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Announcements

SPRING TRIAL!!

- Spring Trial on April 1 & 2 at Fun Fur Paws. Premium List can be found on BaRays website https://www.barayevents.com/show_data.phtml?action=viewshow&sid=1101
  - **Entries close March 15th**
- Ring Stewards NEEDED. Contact Nancy Light.
- Food donations for trial, please contact Linda Shea (425-391-2667 or lindashea@walp.us)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The recipient of the 2016 Club Achievement Award, also known as Louis Prince, is ***Ingrida Robinson***. As treasurer she has taken on an incredible amount of responsibility for WSOTC. She has handled the job with integrity, dealt with the complication of changing banks for the benefit of the club and the many meetings that are required. She also has been busy showing and training her dogs including raising and training a puppy; all very much in keeping with WSOTC's purpose. She has been a valued board member, never reserved in sharing her thoughts and experience. She has demonstrated good sportsmanship at all events she attends and is quick to volunteer her help.

NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS

General Meeting
April 1st about Noon
Fun Fur Paws
22352 Stargate PL
Mt. Vernon, WA

Club Committee & Chairs

- Agility– Nancy Light
- Audit/ Budget– Janice Bergman
- Awards - Nancy Light & Holly Krohn
- Hearts & Flowers - Gloria Newby
- Insurance- Sue Cox
- Membership- Nancy Light
- Newsletter– Amy Reagan
- AKC Sanctioned Match Chair- Sue Cox
- Obedience/Rally Trials- Spring 2017—Linda Shea & Amanda Buse
- Printing/Mailing—Nancy Griffin/ Debbie Addicoat
- Programs—vacant
- Property/inventory - Don Rennick
- Tracking 2016 - Nikki King
- Website—Ane Brusendorff

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James W. Smith
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What is the Rule of Seven?

(Find the answer elsewhere in the newsletter)

From Membership Chair, Nancy Light —

At the March 18 WSOTC Board meeting, the Board will be discussing membership issues regarding Full and Associate membership criteria. If you would like any input on this matter please contact Nancy Light. Publication of the 2017 roster will be delayed until we can finalize our decision, though likely to be available on the website some time in April.

From your Editor

Do you have any brags, articles or special interests that you would like to see in the Post? Please don't hesitate to email or call me.
Send me candid photos of your dogs or I can fill up the entire newsletter with Papillons...LOL!

Happy Training!
Amy Reagan
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Did you know?

Normally you are sitting in the vet's office and The Pet Connection magazine is on the table. Do you read it or skim through it? Typically, we probably don't think there is anything that may be relevant to us so we may ignore it, but in the latest Jan/Feb 17 issue, there was an announcement about a certification program in Animal Behavior at the UW. So what good trainer doesn't need to understand canine behavior? Now there is an accredited college certification for this career! ***Who knew?***

- University of Washington—Applied Animal Behavior
  - For additional information—www.pce.uw.edu/certificates/applied-animal-behavior
  - Online, begins in September 2017
  - Three certificates
    1. Elements of Animal Behavior
    2. Principles of Applied Animal Behavior
    3. Applied Animal Behavior in Practice

For a link to The Pet Connection Magazine, bookmark this link—http://petconnectionmagazine.com/

Hearts and Flowers

Gloria Newby reports that a Get Well card was sent to Neil Evans.

Chief Ring Steward Call for Volunteers

I am again recruiting for ring stewards for the 2017 Spring Obedience and Rally Trials on April 1-2 at Fun Fur Paws south of Mt. Vernon. Please contact Nancy at (425) 354-3609 or Kylahgold@aol.com if you can help out one or both days. Thanks so much, we really need you to make these trials work.

Train Alone? Looking for an Indoor Training Building?

(Updated March 2017)

North of I-405

Are there any facilities North of I-405? Let me know

South of I-405

- **TACOMA—Win Star Bed & Biscuit, formerly Atwood Kennels (Obedience equipment onsite, matted runners configured for conformation, corner mirrors) Reasonable hourly and day rates.**
  - **http://winstarbedandbiscuit.com/**
  - **Call 253-531-0779 for scheduling**

- **FIFE—Pawsabilities - matted & unmatted floors. Open Obedience and Agility practice available. See website for scheduling. Obedience equipment available.**
  - **https://pawsabilities.com/**
  - **Call—253-922-4271 for scheduling**

- **SUMNER—It's A Dog's World Training Center**
  - **http://www.dogsworldtraining.com**
  - **Matted flooring, equipment available**
  - **Two large training rooms**
  - **$12.00 for half hour**
  - **No harsh or physical corrections is allowed**

- **OLYMPIA—Friendly Grove Resort & Spa for Dogs**
  - **Indoor Training Room, no equipment, $15/hr, during regular business hours**
  - **$300/day, building rental**
  - **Call Lisa at 360-352-1322 for scheduling**

- **CHEHALIS—KOUNTRY K-9 DTC**
  - **Covered Horse Arena (7200 sq ft)**
  - **2890 King Rd, Chehalis Call Sally Bazell at 360-245-3902**
  - **Regulation ring setup (40x50 & 40x60)**
  - **Restrooms available**
  - **Fee depends on type of use**

- **OLYMPIA/SHELTON—Dogwoods Canine Play & Stay—CORRECTION**
  - **5706 Keating Olympia 98502 (Near Steamboat Veterinary)**
  - **Owned by Dr. Murphy of Steamboat, Pet Doctor & Summit Referral**
  - **$25/hr fee, plus extra for heating. This building is cold.**
  - **http://dogwoodsplayandstay.com/services/event-center/**
  - **Private OB/Rally equipment on site, BUT do not use.**
  - **Call 360-866-7290 for scheduling**

