison for all of the work she has done to bring our new website live.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Due to the number of classes offered by Kruisin on Monday–Thursday nights, the membership approved a plan to rotate the nights of Membership meetings from Monday–Thursday nights. Konnie will have to contact the Firehouse since our current contract is only for Thursday nights.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.

**** The date and time of the next meeting have not yet been determined.**

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Koziatek, Secretary

Judge: Judy Kolva

Entry Fees: \$14 / run; except Masters Series—two runs for \$32 with cash prizes

Bitches in season are *not* allowed to run at this show.

Entry limit: no limit!

Show Manager: Teresa Koziatek, teresakoziatek1@gmail.com

Crating opens: 7:30am
Briefing: 8:15am
Judging starts: 8:30am

**Train in a trial environment!
Not For Credit (NFC) runs
always available**



**March 4 @ the
Kruisin' Barn**

Enter online:
www.UKAgilityInternational.com

Download Premium from:
KruisinKanines.com

Entries Close Feb 25

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Agility
Masters Agility
Gamblers
Nursery
Masters Jumping
Jumping
SpeedStakes

Visit KK or UKI for titling program details.

Not sure if you can make this show?
Late and day-of show entries accepted.
Or, even better, send all your entry information by email to the show secretary so you're in the system. If you can attend, pay the day of the show. If you can't, you don't owe anything.

Trainers Talk

“What brought you to agility?”

Dina M. Melendez



Boone was just about 18 months old and I had a friend with a very “exuberant” Irish Setter. I had found a class for her and her dog at the Pet Campus in Pineville. She agreed to go...as long as I went with her. The class was “Taming the Teens,” and I have to say, I can’t even remember if my friend finished the class with her dog—but I really enjoyed the class.

I had taken basic obedience classes with my Dalmatian, Jake, but life changed with my health, then children, so dog training went on the back burner for a while. Now, 14 years later, there was a whole new world opening up with Boone. No matter what the instructor did to break his sit/stay, Boone wouldn’t flinch—he had the laser beam stare and was a perfect companion. She asked, “Why are you in ‘this’ class? You need to do something with this dog; he’s really wonderful!”

Looking through the list of classes, something caught my eye that looked interesting. I asked, “What’s agility?” That moment would be the beginning of an incredible journey for Boone and me that I couldn’t have imagined in my wildest dreams!

Kim Secter

What brought me to agility? One word sums that up: “Mesa,” a wild yellow Labrador puppy. Mesa was the girl who opened up the whole world of dog sports to me, and the puppy that Russ and I adopted to heal our broken hearts after the passing of our sweet dog “Hoover.”

Time travel back to 1997: we had lost our sweet Lab mix “Hoover” to hemangiosarcoma after 8 loyal and wonderful years. He had been our hiking buddy and my work companion in the Hand Clinic in Denver, Colorado. A week after we lost Hoover, Russ came home saying a woman in his office was looking to re-home a Labrador puppy. (She had a 25-lb restriction on pets in her apartment.) Mesa was 6 months old and had already been in four homes before ours. She was a bundle of energy with absolutely no training. After our first hike, where we spent 2 hours trying to catch her, I decided I had to actually “train this dog!” We named her “Mesa” after the Mesa Trail where she had made her first escape! I have lots of wonderful stories about Mesa, including the time she sailed out of the back window of my Toyota 4-Runner as I drove through the parking lot at the local grocery store to snag a hot dog they were grilling for a promotion outside! At that time, I was purely a pet dog owner: my dog rode free in the back of my truck and I thought nothing of it. I had so very many firsts with this dog and she offered me so many lessons with her kind heart.



My brown eyed Girl “MESA”!

Mesa and I started private lessons with an obedience trainer who handed me a prong collar the very first day. We made our way through training and ultimately I was told she had the right stuff to be a top level obedience dog. Thus, I enrolled her in some competition classes. I also found out about agility at that same time after watching a demonstration at a local event. In 1999, we moved to Libertyville, IL, and I took up training more seriously. I was taking both group agility and obedience classes. We attended our first agility competition in 2000 and we were hooked! Because of Mesa, I eventually learned to discard my prong collar and take up a clicker and positive motivational training methods. I was totally enthralled with learning as much as I could about how to build my relationship and communication with this amazing animal. Mesa taught me so very many lessons, and in the year 2000 we welcomed another Labrador puppy to our home with the express knowledge that he would be a “performance” dog. That was our Maverick.

In a nutshell, I would say that the things that brought me to agility were the desire to better understand my dog and develop a relationship with her. To experience being a team with a dog is like no other feeling in the world. Who knew that the little yellow Lab pup we picked up that rainy day would be my escort into a whole new world! I am so very grateful for all she gave me.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Some dogs and cats will let you brush their teeth. I've only known two dogs (not mine!) who did, but I still try with every new dog. Vets recommend brushing your pet's teeth *daily*, if possible. Plaque and tartar build up in animals' mouths just as they do in ours, and can lead to periodontal disease, which in turn can cause diabetes and cardiovascular disease, as it does in humans. Other systemic health conditions associated with periodontal disease in humans include low birthweight babies, some cancers, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and respiratory disease. It wouldn't be surprising if dogs and cats are experiencing or susceptible to these same conditions. Periodontal bacteria has been found in the hearts, kidneys, liver, and joints of pets studied.

