

Canine Conditioning Seminar Report

Submitted on 10/13/2024 by Kathy Lang, Chair

Dr. Patti Schaefer of Canisport Veterinary Services presented her introductory seminar on structure, movement, conditioning, injury prevention and much more on October 12, 2024 at Family Dog Training Center in Kent, WA.

Twenty-eight participants registered for the seminar, including 10 WSOTC members. Feedback that I received was entirely positive, with several participants commenting on how much they learned.

Thanks to Liz Fifield, owner of Family Dog, for allowing us to use the facility and conditioning equipment at a reduced fee. Thanks to Terrie Sato and Rhonda Forman for organizing refreshments and a light lunch of rolled-up sandwiches, vegetable soup and grapes. Thank you to the WSOTC members who also contributed desserts and other items.

I assisted Dr. Schaefer as she did hands-on evaluations of the working dogs and taught various exercises, including the treadmill introduction. My Border Collie, Fuzion, did a nice job as her large demo dog. Sharon Colvin and her Papillon, Dazzle, shined with the small dog demo. Ingrida Robinson handled the check-in table and assisted in many other ways. Rhonda Forman sold raffle tickets to offset expenses for the Spring Trial.

Thank you to Catherine Shaffer for bringing the checkbook so all bills could be paid on site, which also allowed me to finalize the income/expense statement for the seminar. Refreshment/lunches were \$16.20 over the budgeted amount; however, the club still ended with a net profit of \$613.90