

Walking in Balance With Your Dog

By Sue Cox

On March 15, 2012, attend the WSOTC member meeting and learn skills from Martha Jordan to improve your relationship and

performance with your dog both in training and in the ring. Walking is something we all do every day. It is an important aspect of dog training and competition – heeling and much more. How does it feel for you to walk freely, change pace, move out, make efficient turns, balance with your dog? Does your balance or body language hinder your dog?

Explore Martha's innovative way to enhance your ability to walk with your dog with more ease and flexibility using Feldenkrais strategies.

Likely you will leave being able to walk with more ease, having more clarity of connecting with your legs and hips so you can walk in balance with your dog.

How will this help your dog and you?

Your improved awareness of your body will enhance your dog's performance. If you are in balance, your dog is more confident beside you.

You will be able to convey with more clarity through your body information which will enhance your training and performance. This is simple and fun, a

great way to be a better partner with our canines.

Martha feels excited about sharing these strategies with you – they've worked well for her and many others. Discover an easeful way to walk a straight line, do figure 8's and zoom around a Rally course too – with grace and ease for you and your dog.

Biographical Information

Martha Jordan has been involved with dogs for more than 30 years in many aspects of their training and health care. As a licensed human and animal massage practitioner, a Guild Certified Feldenkrais

and TTouch practitioner, she works with both dogs and their humans so they can reach their optimal function in life, training and competition. She specializes in canine rehabilitation as well as working with people to get them back to doing what they want to do with more ease.



Dog and handler walk in perfect balance and ease.

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March Post Deadline

Please send your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else for the March 2012 issue of the *Canine Post*, by **Monday, February 20, 2012.**

Send your submissions to Nova Berkshires at novaberkshires@comcast.net

Thanks!

WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2012

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Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

WSOTC President Nancy Light called the board meeting to order at Wanda Diemert's house in Shoreline WA at 7:06 p.m. Present: Nancy Light, Wanda Diemert, Janice Bergman, Dee Carlson. Absent: John Heinrich, Claudia Hegdahl, Don Rennick, Jean Rassbach.

Minutes

Minutes from WSOTC Board meeting November 10, 2011, as printed in the January Post approved.

President's Report

The president's report included the following:

- ❖ Thanks to Marta Brock, John Heinrich, Barb Reed-Stamps and the rest of the workers for their work on the TDX test
- ❖ Thanks to Wanda Diemert for all her extra work on getting out class publicity
- ❖ We need to appoint Class Chair or consider canceling classes if we cannot find one by February General Meeting
- ❖ Still need to find Fall TDX Chairman
- ❖ Need to give changes to website to Kathy Weaver
- ❖ Need to find replacement board member for Jackie
- ❖ Need to discuss WSOTC on Facebook
- ❖ Would like to set consistent format for Board and General Membership minutes

Secretary's Report

Outgoing

To AKC

- Bylaw changes voted at November 2011 meeting regarding number of required meetings
- Request for paperwork for appointment of new delegate

Incoming

From AKC

- Approval of Agility Trial for dates, judges and location
- Notice: Fall 2011 TD is closed out with AKC and judges application for Fall 2012

TD.Treasurer's Report

State of Washington Excise Taxes paid.

Balances for all accounts read.

About 30 members have not paid dues. Dues must be paid by February 29th.

Committee Reports

Agility 2012

Budget for Trial was presented, discussed and approved to present to General Membership

Newsletter

Nova is not sure she has good e-mail addresses for all of those receiving the Post by e-mail.

Nova would like assistance to help with Post layout.

Obedience Trials 2012

Nancy sent the first draft of premium to BaRay. Ron Perry submitted a revised layout for rings. Sue Cox volunteered to do vendors, RV parking and help with hospitality. Income from the silent auction was \$36.00. Board discussed whether to award a bar for new OTCH's (like in agility). Consensus was to award a rosette instead. Announcement of this will be in premium.

Obedience Trials 2013

Decision on whether to do two trials on Saturday will be made after 2012 trials.

Upcoming Programs

The club will present awards at its February 16, 2012, meeting at Meadowbrook Community Center.

