



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club * Sept. 2017 News

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Classes

Dog obedience, rally, and conformation classes begin Monday, Sept. 18 at Encanto Park, Phoenix. Registration forms are found online at pfoc.club. Classes fill rapidly. Training Director Marilyn Bennett needs more instructors and assistants for our training classes; please contact Marilyn to help.

General Meeting Sept. 15

The next PFOC general meeting will be held on Sept. 15th, 7:30 pm, North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th Street, Phoenix. Our program will be about RALLY and the new rally regulations. Please join us.

***Future PFOC General Meetings (7:30 PM)**

Dec.? Meeting/party, January 12, March 16, May 18, June 23

Aizona Dog-Related Charitable Annual Donations

At our June 2017 awards and election banquet, we announced that PFOC will donate to the fire department Fido masks, U. of A. Valley Fever Research, and Soldier's Best Friend.



Thank you to Kay Morrow for our list of Events!
Please send your event info to Kay at draftdog@cox.net

Sept. 22-25. 2017
Prescott Arizona KC
Location: Prescott Valley Event Center, Prescott Valley
Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

September 30
Desert Dog Obedience
Show & Go match
Location: Ahwatukee Swim & Tennis Center Park

October 8
Rally Workshop with Ruthann McCaulley
Location: Tucson

October 14-15
US Australian Shepherd Association
AKC Obedience & Rally trials
Location: Ahwatukee Swim & Tennis Club, Phoenix
Event Secretary: Barbara Smith, bls33327@gmail.com

October 22
Papago Labrador retriever Club Match
Obedience, Rally, CGC
Location: Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix

November 4-5
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club Trials
Location: Reid Park, Tucson
Event Secretary: Kathy Hand kathy@azdogshows.com

November 10-11
Canada Del Oro KC
November 12-13
Madera Canyon KC
Location: Rillito Park, Tucson
Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

November 17-18
Tucson KC
November 19
Greater Sierra Vista KC
Location: Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson
Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows

November 24-25
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association
November 26-27
Arrowhead KC
Location: Rawhide, Chandler
Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

December 1-2
Yuma KC
Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma
Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows

January 7. 2018
PFOC Fun Match
Location: Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix

*****January 20 & 21, 2018**
PFOC Obedience & Rally Trials
Location: Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix
Secretary: Christine Filler- cfiller1@msn.com

February 2-3, 2018 -Sahuaro State KC
February 4-5, 2018 -Lost Dutchman KC
Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix
Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

Let's not forget the dogs from our hurricanes.



Is a Dog's Mouth Cleaner Than a Human's Mouth?

AKC › [Dog Health](#) › [Conditions](#) /Anna Burke | July 20, 2017



You've probably heard the expression "a dog's mouth is cleaner than a human's mouth" at least once in your life. Most of us have just accepted this as fact, when we think about it at all, but have you ever wondered if it is actually true?

Here's a hint: the answer is no.

Apples and Oranges

Comparing a dog's mouth to a human's mouth is "like comparing apples and oranges," according to Colin Harvey, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and the executive secretary at the American Veterinary Dental College.

This is because both dog and human mouths are full of microbes. While there is some overlap in the types of bacteria between species, there are also a host of different dental bacteria in your dog's mouth that you won't find in yours.

Take the bacterial family known for causing periodontal disease in humans and dogs, Porphyromonas. Researchers discovered that dogs have a type of Porphyromonas called *P. gulae*, whereas human mouths contain its relative, *P. gingivalis*. Both bacteria are what most of us would consider "dirty," and can cause problems for dog and human teeth.

In fact, dogs have more than 600 different types of bacteria in their mouths, which is a similar number to the 615 and counting types of bacteria [Harvard researchers](#) have found in human mouths. These bacteria can also be joined by other bacteria that we (humans and dogs) pick up from our environments, adding to the mix.



Can Humans Get Dog Germs?

Perhaps part of the reason the idea that "a dog's mouth is cleaner than a human's mouth" came to be so widely believed is that we don't typically swap diseases with our dogs when we swap saliva. You are not going to get the flu from a dog kiss, but you might get it from kissing a human loved one.

Most of the bacteria in your dog's mouth are not zoonotic, which means you probably won't get a disease from a big old doggy kiss. There are exceptions to this. Dogs that are fed a raw diet are at an increased risk of contracting salmonella, which can be spread to humans, and you really don't want to share kisses with a dog that regularly raids the litter box.

In other words, kissing your dog is less risky than kissing another human, but that does not mean that your dog's mouth is necessarily cleaner than a human's — he just has a mostly incompatible set of germs.

