

Upcoming Events:

LVDICE General Meetings

Nov 12, 2012 @ 7pm

Dec 2012 - Holiday Party - TBA

Jan 14, 2012 @ 7pm

See www.lvdice.org for location

AKC Agility Trial

Poodle Club of Las Vegas

Nov 10-12, 2012

Closes: OCT 24, 2012

Old Silver Bowl Park

Las Vegas, NV

Zee Marie-Trial Secretary

(702) 795-7300

secretary@mydodgevents.com

TDAA Agility Trial

LVDICE

Nov 17-18, 2012

Closes: OCT 31, 2012

Brenda's Agility Training Center

Las Vegas, NV

Steve Herwig-Trial Secretary

(702) 997-5689

pawzkeeper@embarqmail.com

AKC Agility Trial

Gamblers Agility Club

Dec 7-9, 2012

Closes: NOV 21, 2012

Veterans Memorial Park

Bolder City, NV

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CPE Agility Trial

LVDICE

Jan 12-13, 2013

Closes: JAN 2, 2013

Veterans Memorial Park

Boulder City, NV

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USDAA Agility Trial

LVDICE

Jan 19-21, 2013

Closes: TBA

Veterans Memorial Park

Boulder City, NV

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LVDICE Member eNewsletter

Poetry of Motion & Discipline

Submitted by Frances Mistler

The following poem, titled "What is an Obedience Title?", was written by Sandy Mowery and published in the *Front and Finish* obedience magazine many years ago. WOW!!!! What an AWESOME Poem! It speaks volumes to the primary core of why we all got into obedience (OR rally OR agility OR tracking OR [insert performance, companion, field sport here]...) - which is to spend time with our dogs. Every time I read this poem - it gives me weepy eyes because it is just so true.

Bottom line: Competing in companion and performance events isn't just about the titles we earn with our dogs and the brags we bring to our meetings and share with our friends. It is more about the precious time we share with our canine companions establishing the trust and loving bond that allows us to achieve great things with them, brings joy to our lives, and endures long after the competitions have ended.

What is an Obedience Title?

By Sandy Mowery

What is an obedience title, really? Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores -- a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it; a way to honor the dog, and an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog itself doesn't

know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And...a title says that you loved your dog; that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it another chance when it failed, and that in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; and that in a world filled with disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

So, when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind -- the best you can give to a deserving friend, and it speaks volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name or before.

An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.

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49.40 Seconds

Submitted by Norah Strel

The weak warmth from the sun barely warms my back as I watch the dog before me race over the A-frame. Only seconds are left before I must enter the ring. I pat Abbie's side, more for my reassurance than for hers. She knows what to do.

I breathe. The beat of my heart pounds in my ears as the dog on the course pulls time faster towards me. Our moment arrives when the dog we watch crosses the finish jump. I breath again. I have to force myself to walk into the ring.

I know the course. Every inch. Every curve and cross. Every command I have to give and when. Every lean and body signal. I know where to point my toes. I've walked the course over and over until time ran out. It's all in my head. I know it but Abbie doesn't. She is counting on me to show her the way. I breath again to push out the sound of my frantic heart.

"Go when ready."

Slipping off Abbie's leash, I place my hand on her head. She looks up at me. Her short black silky fur tickles

my fingertips. Her gaze shifts. She is looking forward, past the Start jump, at the dog walk. She loves the dog walk.

The time has come. We surge forward together.

I run fast, pushing myself to stay ahead of the black shinning sleek body. I call out my commands between heaving breaths. I lean through the turns and cross the angles through the course. I push her to keep pace with me, to race ahead, praying that she will meet me there at the end. Together we fly.

Jumps, tunnels, A-frame, teeter, table and weaves. We moved through it like time stood still. We cross the Finish jump together. The electronic timer beeps at 49.40 seconds, the time of our run.

The chorus of cheers from the spectators reaffirms what I already know. It was a clean run. It was beautiful. It was worthy.

There is such a feeling now that's it's over. Just 49.40 seconds of my entire life, a mere blip. This is what agility is all about.

CANINE Comedy

Q: How do you keep a dog from barking in your front yard?

A: *Put it in your back yard!*

Q: What kind of dog would you find in a cave?

A: *Bat Terrier*

Q: Which dog is very obedient?

A: *Sit Bull Terrier*

Q: What do you get when you cross a small dog and a large boat?

A: *Ship Tzu*

Q: Why are Dalmatians no good at "Hide and Seek"?

A: *They're always spotted!*

Q: What dog will laugh at any joke?

A: *Chi-wa-ha-ha*

Q: What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

A: *Collie-flower!*

Q: Which breed of dog does Dracula love?

A: *Bloodhound!*

Q: What is a dog's favorite food?

A: *Everything on your plate!*

Q: What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster?