- **OLYMPIA—private facility—CORRECTION**
  - **Jeannine Harrington, 3741 Harrington Lane NE, Olympia (360-353-112)**
  - **By appointment only, $10/hr, room for crate & equipment, restroom on-site**
  - **Set of AKC wooden jumps available, parking is adequate**
  - **Heated & matted**

- **Any more?**

Rule of Sevens

By the time a puppy is seven weeks old, they should have been on:

1. 7 different surfaces—concrete, carpet, tile, linoleum, metal, etc...
2. Played with 7 different types of 'toys' - plastic, metal, cloth, etc…
3. Taken to 7 locations around your home
4. Exposed to 7 different types of people (kids, older people, tall, short, men/women, etc…)
5. Obstacles—tunnels, steps, ramp, etc….
6. Fed with 7 different containers (plastic, glass, metal, paper, etc..
7. Fed in 7 different areas (laundry room, kitchen, family, etc…)

Most breeders are aware of this socialization technique and most likely have done it. How this helps evaluate the soon to be obedience prospect will be very important. Hopefully, you are asking the question. Not all breeds have large litters and that ideal competition puppy might not be available. What can the breeder tell you about the puppy's temperament. How did it fare using the Rule of Seven? Are you familiar with the Stages of Puppy Development? I will share this in an upcoming newsletter. We may not always get the optimum puppy for competition, but what we can learn from the breeder surely will help in our training.

Are you getting the best in the litter for competition? Or at least know what the puppy demonstrated as they were developing? Do you have tests you would like to share with our members?

Minutes for WSOTC February2017 Board Meeting
February 11, 2017 via conference call

Call to order – Meeting called to order by president, Michelle Fuqua at 7:43 pm. In attendance – Nancy Light, Terrie Sato, Ingrida Robinson, and Amanda Buse. Absent: Janice Bergman

Minutes: Board approvedJanuary 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as printed in the February Canine Post

Report of the President

- Today we need to focus on the Obedience and Rally Trial preparations. Also, Sue Cox has also set a date for the Sanctioned Match. We also need to set a nominating committee and discuss who is able/wants to continue to serve on the board.

Report of the Secretary–

Report of the Treasurer–

- Balances as of January 31st are on the website.
- Ingrida has received backup information for tracking expenses and has sent check to Nikki.
- Ingrida has sent checks to the AKC Health fund and the Seattle Animal Shelter Fund. The donation to the Doney Clinic is awaiting notification of the reinstatement of the 501c3 status.

Committee reports

- *2017 agility* –(Liaison: Nancy) Nancy presented the budget for the 2017 agility trial. MOTION: to accept the agility budget as presented. APPROVED

- *awards committee*–(Liaison: Nancy) – Awards will be presented at the next General Meeting on March 5th at 4 pm at Canine College. The Board selected the recipient of the Club Achievement Award. Nancy will send to Holly who has brought all the trophies in for engraving.

- *donations committee*–(Liaison: Michelle) –As noted above, check sent to two of the donations recipients.

- *hearts and flowers* – (Liaison: Ingrida).No cards needed to be sent this month. (Good news!)

- *membership*– (Liaison: Nancy) – The Board discussed the issue of members who had applied for full membership, but did not meet the criteria for that as specified in the Bylaws. The primary thing lacking was general meeting attendance. Due to the complexity of issues involved with this, further discussion was tabled while Board members review the Bylaws and other information. Amanda is working on a data base so we could easily provide information to members who might be lacking in meeting attendance halfway through the year. Nancy will contact members who have not renewed yet. 42 members have renewed which is about 60% of the membership.

- *newsletter*– (Liaison: Michelle) – Amy Reagan is doing a great job, the Post is looking really good. Amy sent the membership a copy of the Sherwood Obedience Club's newsletter.

- *2017 obedience & rally trial*– (Liaison: Amanda)

  - Nancy and Amanda were not able to complete the budget for the trial, hope to have it by next Board meeting.

  - Insurance issue — the necessary subrogation clause needs was added to our insurance policy at no extra expense

  - Trophies –Trophy donations were collected for all of the desired trophies and in time to be included in the premium list, which has been sent out by Baray.

  - The contract with FFP has not yet been signed due to difficulties with contacting them, but looks like we will finalize on Feb 17, when Nancy goes up there for agility trial.

- *Insurance*– (Liaison: Michelle)As mentioned subrogation clause has been added to contract with FFP with no charge from our insurance company.

- *property / inventory* – (Liaison: Ingrida) There was an inquiry from someone wanting to purchase ring matting, and asking about the price. He was advised that the price was $1.00 a foot, but in the case of some mats that were in poor shape, it would be 50 cents a foot. No indication from Don Rennick if the purchase was completed.

- *tracking test 2016* – (Liaison: Amanda)As noted above, receipt issue has been resolved.

- *Tracking test 2017* –December 3, 2017 (Liaison: Amanda) Nikki has sent in the application, Marta is the chair, judges: Judy Stromquist and Meg Azevedo

- *Sanctioned match*–(Liaison: Terrie/Michelle)– Sue Cox has set the date for April 22nd atCanine College. Judges are Laurie Weaver and Debbie Addicoat. The paperwork for the match has been sent to the AKC and Sue has made a match flyer. Sue has also submitted a budgetMOTION: to approve the budget for the Sanctioned Match as presented. APPROVED

- Website (Liaison- Nancy) Nancy has sent updates to website to Ane.

- **Old business**

  a. Audit: – during the last meeting, we briefly discussed making the Audit Committee Agenda and the Audit Committee Reports that were sent by Sue into templates. Ingrida volunteered to work on this.

  b. Seminar –Terrie has talked with Connie Cleveland about doing a seminar here. The dates she had available were in February and August of 2018. The Board thought February would have fewer conflicts.

