



## Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.

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### Membership Meeting

November 10, 2009

#### The following will be attached to the newsletter:

- Dues notice for the 2010 Club Year
- Annual Christmas Dinner Invitation
- Trophy donation for Annual AKC Obedience Trial
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The Board of Directors would like to thank AOTC Club Members and Madison County 4-H Dog Group who donated their time to work the Anderson and Muncie Kennel Club Shows. This year the club was paid \$2,000.00. A donation of \$500.00 will go to the 4-H Group. The extra income from this project has allowed AOTC to purchase new matting, a cargo trailer to store equipment, helped to keep our membership dues from increasing and cover the increasing cost of running the club.

### **Public Education**

In August, AOTC, with the help of Patty Sample, Avis McGee and Shirley Spall, set up an information table at the Indiana State Fair Dog Obedience Show. The American Kennel Club provided the club with a large AKC Banner and materials for the booth. It was an excellent opportunity to talk with the public and advertise our club. Picture of the booth and Madison County 4-Her's will be posted to our website – [www.andersonobediencclub.org](http://www.andersonobediencclub.org).

### **Coming Events**

- **November 17, 2009** the club will be sponsoring an AKC Sanctioned C Match for Obedience.
- **November 24, 2009** will be an AKC Sanctioned C Rally Match.

This will be a good opportunity to practice with your dog under actual ring conditions. November 17<sup>th</sup> we will have all regular and non-regular obedience classes. November 24<sup>th</sup> all regular rally classes will be offered. Exhibitors may do all or part of the total

exercises from a given class, or we will allow a specific amount of "ring time" desired by the exhibitor. Second "run throughs" after all first "run throughs" have been completed. Correction shall be limited to verbal corrections, or gently guiding the dog. Exhibitors may use food or toys in the rings. Match Secretary, Patty Sample, will have advance entry forms at class.

- **December 1, 2009** will be the last training class for 2009.
- **December 8, 2009** the club will hold their Annual Christmas Dinner at the armory. Invitation for the Christmas Dinner will be included with the newsletter.

## **American Kennel Club Introduces AKC Canine Partners Program for Mixed-Breed Dogs & Their Owners**

Starting October 1, 2009, mixed-breed dog owners can visit [www.akccaninepartners.org](http://www.akccaninepartners.org) and enroll their dog in the American Kennel Club® Canine Partners Program. Mixed-breed dogs and their owners will now be able to participate in canine competitions held by AKC-affiliated dog clubs nationwide and access many AKC programs and services including lifetime enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR).

For a \$35 enrollment fee, owners will receive benefits worth more than \$50 including a free AKC logo ID collar tag with the dog's listing number and the AKC CAR pet recovery 800 number. Ensuring that your pet wears this tag increases the chances of finding your dog should he/she become lost. AKC CAR has reunited more than 360,000 animals with their owners since 1995.

Once enrolled, dogs will receive their AKC Canine Partners listing number plus:

- Lifetime enrollment in AKC CAR Pet Recovery Service
- AKC CAR collar tag with AKC Canine Partners Listing Number
- One-year subscription to *AKC Family Dog* magazine
- Frame able 8.5" x 11" AKC Canine Partners Certificate of Recognition
- AKC Canine Partners decal
- Eligibility to participate in mixed-breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning in April 2010.

Additional benefits including a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, and various other offers from AKC affiliates and sponsors will be added to the program in the future. With mixed-breed, classes beginning April 1, 2010, dog owners have time to kick-start their competitive training regimen. Go to [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) to the [club search function](#) and look-up agility and obedience clubs in your area where you can enroll in classes and begin learning about events so that both members of your team can be ready to hit the ring and rake in the ribbons come Spring!

