



Tails Waggin'



A Newsletter for BOTC Members and Friends

February 2011

President's Message JoAnne Rowles

The guest speaker at my NARFE meeting was Christopher Lawrence from Optimal Health Services. He was speaking on hospice care. He left us with "Journey" a newsletter for Optimal Health Foundation. I was surprised to see BOTC friend Sherry Davis and her dog Frankie on the cover. Sherry and Frankie are team leaders for the Optimal Hospice Carepals Program. A program designed to enhance the quality of life for patients with limited life expectancy. Therapy work is very rewarding. I highly recommend it to those of you who have the "gift". Not everyone can handle this type of work and neither can their dogs. Sherry and Frankie and other who perform therapy dog work are very special.

Mill Creek Christian Church Is New Meeting Place

The January meeting was held at Mill Creek Christian Church, 1660 S Street, Bakersfield CA 93301. The accommodations were quite nice and include kitchen privileges. There is a small fee but we will find a way to cover the costs. It was suggested that perhaps members could adopt a meeting and pay the cost of the room - \$30. Or we can do some other fundraisers.



HOT DOG MOCK TRIAL

This is our first event of the year and is designed to get us "jump started" for the upcoming competitive year. Only the most fearless BOTC members attended this year's Hot Dog Mock Trial. The sky was threatening all morning. I fielded calls on

whether our event was cancelled or not. We decided to give it a go. At noon the sky cleared and we headed to Windsor Park.

Margaret & I set up the food at the picnic area. We brought our crates in "just in case".

Joan, Linda, Sherry, Samantha, Ray and Shan arrived. We started the coals and just as we put the hot dogs on it began to rain. We decided we would eat lunch and if need be we would move the tables and work under the picnic shelter. As we finished lunch the sun came out and we were able to set up the rings and do our run throughs.



We had a rally ring and an obedience ring.

Joan and I were able to try our hand at beginner novice. New members **Bill and Sharon** came out to see what the Hot Dog Mock Trial was about. They can't wait

to get their collie in the ring. As we started to take down the rings the rains came but we didn't get too wet. Thanks to **Samantha** for judging obedience and everyone who helped with set up and stewarding. It was a **VERY GOOD DAY** for practice.



March General Meeting
Tuesday March 1, 2011
7:30 pm
Mill Creek Christian Church
1660 S Street 93301



Long Sits at Hot Dog Mock Trial



Club Yard Sale Huge

Thanks to all BOTC members who made our yard sale such a huge success. A very big thank you to **Kim** and **Brad Thompson** for the use of their front yard. **Margaret** and I dropped our items off Friday night after helping **Betty** load hers. We met up at **Kim's** house as a horse trailer was being unloaded. It contained items from **Linda W.** and I think it was **Sandy** and **Sherry** who were unloading. I was heading out to pick up a clothes rack to use.

I have never seen so many brass lamps in my life. There was a wagon, furniture, all kinds of seasonal decorations, clothes, small appliances, housewares and some items we never were able to identify. And....the buyers were there before 7am. It was a constant battle to keep customers from blocking the neighbor's driveway.

Margaret, Kathy, Joan, Kim, Betty, Gail, Diane and Helayne were on hand to help. And.....we made \$512.00.

Plan to attend!!
Doggie Mardi Gras
Sunday February 20th - 1pm
Windsor Park
Take Howell off Old River Road
Wear your Mardi Gras attire
"Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler"
Let the good times roll - PAWTY



Club Practice

Obedience: Club practice for obedience and rally is at Jastro Park on Tuesdays other than meeting nights at 7:00pm. Come on out, bring your dog and join the fun. See you there!

Agility: Practice times – Thursdays 4:30pm and Saturdays at 9:00am at the agility field. It is best to call to verify times. For info call **Kathy @ 399-0161**.

The agility field is for club members only. Dogs must be obedience trained, under control and with waivers & evaluations completed before using the field.



Tail Waggin' Brags

UKC Rally

January 15 & 16 at San Diego Dog Fanciers in Escondido "**Buddy**" - **UCD URO3 Cantebriar Johnny Be Good CDX GN RAE2 PT** completed his RO-3 title on Saturday, then on Sunday went on to place in all four classes on Sunday. In Trial #2 he won first place in both RO2-B and RO3-B, scoring 98 both times. He earned a total of 26 points toward his United Rally Obedience Championship. In the UKC All-Stars year-to-date rankings, **Buddy** is ranked #3 in RO-2, and #2 in RO-3 in the nation.