- **New Business**
    - Amanda has researched buying a computer and found a good buy at Costco. MOTION: to allocate $600 for the purchase of a new computer for the Treasurer. APPROVED
    - Nominating Committee. The Board discussed possible candidates for the nominating committee, but given the late hour, Board members will call them individually and we will communicate on responses via email.
    - Ingrida reported that Kathy Lang has some unused welcome bags from our obedience trials from a couple years ago and wondered what we should do with them. Terrie suggested that we collect them and give them out as door prizes at meetings.
- **Upcoming meetings/programs**:
    - Next General Meeting will on March 5th at 4:00 pm at Canine College along with the awards presentation. The June meeting might be June 11, but Puyallup show not on that date this year, so we would need a location. No date for May set yet.
- **Adjourn** – meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Light, acting Secretary

At the March 5 general membership meeting the membership voted to instruct our Delegate James Smith to vote in favor of the PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3 of the RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS (regarding club territories)
Submitted by Nancy Light

From our Newsletter Exchange

Portland Dog Obedience Club

- March 19, 2017 – VST – University of Portland
- July 21 – 23, 2017 – Obedience and Rally trials with CGC/CGCA tests - Stumptown Cluster – Portland, OR
- September 16, 2017 – Obedience/Rally trials, CGC, CGCA tests – Hillsboro, OR (new small trials in conjunction with Responsible Owners Day activities)
- October 28-29, 2017 – CGC/CGCA in conjunction with Vancouver Kennel Club, Battle Ground, WA
- November 12, 2017 – TD/TDX tests – Champoeg Park, St. Paul, OR
- January 1, 2018 – TDU – University of Portland

Support Training Clubs in our Region!

Support our members who are sponsoring seminars. Encourage your students to attend. There are a couple of great seminars coming to our region. See flyers in newsletter.

WSOTC 2016 AWARDS

Linda Aitkins
Summer Golds Keelah Rose
2016
MJPB
MXPB

Amanda Buse
Nordic Wonder Bear w/Me
2016
PCD

Sharon Colvin
Firerose Oh WhataB'Dazzler
2016
CDX
Top Dog-Open

Michelle Fuqua
Top Shelf's Legacy of Ark Angel
2016
OM4
OTCH
Top Dog-Utility
Perpetual OTCH Plaque

Cheryl Jackson
Backwoods Peacemaker
2016
OFP
OAP
AJP

David Jackson
Sky Acres Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited
2016
NAP

2016 CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Ingrida Robinson

Nancy Light
Adirondac's Koura Tiki
2016
PUTD
MACH 1
MXS
MHU
Perpetual Agility Plaque

Skylight's The Jury Is In
2016
CD
CDX
GN
VER
AX
AXJ
VCD1
VCD2
MHU
GRCA CCA
Top Dog Novice

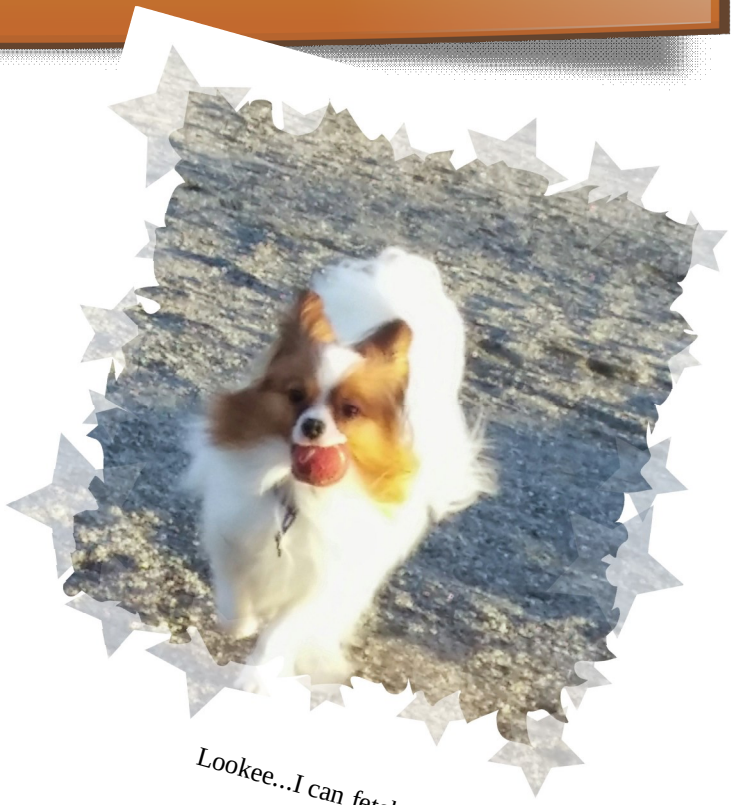
Terrie and Mike Sato
Topbrass Chipotle
2016
UD
GO
Perpetual Utility Plaque

Birdland's Go for Broke
2016
CDX

Kathy Teufel
Frontier Rose's Amazing Grace
2016
RATS

Having Fun With our Dogs!

I can be a pretty boy!



Lookee...I can fetch

Go find your own foredeck!

Xena's MACH 2 victory lap

Send me your photos. I can fill the pages with Papillons but I know our members have other breeds to brag about!

AKC SANCTIONED "B" OBEDIENCE MATCH
Saturday, April 22, 2017

Hosted by Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.
(An AKC Member Club)

To be held indoors at Canine College
20515 NE Union Hill Rd, Redmond WA

Open to all AKC breeds and AKC Canine Partners; dogs must be at least 6 months of age on day of match.

Judges and Classes offered:

Laurie Weaver:	Debbie Addicoat:	
Novice A & B	Utility A & B	Versatility
Preferred Novice	Preferred Utility	Open A & B
Beginner Novice A & B	Graduate Open	Preferred Open
Graduate Novice		

Judging begins at 9:30 a.m. in both rings and classes will be judged in the order shown above. Day-of-match entries will be taken starting at 8:30 a.m. until the start of each morning class; entries will close at noon (or when judging of each morning class begins).