To combat periodontal disease, and bad breath (as opposed to normal dog breath, of course!), try regular brushing with dog-friendly flavored toothpaste (never human toothpaste), schedule routine dental cleanings (which in many dogs does not require anesthesia—ever heard of the “toothfairy” here in Bucks County?), and toys designed to clean teeth as they are chewed.

Henson put the kibosh on tooth brushing right off the bat. My vet told me to use a rough towel or my fingernail to remove plaque, but even that requires 6-8 hands with Henson, so it doesn't happen as often as it should.

I read an article in *Healthy Pet* that recommended this routine:

Week 1: rub your pet's muzzle several times a day, without even touching the teeth. Keep sessions short, and reward with a treat. Let your pet decide when he/she has had enough.

Week 2: Put a dollop of pet-flavored toothpaste on the pet's lips, massage the muzzle as before, and repeat a couple of times. Reward.



Old LIFE magazine photo

Week 3: Using an extra soft-bristled toothbrush (preferably designed for dogs), or moistened gauze wrapped around your fingers, a finger brush, or even a cotton swab, gently brush or rub the outside of the teeth (between teeth and cheeks). If you can manage the lingual, or inside of teeth, go for it! The canines and back teeth are likely to have the most tartar buildup.

Whether this regimen will be adequate depends on your dog's genes, diet, success of home cleaning, and how often it is done. Professional cleaning may still occasionally be necessary, which you can always discuss with your vet.

≈Signs of Oral Maladies≈

Really bad breath, refusal to eat, pawing at the mouth, sneezing or unusual nasal discharge, swelling below an eye, bleeding, broken, missing or discolored teeth, changes in chewing, excessive drooling, eye discharge or heavy tearing, lump in the mouth, pain when opening or closing mouth.

Don't miss Kruisin' Kanine members
Jeanie Burton/River, Kim Sector/Piper, Kris Bartell/Tonk, Jeff Abel/Snafu,
and Carole Allen/Kelsey & Trudy
competing at the
2017 Masters Agility Championship at Westminster
Saturday, February 12: Trial 8am-4pm, Finals 7pm-9pm
GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!

2017 Kruisin' Banquet!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Bernadette Fletcher and Toni received their MACH 1. They also were awarded the AKC Special Award of Merit for Outstanding Performance in the Regular Agility Class on December 17, 2016.



Konnie McCaffree and MACH 12 Iako Qd in all five runs at the AKC Invitational in Orlando, December 16-18, 2016. Dogs must be in the top 5 during a calendar year that begins July 1 and ends June 30 to attend. The top 5 have accumulated the most points through QQs, and the fastest times under standard course time. Iako was #2 of the German Shepherds and, although he did not make the finals, he was #22 of 300+ dogs.



Dina Melendez and Boone were awarded the AKC Special Award of Merit for Outstanding Performance in Preferred Agility Classes, and top Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier of 2015, on December 17, 2016.



Upcoming Kruisin Events

February 2017

February 27 – Board meeting 6:15/
General Membership meeting 8:15 @
the firehouse (note: this is a Monday night)

March 2017

March 2 – barn work day (afternoon)
March 3 – barn work day (evening)
March 4 – UKI Trial @ the barn

April 2017

April 29 & 30 – AKC trial @ the barn



Weekly Club Events 2017

Every Sunday: Run Thrus all day, unless another club event is scheduled

For a detailed look at all Kruisin' Classes and Events, visit www.kruisinkanines.com and

click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#)

For the Barn Use Schedule

click: [Barn Use Calendar](#)

Teeter Tales deadline: 19th of the month before publication date

For general information visit www.kruisinkanines.com

Training Schedule

Mondays

6:30-7:30 pm Foundations 2 (w/Anna Burbank)
7-8:30 pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)
7:45-8:45 pm Beginner Agility (w/Anna Burbank)

Tuesdays

6:30-7:30 pm Skills & Handling (w/Linda Goldman)
7-8 pm Foundations 1 (w/Dina Melendez)
8-9pm Skills & Drills (w/Kim Sector)

Wednesdays

9:30-11am Advanced (w/Konnie McCaffree)
5-6 pm Nose Work1-2 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
6-7pm Intro to Nose Elements, 2 (w/Stacy Barnett)
6:30-8pm Masters & Beyond! (w/Jeff Abel)
7-8 pm Intro to NW Elements, 2 (w/Stacy Barnett)
8-9pm Developing Amazing Weaves (Jeff Abel)
8-9pm Intro to Nose W Elements (w/Stacy Barnett)

Thursdays

10:30am-noon Intermediate (w/Rosemary McQuate)
6-7pm Go the Distance! (w/Sue Tovino)
7-8pm Novice/Open with a bit of Excellent! (w/Sue Tovino)
8-9pm Masters/International (w/Sue Tovino)

THE BOARD

President: Konnie McCaffree

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Secretary: Teresa Kosiatek

DIRECTORS:

Linda Goldman

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TRAINING DIRECTOR:

Carole Allen

Kruisin' Kanines holds a General Membership meeting once a month. The Board of Directors also meets once a month. If you would like to attend either meeting, please check the Kruisin' website calendar for dates and times.

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