AKC Rally

At the Fresno Dog Training Club's trial on February 4, 2011, **Buddy** finished his RAE2 title, winning 1st place in both the Advanced and Excellent classes.

BOTC is on the Web

Visit our website!!

www.bakersfielddotc.com



Rhelda Hughes is our Sunshine chair. If you know of a member who is ill or needs a little “sunshine” please contact Rhelda @ 661 322 7652 or email rheldoo@pacbell.net.

KC Animal Control Commission

The Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. on the First Floor of the Public Health Department, 1800 Mount Vernon. The next meeting is: **Wednesday Mar 16**. It's important that we continue to watch the work of the commission and to provide input that is important to all dog owners. **Joan** really needs some members to attend the meetings with her. Plan to attend.

Dues are still due!

Dues are due. We still have a few members who have not renewed their membership. Those not renewing will be dropped from membership. BOTC dues are a bargain. If you haven't sent your check please do so now. Send to BOTC, PO Box 82522, Bakersfield CA 93380-2522. Individual dues - \$20 and Family dues - \$25.

Help protect your pets

Tips to keep pets safe from house fires

- ☘ Extinguish Open Flames – Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, or even a fire in your

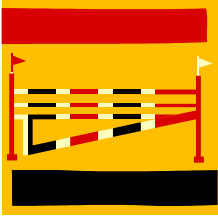
fireplace. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around an open flame, and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flames before leaving your home.

- ☘ Pet Proof your Home – Take a walk around your home and look for areas where pets might start fires inadvertently such as the stove knobs, loose wires and other potential hazards.
- ☘ Secure Young Pets – Especially with young puppies, keep them confined away from potential fire – starting hazards when you're away.
- ☘ Keep Pets Near Entrances – When leaving pets home along, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.
- ☘ Practice Escape Routes with pets – Keep collars and leashes at the ready in case you have to evacuate quickly with your pet or firefighters need to rescue your pet.
- ☘ Since Pets Left Alone Can't escape a Burning home – Use monitored smoke detectors which are connected to monitoring center personnel that can call the fire department.
- ☘ Affix a Pet Alert Window Cling – Write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static window cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. You can obtain a free window cling by going to www.ADT.com/pets or at AKC Responsible Dog Ownership 'Days events.
- ☘ Keep your information Updated – Firefighters are familiar with pet alert window clings so keep the number of pets listed on them updated. Knowing the accurate number of pets in your house helps rescuers find all of your pets.

Information provided by ADT

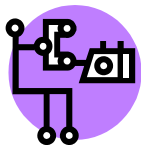
News about Agility Field

Linda Cain sent this message: I just wanted to let you know that we have been having trouble with trucks and cars using our pastures for a "turn-around" so we have blocked it off.



Agility people, all you have to do is to stop and move the chair/tape out of their way and you can access the agility field as always.

Watch for an Agility Fun Day soon. The A-Frame is installed but repairs are being made on the dog walk.



Membership Roster

Please make corrections in your roster to keep it current. You never know when you are going to need it.

New email address

Karen Anderson
Email NordicKLA@att.net



Caught on Camera at Hot Dog Mock Trial



REFRESHMENTS



March – Kim Thompson
April – Joan Payton & Betty Ogan
May – Kathy Honegger & Linda Fussel
June – Gail Walston
September – Ray & Shan Stubbs
October – Available
November – Mary Marcus



We got mail

I just realized that BOTC included a gas gift card in my catalog and I found the card I planned to send. So Sorry ☹

I came home to a somewhat on-going family emergency and that took all other thoughts from my mind. I'm just now going through my rally bag. Please share with the club my apologies. I had such a good time at your trials....a lot of fun. I had forgotten how much your club puts into your trials, as it's been a lot of years since I showed there. I really enjoyed the people who worked with me and I totally enjoyed the exhibitors. You're a great bunch with a neat club.

Thanks again (though belatedly) for the opportunity to judge your trials; the great dinner and the thoughtful gifts.

Karla
Spitzer



Karla, Trey and Merl