Pre-entry fees: $ 8.00 Pre-entry first entry (must be received by 4/17/17—mail early!)
5.00 Pre-entry additional entry of same dog
Day of match fees:$12.00; $5.00 additional entry of same dog

To pre-enter, mail completed & signed entry form (one per dog) and check/money order payable to WSOTC to Sue Cox, 18025 – 8th Ave. NW, Shoreline WA 98177-3542. Include your *legible* email address to receive an acknowledgement of your entry.

Note: Physical corrections are not permitted in the ring at an AKC Sanctioned Match. At the discretion of the judge, an exercise may be repeated. Food and toys are not allowed in the ring. Scores do not count towards AKC titles. **Regular Class eligibility**: No dog with the CDX title may compete in any regular class at a sanctioned match except Utility. Such dogs may be entered and participate in the Open B class, but may not compete for any awards in that class. No dog with a UD title may compete in any regular class at a sanctioned match. Dogs with the UD title may be entered and participated in the Open B or Utility classes, but may not compete for awards in these classes. No drilling or extensive training on the grounds will be permitted. Class placement ribbons will be awarded. There will be a rosette and prize awarded to the Highest Scoring Dog from the Regular Classes. No food will be available for sale.

For driving directions, visit www.caninecollege.biz ; "contact us." Match Chair: Sue Cox, 2065462230; johnandsuzanne@comcast.net

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

OWNER'S NAME_____EMAIL ADDRESS_____

DOG'S CALL NAME & AKC OBEDIENCE TITLES_____BREED_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____FIRST CLASS ENTERED_____

ADDITIONAL CLASS(ES)_____TOTAL ENTRY FEES $_____

Make check payable to WSOTC and mail with this signed entry form to Sue Cox, 18025 – 8th Ave. NW, Shoreline WA 98177-3542

PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 17, 2017; allow adequate time for postal service!

In exchange for permission to use the dog training facilities owned by Laurie Weaver, I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS Laurie Weaver and Jim Peterson and families, Canine College Inc. and all of their agents, employees and instructors from any responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury that I may suffer, or any loss, damage or injury caused in any way by me, or by any dogs or any guests that may accompany me while on the property owned by Laurie Weaver. I agree that I will not make any claim against Laurie Weaver and Jim Peterson and families, Canine College Inc. their agents, employees and instructors for damage or injury to any dog or guest that may accompany me. I accept the use of the facilities AS IS with no guarantees. I will be fully responsible at all times for my own and for the actions of any guest and/or any dogs that accompany me, and I will fully reimburse Laurie Weaver and/or Canine College for any loss or damage caused in any way by me, and/or by any guests or dogs that accompany me while on the property owned by Laurie Weaver. I understand that this agreement will be binding on me during any and all future use of the dog training facilities owned by Laurie Weaver.

Signed_____Date_____

2017 AKC All Breed Companion Events

(Specialties not included)

January

- 6, 7 & 8—Portland Agility Club
- 8—Pacific NW Portuguese Water Dog Club (Tracking)
- 13, 14 & 15—Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility)
- 14 —Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers
- 15 —Tacoma Kennel Club
- 16 —Gig Harbor Kennel Club

February

- 3, 4 & 5—Mt Hood Doberman Pinscher (Obedience, Agility, & Rally)
- 10, 11 & 12 —Spokane Dog Training Club
- 10, 11 & 12—Mt Rainer Sporting Spaniel Association (Agility)
- 17 & 18—Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility)
- 19—Western WA Hound Association (Agility)
- 24, 25 & 26—Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Agility)
- 25 & 26—Overlake Collie Club
- 26—Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Variable Surface Tracking & Tracking Dog Urban)

March

- 3, 4, & 5—Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog (Agility)
- 11 &12 —Seattle Kennel Club
- 12—Wenatchee Kennel Club (Tracking)
- 17 & 18 —Pacific NW Portuguese Water Dog Club (Agility)
- 17, 18 & 19—Portland Agility Club
- 18 &19 —Columbia Basin Training Club
- 24, 25 & 26 —Boston Terrier Club of WA (Agility)
- 24, 25 & 26 —Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club (Agility)
- 25 & 26—Peninsula Dog Fanciers

April—*SPRING OBEDIENCE TRIAL*

- 1 & 2—WSOTC
- 14—Inland Empire Collie Club
- 15 & 16—Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club
- 21, 22, & 23—Bell Vernon Kennel Club (Agility)
- 22—SANCTIONED MATCH (Canine College)
- 24—Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (Tracking)
- 30—Inland Empire Collie Club (Tracking)

May

- 6 & 7—Wenatchee Kennel Club (Hunt Test only)
- 19, 20 & 21 —Bell Vernon Kennel Club
- 20 & 21—Spokane Dog Training Club
- 21 & 22—Mt. Baker Kennel Club
- 26, 27 & 28—Evergreen Belgian Tervuren Club (Agility)
- 27 & 28 —German Shepherd Dog Club of Pacific NW

2017 AKC All Breed Companion Events (con't)

(Specialties not included)

June

- 3 & 4—Yakima Valley Kennel Club
- 23, 24 & 25 —Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Agility)

July

- 7, 8 & 9—Portland Agility Club
- 8, 9 & 10—Puyallup Cluster
- 14, 15 & 16 WSOTC Agility Trial

August

- 11, 12, & 13—Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of WA (Agility only)
- 12 & 13—Nisqually Kennel Club
- 18, 19 & 20 —Olympic Kennel Club (Agility)
- 19 & 20—Olympic Kennel Club

September

- 22, 23 & 24—Portland Agility Club
- 30—Richland Kennel Club

October

- 1—Richland Kennel Club
- 6, 7 & 8—Mt Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility)

November

- 11 & 12 —Whidbey Island Kennel Club (???)