At the March 15, 2012, club meeting Martha Jordan will give her presentation on teaching handlers better balance for better performance. Location is Sharon Colvin's. Well behaved dogs welcome. Start time will be 7:00 p.m. for the members' meeting followed by the program starting at 7:45 p.m. Dr Rosenthal is unconfirmed program for April or May.

Tracking

Fall TDX had some difficulties due to having a location change at the last minute, but things worked out. Chuckanut is putting on Spring TD 2012 on our date as we were not able to find a chair. John is chairing Spring TDX – the club needs to get this on its Web site.

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Karen Snee will chair WSOTC's TD Fall 2012 test. No details available.

Obedience Trial Location

Evergreen Fairgrounds reserved through 2015.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of WSOTC Class Chair: Some suggestions made to replace Kathy. Nancy will contact. Will need to have in place by February general meeting or cancel classes. Classes are filling for winter session, though it is unclear affect publicity had on bringing in students.

New Business

AKC Delegate

MOTION: to accept Jim Smith as our delegate. APPROVED. Needs to go to general membership for final approval at February meeting.

Board Replacement

MOTION: to accept Karen Snee as replacement to fill Jackie Lovette on board for rest of 2011/2012 club year. APPROVED. Also needs membership

approval.

Facebook

MOTION: to accept Sarah Kahn to handle WSOTC on Facebook. APPROVED.

Board agreed to have a consistent format for minutes. Will use format as used in January 2012 *Canine Post*.

Discussion of Chairman for Fall TDX

Will need to have John Heinrich, tracking committee chair, address this.

Web Site

Board discussed what would go on the members only page. Nancy will talk with Kathy about security issues. Members would need to remember a password. This section would contain much of what is in the current files section of our Yahoo site – newsletters, roster, standing rules, by-laws, etc. This will be phased out of Yahoo, once they are on web site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. 🐾

Next WSOTC Board and Member Meetings

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Board at 6:30 p.m., Member at 7:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook Community Center, Room 9

10517 35th Ave NE, Seattle, 98125

Biography: James W. Smith, WSOTC's AKC Nominated Delegate



Jim Smith admires Rhett, one of his beloved Smooth Fox Terriers.

In June, 1956, I exhibited my first dog at an AKC show and have been at it ever since. At that time, I was showing Dalmatians but quickly became

attracted to terriers. I acquired a Wire Fox Terrier in 1957 and have had Smooth Fox Terriers along with the Dalmatians since 1962. I continue to actively show both breeds. I have served the American Fox Terrier Club as secretary, 1968-1975, delegate, 1973-1975, and president, 1991-1993, 1996-2000 and 2010 to the present.

I have been the delegate of the Dalmatian Club of America since 1986. My other roles include AKC board of directors, 1993-1997 and chairman from 1994-1995.

I own two firms which supply different segments of the concrete construction industry and have no plans to retire.

I have never been involved in the companion events, save obedience stewarding years ago. However, I have had plenty of exposure to the issues concerning that part of our sport, as a result of parent club involvement for so many years.

I am looking forward to serving the membership of WSOTC. I will follow the wishes of the club on all votes which I cast as your delegate and will do my best to keep you fully informed.

Karen Sneer Invites You to WSOTC's Annual Awards Meeting

February 16, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend the February 16th club meeting. I will present the 2011 awards including plaques, title plates/ and our Top Dog award. Top Dog goes to the dog with the highest aggregate/average scores achieved while obtaining a regular obedience title. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our members!

Don't forget to enter the Club's obedience trials...there will be a new award and trophy going to the obedience team with the highest regular obedience score at our trial. Presentation to be announced at a later date.

*I look forward to seeing you there,
WSOTC Awards Chair Karen Sneer*

WANTED

Rally and Obedience RING STEWARDS WSOTC Obedience and Rally Trials

March 31 and April 1

Please let me know your preferences in classes and which days and times you would like to steward.

Ya gotta hurry before someone else grabs the class that you have been longing to steward for all these years!!

Feel free to either call me at 425.861.9030 or send me an email to avalonp1@frontier.com.

Our trial judges and the trial chair will be eternally grateful to you. Me, too.

See ya at the Fair!