A: *Cockerpoodledoo!*

Wall Sign in a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit Stay"

ABBIE



Volunteer Recognition

LVDICE wants to thank **SUSAN BARROW**

for planning an OUTSTANDING FUN MATCH! We are so excited to see many new faces! There were some good runs! Thanks for everyone who pitched in to help out! We are already planning another Fun Match for Jan 2013.

LVDICE members put on a great show at Heaven Can Wait's Lose A Pound Memory Walk. Thanks to the members who came out to play and demonstrate what a great sport Agility is. Please forgive us if we forgot to list anyone:

Zee, Max & Jackpot
Norah & Abby
Zoe & Dexter
Janet & Sydney
Jodi & Calli
Melanie & Linus
Kathy & Jazz
Kathy & Reggie
Frances, Greg, Gracie & Ryker
The Graitge Family
Chris, Nick & Nash
Karen & Ollie

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Speed Trial Stats

Fastest Time for a Qualifying Run in Trial

Oct. 26-28, 2012, SSCSN Agility

STD: 00:38:95 Stryker, Border Collie,
Sue Maddox, Novice B, Saturday

JWW: 00:23:58 Perk, Border Collie,
Jennifer Yates, Excellent B, Saturday

FAST: 00:23:44 Tytus, Shetland
Sheepdog, Patricia Gilbert,
Novice A, Friday

T2B: 00:24:98 Perk, Border Collie,
Jennifer Yates, Excellent B, Sunday

Recent Title Brags

**CATCH Abbie Blue
& JWW Excellent A Title**
Tom Leach
Trainer/Owner/Handler

October seems to be a lucky month for this dog because on October 20, 2012, Abbie and Tom crossed the finish jump to earn their CPE Agility Trial Champion (CATCH). The wins kept coming for this spectacular dog when on Oct. 27, 2012, Abbie with Handler Norah Strebel, finished AKC Excellent A JWW Title. Abbie Blue earned her first QQ pin and is on her way to a MACH Title.

MACH 6 O'Shea
Gina Edwards
Trainer/Owner/Handler

It doesn't seem like that long ago we celebrated with Gina & O'Shea when they earned their MACH 5 last season. It was déjà vu on Oct. 28, 2012 as Gina and O'Shea earned their 6th MACH Title. These two are unstoppable! We hope to be witness to MACH 7!

*Members can submit their
Title Brags with photo to:
latestscoop.lvdice@gmail.com*



ABBIE



O'SHEA

AKC Agility Class News

It can be confusing for newer exhibitors to understand that Excellent A and Excellent B are two distinctly different classes. The requirements to qualify are different in each of these classes as is the title earned when completing those requirements.

Thus, in an effort to eliminate this confusion, as of January 1, 2013 AKC is changing the name of the Excellent A class to just "Excellent" and the name of the Excellent B class to "Master".

Please note, only the name is changing. The class themselves and the titles earned remain the same.

The changes will be as follows:

Excellent A will change to Excellent

Excellent A Preferred will change to
Excellent Preferred

Excellent B will change to Master

Excellent B Preferred will change to
Master Preferred

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Classified Ads

Sandy Burns

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Agility Practice

In NW Las Vegas:

Open practice during daylight hours every day, \$10/dog. Private Agility and Rally Obedience lessons by appt.

Contact: Susan Barrow,
csbarrow@cox.net

Agility Practice

In SW Las Vegas:

Sundays, 11am - 2pm, \$10/dog. Agility Classes weekday evenings.

Contact: Monica Klein
greenvalleymotorcycles@yahoo.com

Send Classified ads to:

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New LVDICE Members

Welcome New Members!

We are so glad you joined our club. May you have many clean runs and lots of fun with your dogs.

Becky Hansen
Jennifer Clemons
Veronica Selco
Jodi Mull
Sheryl Berenbaum
Donna Foreman

Howl-o-ween Fun

Mummy Dog Treats

*Pack of Hot Dogs
Tin of pre-made Biscuit Dough
Mustard or Ketchup*

1. Pre-heat oven to 375°F.
2. Roll out dough and smooth out seams.
3. Cut dough into 1 inch strips.
4. Wrap up the dogs leaving an open spot for the eyes. (Double your fun by cutting the dogs in half before wrapping up!)
5. Bake for about 12 minutes or until dough is golden brown.
6. Use mustard or ketchup for the eyes.



Apple Bites

*Fresh Apples
Almond Slivers*

1. Quarter apples. Cut a "mouth" in the backside.
2. Push slivered almonds into the "mouth" to make scary teeth.
3. Try dribbling raspberry sauce or jam as "blood".



Howlin' Good Doggy Costumes!



AT-AT DOG GATORDOG CAVEDOG

GOLDFISH DOG

CHIA-PET DOG