December

- 9 & 10—Greater Clark County
- WSOTC—Tracking Test

Keep the date open!!
June 3&4, 2018
WSOTC will be sponsoring another seminar.
Stay Tuned For More Details

All events from AKC website.
Any Corrections, Updates or Additions would be appreciated.

FAMILY DOG TRAINING CENTER

Ten Minute Ticker & Rent A Ring *Sunday, April 16, 2017*

Obedience & Rally Run Throughs & Rent-A-Ring

Pre-Registration Highly Recommended / Day-Of Entries only if time allows

(Entries will be processed in the order they are received. We do our best to accommodate time preferences.)

COST: $10 TMT / $15 RAR see below **PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Fri. March 31, 2017 ***

** If you register after the pre-registration deadline, please contact Ingrida Robinson at IngridaR@familydogonline.com first to see if there is space.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. PROVIDE ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG. BE SURE TO READ AND SIGN THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

Your Name:_____ Dog's Name:_____ Breed:_____

Day Phone:_____ Evening Phone:_____ Cell:_____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

The Rally Ring is limited to18 runs (5 minutes ring time per run): **9:00am – 10:30am only**. *Walk-through is at 8:50 am.* **Cost: $10/run (5 min)**
Beginner Novice runs limited to 9 runs (10 minutes ring time per run): **Beginner Novice will follow Rally. Cost $10/run (10 min).**
The Obedience Ring run-throughs are 10 minutes per run for all classes: **9:00am – 4:00pm Cost: $10/run (10 min)**
Rent A Ring sessions are 20 minutes (all jumps provided, but no judge/steward – do your own thing) **Cost: $15/session (20 min)**

Obedience run-throughs time preference only: (CHECK ONE BELOW):

☐ 9am to Noon ☐ Noon to 4pm ☐ Decline my entry if my time preference is not available

Obedience level (INDICATE NUMBER OF RUNS FOR EACH CLASS. ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG, PLEASE.):

Beginner Novice_____ Pre-Novice_____ Novice_____ Grad Novice_____ Pre-Open_____ Open_____
Grad Open_____ Pre-Utility_____ Utility_____ Versatility_____Other (specify)?_____

Registry (for Obedience only) CHECK ONE: ☐ AKC ☐ CKC ☐ UKC Jump Height _____ Width _____

Rent A Ring (do your own thing) time preference only: (CHECK ONE BELOW):

☐ 9am to Noon ☐ Noon to 4pm ☐ Decline my entry if my time or ring preference is not available

☐ I prefer Ring 2 (small, separate ring) ☐ I prefer an adjoining ring (for more distractions)

Multiple dogs or multiple runs? How much time would you prefer between runs? *(We'll do our best to accommodate you)*

☐ No time ☐ 10 minutes ☐ 20 minutes ☐ 40 minutes ☐ 60 minutes ☐ 90 minutes

Rally—Layered Course for all levels (INDICATE # OF RUNS): Rally# _____ Jump Height (if applicable) _____

Subtotals: Rally $_____ + Obedience $_____ + Rent A Ring $_____ = Total $_____

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN (CIRCLE ONE) JUDGING / STEWARDING. (1 HOUR OF JUDGING IN EXCHANGE FOR 1 RUN IN ANY EVENT; 2 HOURS OF STEWARDING IN EXCHANGE FOR 1 RUN IN ANY EVENT). WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO COORDINATE, AND WILL REFUND YOUR PRE-PAID ENTRY IF WE UTILIZE YOUR SERVICES. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS MUCH APPRECIATED…AND YOUR ASSISTANCE ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO HOLD TMTs!**

Final judging schedule will be emailed to participants by Wednesday April 12, 2017.

Cash or make checks payable to "Family Dog Training Center." Send forms and payment to: Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA98032-1055 / www.familydogonline.com / 253-850-3647 fax / 253-854-9663 voice

Questions or comments? You can reach Ingrida at: *IngridaR@familydogonline.com* or (206) 947-3081

BE SURE TO READ & SIGN THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR FILE

Additional Information for our Sunday, April 16, 2017 TMT & RAR

LOCATION: Our TMT & RAR will be held at our location in Totem Business Park. Our address is 1515 Central Avenue South. Map and driving directions are on our web site: http://www.familydogonline.com/

FLOORING: We hope you enjoy our Everlast flooring as much as we do. Please help us keep our floor clean and beautiful by NOT bringing soft drinks, coffee drinks, etc., onto the floor. Please keep beverages on the tile flooring.

RING SIZES: Two full-size Utility rings (40 x 50) will be set up in our large training area (Rings 1A & 1B), which has plenty of room around the rings for warm-up. A third ring in our adjoining training area (Ring 2) will be set up for Rally and Obedience. Rent A Ring sessions will be scheduled in one of the full-size Utility rings unless you request the smaller Ring 2.

CRATING: Crating must be done on the tile flooring which adjoins the rings. No crating allowed on the Everlast flooring. No x-pens. Please bring your own crates; we have a limited number of empty crates for visitor use.

POTTY AREAS & PARKING INFO: All parking and dog potty areas are located in the FRONT of our building. Be sure to CLEAN UP.

MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION: So that we have time to do all the scheduling, mailed pre-registrations must be RECEIVED in our office no later than the pre-registration deadline noted on the first page.

IN-PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION: If you are in classes or it's convenient to drop the form off at our office, you may also register that way. We have a mail slot in our front door.

RALLY RING (9 am to 10:30 am): **$10 for 5 minutes.** The Rally course will be layered so exhibitors can practice any or all of the stations they want. One walk-through will be held at 8:50 am. Rally judging based on 12 runs per hour and we have allotted 1.5 hours for a maximum of 18 runs.