Dee Carlson

Listing Opportunity for 2012 WSOTC Trial Catalogue Pet Page

The deadline is approaching to list your existing dogs in the Pet Page section of our 2012 catalog. What a wonderful way to honor your present dogs or other pets. And what better way to remember your past dogs by listing them in the In Memoriam section of the trial catalog?

The listings will show the dog's call name or registered name, titles, breed and your name for \$3 a listing. If you have the form which came with your dues statement, use that. You may submit the form to the treasurer with your dues payment. Or, send them to me, checks payable to WSOTC.

If you are not a trophy donor, how about lending some financial support to the 2012 trials by becoming a Friend of Obedience donor? Donations in any amount will be much appreciated. Again, make your check payable to WSOTC and send it to me, or submit it with your 2012 dues payment which you'll send to Wanda Diemert, treasurer. The deadline to be included in the catalog is February 24, 2012. Sue Cox, 206.546.2230
18025 8th Ave NW, Shoreline WA 98177

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She has trained and shown several dog breeds of dogs in conformation, obedience, tracking, retrieving, and herding. Her passion is training and working with dogs used for wildlife conservation. Her background includes teaching canine anatomy and kinesiology and TTouch nationally and internationally.

Join us for this workshop at Sharon Colvin's home in Snohomish. To drive there, follow these driving directions:

1. From State Route 522 North or South, head west on Paradise Lake Rd, WA-522 W (about 5 miles

north of I-405, left turn; turning right if coming from Monroe)

2. Turn right onto Yew Way

3. Continue onto Broadway Ave

4. About one mile from Paradise Lake Rd, turn right onto 196th St SE/Cherry St (by Flower World)

5. About ½ mile, at the T intersection, turn right onto 99th Ave SE/Cedar St. At the first driveway, turn left, drive down the hill to Sharon's place.

19625 99th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296

Welcome to Sharon's place and Martha Jordan's presentation on balanced walking with your dog.



Rusty's lifetime.

Kathy Teufel Says Good-by to Rusty

Less than a month ago, we lost our dear Rusty, a Border Terrier, at age 14-years-and-nine-months-old. We miss him but have great memories. Although he was not into obedience, he did love agility, and was a great sub at WSOTC Exhibitions. At one WSOTC trial he earned extra RN legs and made his first placements!

*Good-by Rusty,
Kathy Teufel*

AKC Proposes to Realign Groups

The Executive Secretary gave an overview on the amendments pertaining to the Group Realignment as follows: The effect of the amendments will be to increase the number of variety groups at an all-breed show from seven to eleven. The changes include splitting the Sporting Group into two groups, the Hound Group into two groups, and the Working Group into three groups.

The full list of the proposed groups is included on the worksheet previously distributed and is on the Portal. You will be asked to vote on increasing the number of groups as well as the name of these groups. The actual assignment of breed groups will be made by the AKC Board, considering the recommendations of the Realignment Committee and all pertinent input from the breed Parent Clubs.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 3, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Premium Lists and Closing Entries*, which would remove all references to seven groups and eliminate a specific number.

This same amendment was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and voted on it at the March 2012 meeting.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I think I know the answer, but I would like the answer on record. I'd like a clarification because all of these amendments regarding realignment have come from the Realignment Committee. Our bylaws do not allow an ad hoc committee to bring forth an amendment, only a standing committee. I presume this is really a Board proposal. Could we have clarification on that?

Mr. Crowley: Correct. That was my misstatement. The Realignment Committee was a Board –appointed committee that made the recommendations to the Board. It was actually the Board that adopted the proposed recommendations to the changes, so it's from the Board of Directors.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows-Dog Show Classifications, which would increase the number of groups from seven to eleven. The amendment is made by the Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the March 2012 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 15-20, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows-Dog Show Classifications, which would remove all references to seven groups and eliminate a specific number. The Delegates must still approve any increase in the number of groups listed in Chapter 3, Section 1, so all of the references to a number are unnecessary.

The amendment was made by the Board of Directors and will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and voted on at the March 2012 meeting.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows: This is a request, not a question. As a result of discussions held at the Parent Club Committee meeting, we understand the role and responsibility of the Board to assign the breeds to a group. We request that the breeds assigned to each group, which would be approved by the Board, be made public to all of us so we can contact our clubs to be able to do a more knowledgeable vote at the time of the March meeting. Thank you.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 2 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline – Registrable Breeds by Group, which would increase the number of groups from seven to

This amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors and it will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and voted on it at the March 2012 meeting.