To find an event near you starting April 1, 2010 visit: <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program for mixed-breed dogs visit: [www.akccaninepartners.org](http://www.akccaninepartners.org)

### **April 10, 2010 AKC Annual Obedience Event**

**AOTC's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual AKC Obedience Trial** will be held in Noblesville, Indiana at the Hamilton County Exhibit Center. We will be offering Mixed Breed classes at the event, so any member with a mixed breed dog will be able to compete and work toward obtaining an obedience and or rally title on their dog. The information to obtain your AKC Canine Partner listing number is included with the newsletter. Any member who has additional questions may contact Patty Sample for information. The following chairpersons for the event are Mike Kennedy, Trial Chairman, Patty Sample, Trial Secretary, and Annette Mier, Trophy Chairman. Annette has made contact with some of the club members for a trophy donation, and would like to thank all who donated. Attached to the newsletter will be a Trophy Donation letter for those members who have not been contacted by telephone. This year, with the addition of Mixed Breed Classes, we will have additional class placement to cover.

Due to Indiana State Gaming Laws, the club will no longer be allowed to have a raffle at our obedience trial. The Indiana Gaming Commission does not usually grant a permit for IRS 501-C-7 organizations to hold gaming events. For members who have donated to the raffle, we will discuss the return of items at the next membership meeting.

### **Training Class Schedule**

The last Kindergarten Puppy Class and Beginners/Basic Class will start October 13, 2009 and end November 10, 2009.

- Novice Class 8:15 – 9:15 PM      Open and Utility 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM
- The last class for 2009 will December 1, 2009.
- November 17, 2009 - 6:30 to 9:30 PM will be an Obedience Show and Go.
- November 24, 2009 – 6:30 to 9:30 PM will be a Rally Show and Go.

### **Please Donate**

AOTC would like to encourage members to please donate to Madison County Humane Society and Anderson Animal Care and Control. They are always in need of items to care for the abandoned dogs and cats. Some needed items are food, cleaning supplies, beds, crates and as always cash, donations are appreciated.

### **Class Instructors**

All class instructors serve on a volunteer basis. Kindergarten Puppy and Basic/Beginners classes are the main financial support for the club. Without those classes, the membership dues would be much higher. These classes must have an instructor. To instruct in those classes a person must have trained and completed at least an AKC CD

Title on one or more dogs and have assisted in the classes with an experienced instructor. Any member who would like to assist with the KPT or a Beginner/Basic Class should contact Sherry Massey, Director of Training. There is always an instructor for the Novice Class. At the present time the Open and Utility Class does not always have an instructor.

Many of our regular instructors have a class assigned to them every 5 weeks. Sometimes at the expense of working their own dog. The club feels that all members should be willing to give back to the sport by helping with classes, and helping out with the trial. Without clubs like Anderson Obedience Training Club and the members who give of their time freely – **THERE WOULD BE NO AKC EVENTS FOR EXHIBITOR TO COMPETE AT TO EARN THEIR MANY AKC TITLES** – so I hope all of our members will practice being a giver and not just a taker for the “Sport of Obedience/Rally”.

### **Congratulations**

Many of the members of AOTC have been busy with showing their dogs in AKC Companion Events this past year. Many have completed their CD, CDX, Utility Titles, Rally Titles and Agility Titles. Congratulation to all and keep up the good work.

### **Amendments to AKC Obedience/Rally Regulation**

#### **Effective January 1, 2010**

- Chapter 1. General Regulations Section 1. The new regulations will give clubs the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials **concurrently** at the same site on the same day.
- Chapter 1. General Regulation Section 16. Section 16 b. will be added to allow an exhibitor who has made an ineligible class entry, to be moved to the correct class after entries have closes. This is supposed to apply to Rally also.
- Chapter 14. Section 11. Obedience Advanced Team Work. This establishes a new Non-Regular class for any eligible dog. All exercises will be performed off leash and will include Heeling, as well as four of seven optional exercises that the judge chooses.

#### **Effective April 1, 2010**

- AKC Licensed and AKC Member Clubs will be allowed to offer, at stand-alone events, Mixed Breed Classes at AKC Companion Events – Obedience, Rally and Agility.

#### **Effective July 1, 2010**

- Chapter (TBD). Beginners Novice Title. This establishes a new Optional Titling class that was developed to bring dogs into Obedience before the Novice level. Most of the exercises are conducted on leash. Exercises include Heel on Leash, Figure 8, Sit for Exam, Sit Stay, and Recall.