BEGINNER NOVICE will follow Rally: $10 for 10 minutes. Beginner Novice judging based on 6 runs per hour.

OBEDIENCE RINGS (9 am to 4 pm): **$10.00 for 10 minutes.** AKC & CKC & UKC – Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Open, Graduate Open, Pre-Utility and Utility are available. Group exercises for Sit Stays and Down Stays will be held every 60 minutes. Rent A Ring handlers may also participate in stays.

RENT A RING (9 am to 4 pm): **$15 for 20 minutes.** Jumps & cones for posts are provided, but no judge or stewards are provided. Rent A Ring sessions are for folks who want to "do their own thing" – either alone or with a maximum of one other handler sharing the ring time.

AGGRESSIVE DOGS: No people-aggressive or dog-aggressive dogs are permitted at this event.

REGISTER EARLY: Our events typically fill up weeks in advance!

PLEASE READ & SIGN THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION AGREEMENT:

- Returned or NSF checks are subject to a $30 bank processing fee. There will be no refunds issued for any reason; however, participants who are unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place.
- Dogs that are disruptive or pose a threat to other dogs and/or humans will be asked to leave and no refund will be given. Dogs must be on leash at all times unless working in one of the rings.
- All participants must clean up after their dogs and dispose of animal waste in the appropriate containers.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Kathy Lang Dog Training Services, Inc., The Family Dog Training Center, and its owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

I have read, understood and agree to the above conditions relative to my registration for this event.

Owner's Signature _____*Date*_____

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 10

Matthew Twitty Returns!

Competition Obedience Seminars & Private Lesson
Family Dog Training Center, Kent, WA (15 minutes from SeaTac Airport)

SAT. JUNE 10 & SUN. JUNE 11
EFFECTIVE SKILLS & DRILLS FOR COMPETITION OBEDIENCE
(NOVICE, OPEN & UTILITY)

MON. JUNE 12 –
HOW TO ADD & LAYER DISTRACTIONS

TUES. JUNE 13 – PRIVATE LESSONS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Training with Matt continues to evolve during his return visit to the Seattle area. Join us for this very special weekend where Matt shows us how to use drills that are FUN and MOTIVATIONAL to thoroughly teach all of the exercises in Novice, Open and Utility. Folks who attended Matt's first seminar will find that this weekend takes their training to the next level. First-time attendees will also learn Matt's approach to competition obedience. Saturday will begin with attention, recalls and the building blocks for all the exercises. Sunday expands on Saturday's foundation. Exercises will not be covered in the traditional format (first Novice, then Open, then Utility). Everyone will receive a copy of Matt's workbook. Working spots are limited to 15 dog and handler teams for both days. Preference will be given to handlers who register for both days. There is one pre-requisite to sign up for a working spot: Dogs must have a fairly reliable retrieve (training method does not matter).

MONDAY: It's all about distractions and the proper way to layer them into the exercises. Layering distractions keeps the dogs confident, engaged and enthusiastic – and makes training FUN. Monday working spots are open to anyone who attended Saturday & Sunday – either as a working team or as an auditor. Non-retrieving dogs may register for working spots and skip those proofing drills. Working spots will be expanded to 25 on this day and dogs will work in groups based on their levels of training, exercises, etc. Everyone will get involved as distractors, so it will be active and a lot of fun.

TUESDAY: Private Lessons. Sign up for a 30 or 60 minute lesson. Maximum of one dog per 30 minute session. Private lesson folks may observe other private lessons on Tuesday at no additional charge. You may video tape your lesson, if you choose. $50 for 30 minutes or $85 for 60 minutes.

SEMINAR FEES
Working Spot for All 3 Days: $350 / Working Spot for Saturday & Sunday: $250
Working Spot for Saturday & Sunday PLUS Auditing Spot for Monday: $315
Working Spot for Monday PLUS Auditing Spot for Saturday & Sunday: $275
Auditing Spot for All 3 Days: $200 / Auditing Spot for Any 2 Days: $150 / Auditing Spot for Any 1 Day: $85
Coffee, tea, muffins, lunches (sandwiches, soup, salads, vegetarian options, etc.) and snacks will be provided.

About Matt

Matt Twitty is the owner and operator of Lakeland Canine Academy in Lakeland, FL. Since 1999 Matt has been showing his dogs in competitive dog sports (Flyball, Agility, Herding and Rally) as well as doing in-home behavioral lessons, but his main focus has been on Competitive Obedience Training. For more info about Matt, visit: www.lakelandcanineacademy.com and www.facebook.com/pages/Lakeland-Canine-Academy. Matt is also a founder and moderator of the Balanced Competition Obedience Facebook group.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:
– Two Obedience Trial Champions before the age of 30 / A perfect 200 score / ASSA National High in Trial 2012
– Over 30 High in Trials and High Combined awards on 4 dogs / #4 Sheltie in the Country for 2012 and #8 for 2013
– Three Florida State DOCOF High in Trials (2002/2010/2015) and Coached the DOCOF 1st place Team in 2010

As a Group Obedience Instructor, Matt's classes are full of working time with lots of repetition and motivation. As a Seminar Presenter, he is often asked back to work with groups again and again due to his level of energy, enthusiasm, experience, ability to solve problems easily, and love of the sport of Competitive Obedience. His seminars offer lots of floor time, individual attention and information. Matt takes a balanced approach to dog training and was the founder for the very popular Facebook Group: *"Balanced Competition Obedience"* where many of North America's Top Obedience Enthusiasts share their insights. He truly lives his motto, *"Life is Stressful – Training your dog shouldn't be!"*

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Matthew Twitty 2017 Seminars & Private Lesson Registration Form

Participant_____

Street Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Day Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email_____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