Upcoming Events

Cindy Leung Beginning and Advanced Heeling Workshop

February 18 and 19, 2012, Sandy, OR
For more information, contact: Marsha Sunderlin (countryk9@starband.net) and Penny Harvey (bc4me@sandynet.org)

Canine Musical Freestyle Practice/Fun Match

February 25, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Family Dog Training Center in Kent hosts its first Canine Musical Freestyle Practice/Fun Match on Saturday, February 25.

The Fun Match will be organized similarly to Family Dog's traditional Ten-Minute Tickers to simulate a competitive environment.

If you're working on individual freestyle "moves" or a full routine, a Fun Match is an invaluable opportunity to strengthen attention and teamwork and prepare your dog for performing at a show or participating in a demonstration. You might even want to take advantage of this Fun Match to work on your dog's tricks in a new venue with spectators.

Interested in watching freestyle? There's no charge for spectators, so plan to come and watch area freestylers practice their routines.

Registration fee is \$10 for 10 minutes of ring time. Pre-register to request a specific time-frame or register onsite between 1:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Link to the Flyer for the Freestyle Practice/Fun Match here:
http://familydogonline.com/CartGenie/Flyers/FS_TMT_022512.pdf

If you have questions about the event, e-mail kathyw@familydogonline.com.

Family Dog Training Center Offers Ten-Minute-Ticker

Saturday, March 3, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. TMT flyer:
http://familydogonline.com/CartGenie/Flyers/TMT_030312.pdf
Register by mail or by dropping off your registration at the office. If you're willing to help, please contact

us by e-mail at cherylj@familydogonline.com.

When contacting us to volunteer for judging, please include your ring experience level so that we can best utilize you. Volunteer stewards need no previous stewarding experience. One hour of judging or two hours of stewarding translates to one free run thru.

Chuckanut Dog Training Assoc.

March 17 and 18 hosts a Dr. Sophia Yin workshop on Raising the Perfect Dog - Identifying and Avoiding Unwanted Behaviors, in Bellingham. Visit CDTA's Web site for more information:
<http://www.chuckanutdogtraining.org/CDTAPresents.htm>

WSOTC Obedience and Rally Trials

March 31 - April 1, 2012
Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA. For more information link to [Trial details and judges at http://www.wsotc.org/WSOTC-ObedTrial.html](http://www.wsotc.org/WSOTC-ObedTrial.html).

WSOTC Agility Trials

July 13, 14 and 15, 2012
AKC has approved WSOTC's Agility Trials on July 13, 14 and 15, 2012, and the judging panel. For more information, contact Dee Carlson, trials chair:
avalonp1@frontier.com

Area and National Event Links

American Kennel Club (AKC) www.akc.org
Search by state(s), event type, and time range.
<http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA)
<http://www.asca.org>
Breed information, registry, show information.
United Kennel Club (UKC) www.ukcdogs.com
Search by event type and month

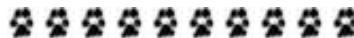
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If you have skills in producing publications, I really need your help with layout and pagination of the Post. Please contact me to discuss how we could work together to publish the Post on time:
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Braggs

Tiki finished her UD at Puyallup. She is: HR, URO1, **ADIRONDAC'S KOURA TIKI**, UD, BN, GN,GO, VER, TDX, AX, OAJ,NF, RE, SH, WCX,CCA, Can CD, TDX, WC
At a "mock" Nose Work trial, she successfully completed all four elements – box work, car search, exterior search and interior search, which was done by about 25 percent of the 39 dogs entered. She finished first in Sporting Dogs, first in box work, and third overall. Placement is done by score and time. It doesn't count for anything but bragging rights, but I learned a lot. Given the 15 hour investment in time for the day, \$60 entry fee for each dog (I ran Koki too who did Okay, but only passed three elements), ferry fare and gas, I was questioning my sanity. I enjoyed running my girls, watching some of the dogs run, but it was an awful lot of sitting around time....

Nancy Light



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**Next club member meeting:
February 16, 2012**