_____**Working Spot for All 3 Days: $350**

_____**Working Spot for Saturday & Sunday: $250**

_____**Working Spot for Saturday & Sunday PLUS Auditing Spot for Monday: $315**

_____**Working Spot for Monday PLUS Auditing Spot for Saturday & Sunday: $275**

_____**Auditing Spot for All 3 Days: $200**

_____**Auditing Spot for Any 2 Days: $150 Circle the two days you will attend: SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY**

_____**Auditing Spot for Any 1 Day: $85 Circle the one day you will attend: SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY**

_____**Transfer my registration to an AUDITOR spot (and refund the difference) if working spots are full.**

_____**Return my payment if working spots are full.**

_____**Private Lesson TUESDAY ___Morning ___Afternoon ___30 minutes ($50) ___ 60 minutes ($85)**

_____**Please send me info about motels & hotels in the area** _____**Please send me info about RV parking on site (limited space)**

Amount Enclosed: $_____US FUNDS Circle Payment Method: Check / Discover / Visa / MasterCard / Cash

For credit card payments: Print Name on Card_____ Expiration Date _____

Card Number_____ Signature_____

By providing your credit card information you authorize Family Dog Training Center to process your payment specified upon receipt.

PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

I understand that there will be no refunds issued for any reason (other than seminar cancellation); however, a participant who is unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place provided permission is given in writing and a copy is submitted to Family Dog Training Center. Due to space constraints auditors should leave their dogs at home or in their vehicles in the parking lot. Returned or NSF checks are subject to a $30 bank processing fee. Declined credit cards that result in late payment due to delayed processing are subject to a $30 late payment fee.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Matthew Twitty, Lakeland Canine Academy, Kathy Lang Dog Training Services, Inc., The Family Dog Training Center, and its owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

Participant's Signature_____**Date**_____

Keep a copy of this page for your records. Register online or mail with payment to: Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave S, Kent, WA 98032 (253) 854-9663 / Office@familydogonline.com / familydogonline.com / We will send you a confirming email once we receive and process your payment.

InStep Dog Training hosts Patti Biggins "The Training Game" Competition Obedience

May 6—7, 2017

Patti has been showing and training all her Belgian Tervurens to multiple titles that include - OTCHs, HITs, Championships, High Combineds, TDXs and MACH.
As a diverse trainer her students have ranged from Chihuahuas to Newfoundlands.
A retired school teacher, Patti has an exceptional way of teaching and helping students learn the lesson and achieve the desired results. She believes in teaching the handler to understand their dog and work on a goal for that dog to achieve its' potential and have fun. There will be lots of floor work for the working teams. Don't miss out, sign up early!

This will be a small seminar, limited to 15 working spots and 12 auditing spaces.

Where:
19625—99th Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98296
Time:
Saturday 8:30—4:30
Sunday 8:30—4:30
Monday—Private lessons ($70/hr)
Costs:
$225 Working Spot
$125 Auditor/Observer

Upon receiving your Signed Registration Form with payment, you will receive confirmation by email. All Working Spot attendees will receive a questionnaire to return prior to the seminar to aid Patty with planning her seminar presentation and topics.

Questions?

Morning & afternoon refreshments will be provided both days at no additional cost. Lunch will also be provided.

RULES:

1. Please observe privacy of Sharon's home. Porti potty will be provided. Clean up after your dogs,
2. Only individuals who have enrolled in the seminar will be permitted at the seminar.
3. Parking is tight. You might want to back down for easier exit.
4. Absolutely NO VIDEO or PHOTOGRAPHS ALLOWED!

Directions – off of I-405 towards Woodinville / Monroe

- **Exit Woodinville/Bothell exit, heading East to Woodinville/Monroe You will be on Hwy 522.**
- **Continue on Hwy 522 until you reach the first traffic light. Move to Left signal lane. You will be then be heading towards Maltby.**
- **After you turn Left, make an immediate right turn on Yew Road, following the yellow arterial line, staying to the right of the RR tracks**
- **Cross over the track at Broadway. You will pass Maltby Community Park on the Left. Turn Right at 196th St SE (Flower World Nursery)**
- **Continue to end of road, turn Right, then immediately Left at gravel driveway. Training Building is at the end of the long shared driveway. Drive Slow!!**

Registration Form

"The Training Game" with Patti Biggins

May 6—7, 2017

Register Early! Space is limited! Registration Is On A First Come Basis.

Deadline for Registration is *April 15, 2017*

Payment must be received to reserve your spot. ***Registration fees are non-refundable after registration deadline.***

Name of Participant: _____ Breed of Dog: _____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Seminar Fee (Circle One):

$225—Working Spot ($50 deposit is required to reserve)

$125—Auditor ($50 deposit is required to reserve)

*** * * A G R E E M E N T * * ***

I (We) agree that InStep Dog Training holding this event has the right to refuse this registration for cause which the owner shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this registration form and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog attend this event, I (we) agree to hold InStep Dog Training, and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and the seminar presentor at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally; I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, However such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Signature of parent or guardian if participant is under 18:_____

Return Signed Registration Form with your check payable to InStep Dog Training to:

Amy Reagan, Seminar Coordinator
PO BOX 881039
Steilacoom, WA 98388

Questions—contact Amy Reagan at Islandlady303@yahoo.com

Brenda Riemer, Ph.D.
A Seminar on Mental Skills for Competitive Handlers
By Amy Reagan (**my notes summarized**)

Brenda Riemer is a Sports Psychologist at Eastern Michigan University. She has taken her academic specialty of sports psychology and applied it to the dog sport teaching handlers how we can improve our performance. Before you stop reading or pooh-poohing this, it can apply to all dog sports including CONFORMATION!

Do you get ring jitters about showing? Do you even recognize that you have ring nerves? Do you realize when you are being your own worst enemy before you even get to the show? Is your glass half full or half empty? Do you think this is some New Age mumble jumble and we need to get in touch with our feelings? *Okay, so maybe….we are not going to sit in a circle and hum 'kumbaya'*.

What Brenda teaches us is how to understand and manage our own 'mind' of which not all are inherited. But as breeders we should know that, right? We can learn psychological skills to help us overcome our anxieties. Brenda talks about how "mental skills are no different than physical skills". She teaches us that there are Four Levels of Psychological Performance – Attitude, Motivation, Goals & Commitment and People Skills.

Two levels of Psychological Performance either aid or diminish success. Through Self Talk and Mental Imagery we can use preparatory skills to Manage Anxiety, Emotions and learn Concentration.

1. So what is that anxiety we feel before we even get to the ring? Anxiety can cause us to forget, lose focus and not think. It can 'blind' our minds from what would be a normal exercise or routine. What creates anxiety for you? Here are a number of things I have heard from exhibitors both in Obedience or Conformation –
2. Oh, that judge won't like my dog.
3. I am in pain today so not sure I can move around the ring.
4. Yuck, they changed the order of the exercises. My dog can't do that broad jump first.
5. That judge has a sharp pencil (meaning they are a hard scorer)
6. Etc, etc…

We all have choices as we make these comments to ourselves. We can CHOSE to pull our dog or not enter, **or** learn to overcome our anxiety. Yes, I recognize that there can be physical ailments that may hinder performance, but there are ALWAYS options.

Let's first talk about what I learned about decreasing stress. By the way, your stress, thus anxiety can start from when you get that first announcement of a show coming up and what choices you want to make and carry all the way into the ring!

1. Relaxation Training – we need to learn when our muscles are tense. Ever sit in a dentist chair and swear you are relaxed? Yep, you probably aren't!!
    - Sitting in a chair, eyes closed and start at your feet learn to tense and relax the muscles in each portion of your body.
        - You will move upward mentally on your body from each feet, then lower leg, to upper thigh, THEN do opposite sides. When you have done both legs, then tense and relax the pelvis, hips stomach, lower back, upper back, chest. Then onto your left hand, lower arm, upper arm, shoulder, switch to other side and then to the neck and head.
2. Breathing Methods – there are several types of breathing methods. Brenda mentioned that most people do NOT breathe using their ENTIRE lungs. She recommends breathing in through the nose and then exhale through your mouth although not required.
    - 1st Method - Breather deep, inhaling slowly, hold your breath for 10 seconds and then exhale as you release the tension.
    - 2nd Method, Rhythmic Breathing I – Inhale to count of 4, hold for count of 4 and exhale to count of 4. Pause and Repeat.
    - 3rd Method, Rhythmic Breathing II – Take a deep breath, exhale fully, breath to count of 4 and exhale to count of 8
    - 4th Method, Rhythmic Breathing III – (5 to 1 count). Say to yourself and visualize the number 5 as you take a deep slow breath and exhale fully. Repeat the cycle but visualize the number 4 and then onto 3, 3 and 1.

3. Using Imagery or Visualization
    - You can practice this anywhere but not while you are driving!
    - Use it to practice exercises or ring patterns. You are practicing this in your mind and teaching our brain a pattern of desired behavior.
    - Always imagine doing it RIGHT!!
    - Use it to help you relax before you get to a show. Practice imagining the entire routine of signing up for the event to the time you exit the ring. Remember to imagine it correctly!
    - Color or Word Association – when you are relaxed think of a color or word that you can use in the ring to help you relax. Avoid bright colors such as Red. Brenda recommends Blue colors.

Brenda talked about how we get Stress from our Thoughts (by Albert Ellis - http://albertellis.org/). Stress is how we interpret the event. Using the acronym ABC, she defines it as –

- A = Activating Event – something happens
- B = Belief about the event
- C = Consequences, our emotions (which can be negative)

Irrational thoughts keep us from moving forward. So for example - We say, "I am not a good handler and hold my dog back." What have we projected in ourselves? Very negative thoughts within our minds which hold us back to succeed. Whereas, what if we said, "With practice, I can become a good handler."

We can't succeed with managing our stress and reducing our anxiety without Goal Setting. We need a target or outcome to aim for and it helps us establish a commitment to the task of achieving it. We have to set realistic goals that can be measured.

- Write your Goal down, such as achieving a UD or a Championship.
- Then write down each step it will take to get there along with what you think the Roadblocks are to achieve it. It is also very important to also write how you will overcome each of those Roadblock.

Brenda had us 'play' a little game of Concentration to help us learn the tools of Focus especially when our mind wanders due to internal or external forces. Do you remember the TV show 'Concentration' where you had to remember or memorize the location of a game piece in a short amount of time? This is very similar but you are using a grid of numbers scattered in no apparent order. You can make it yourself. You are to look for sequential numbers (higher or lower) in a set amount of time. You can take it anywhere with you and if you find your mind is drifting to other than the task at hand, just use it to help you focus. Some people need tools such as this to help them establish a pattern of behavior while others may be able to perform other focus exercises without this aid.

The value in this seminar helps us recognize that we are not always at our optimum especially when stress and anxiety interfere with our goal to succeed. Brenda helped us learn tools to reduce this stress. Learning to do this without any other aid than our brain makes for taking it into the ring much easier. Some might say music helps you, but we can't take an MP3 into the ring and dance our way around it while it relaxes us. Making excuses or negative comments only adds to the layer of stress diminishing our ability to succeed. Ever hear of the self-fulfilling prophecy? You can eventually 'will' yourself to believe whatever you want, how about changing it to achieving success?

If you are carrying a lot of emotional baggage, no amount of this type of self-help may work and you may need more specialized help, but for the 'normal' dog show person, it is worth a try.

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