Can Dog Saliva Heal Wounds?

While we're on the subject of dog mouths, there is another folk belief that you've probably heard before about dog mouths: dog saliva helps heal wounds.

This gets a little more complicated. Most mammals, humans included, lick their wounds. Historically, ancient cultures even believed that dog saliva had curative powers, and the Greeks and Egyptians both used dog saliva in healing practices and featured dogs in their religious healing rites.

They may have been on to something. The act of licking, alone, offers some benefits to wound healing. The tongue removes dirt and debris from the wound site, which lowers the risk of contamination and infection. Of course, too much licking can lead to self-trauma, as in the case of [hot spots](#), and can actually make things much worse.

But what about the saliva itself?

As it turns out, there are certain proteins in saliva called histatins that can ward off infection, and further research has revealed that there are other beneficial chemical compounds in saliva that can help protect cuts from bacterial infections. As if that wasn't enough, there is even more evidence that suggests licked wounds heal twice as fast as unlicked wounds.

Dog saliva is not alone in these properties. Human and other mammal saliva show similar wound-healing activity, which might help explain why we instinctively hold a cut to our mouths and kiss "boo-boos."



Does this mean that you should have your dog lick your wounds, or that you should lick your own wounds?

Maybe not. Not all of the research about saliva was good. Curative properties aside, saliva has its risks. Take the bacterium *Pasteurella*, for example. This bacterium is harmless in the mouth, but can lead to serious infections if introduced into an open wound, resulting in sickness, amputation, and even death. And there are plenty of other germs we can pick up from our environments in our mouths that we do not want a wound exposed to. Also, excessive licking of a wound can lead to infection and self-mutilation.

In short, while there is some truth to this folk remedy, you are probably better off treating your wounds and your dog's wounds with more conventional care to avoid any unnecessary risks. If you have more questions about whether or not you should let your dog lick your wounds, contact your doctor or your veterinarian for professional medical advice.

Oral Hygiene

Comparing the cleanliness of human and dog mouths misses a major point: oral hygiene.

Both dogs and humans are equally susceptible to dental disease and benefit from good oral hygiene practices to keep their mouths clean and healthy. [Regular brushing](#) and dental cleanings help humans and dogs keep harmful bacteria, like the kind that cause [periodontal disease](#), in check and are an important part of a daily routine.

You can begin [brushing your dog's teeth](#) when his is a puppy. This will make it easier down the road when your dog is older and full of firm ideas about what he does and doesn't like. Training your dog to enjoy tooth brushing is just as important as getting him used to the process. Talk to your veterinarian about ways to make tooth brushing enjoyable, and be sure to use toothpaste designed for dogs and never human toothpastes, which can contain harmful substances such as xylitol.

Your dog's mouth might not be cleaner than yours, but keeping your dog's mouth healthy will make you feel better about those sloppy, wet dog kisses.



Help! My Dog Is Chasing Everything

AKC dog training - Hilarie Erb | August 17, 2017

Why do dogs chase? It's hardwired into many of them.

Some [breeds](#) have a strong herding instinct, and others have a strong prey drive. These dogs can't resist chasing anything that walks, runs, or rolls, but it can be a dangerous habit. When dogs go after people walking, biking, skating, or jogging, it is frightening for the one being chased and embarrassing for the owner of the dog. With some training, these dogs can learn control.

First, dogs should never be off leash where they can directly encounter whatever they want to chase. It's dangerous for dogs and people. A dog chasing after something is usually completely tuned out to everything else and is not looking out for cars or thinking of how to find the way home.

If your dog is a chaser, plan to walk when and where there is less traffic on the roads, and stay alert to the surroundings and traffic. If you have a fenced yard or room in your house, play a game of fetch or tug before heading out for the walk to take the edge off the dog's energy level.

As soon as a car or other chase-worthy subject is in sight or earshot, immediately begin to redirect the dog's attention to you, using high-value treats (like cheese, hot dogs, or chicken) and/or a favorite toy. Turn a corner or walk into a driveway, so there is more space between the dog and what he might want to chase. Engage your dog before the target of attention is too close; ask for a sit or other behavior. Praise lavishly and be generous with the treats when your dog looks at you instead of that jogger or parent pushing the stroller.

By doing this consistently, the dog will learn that passersby, cars, skaters, etc. mean that praise and goodies will be coming from his or her person and will automatically check in with you rather than give chase.



In a fenced yard, many dogs run the fence when they see people, bikes, or cars. A chasing instinct or fence reactivity can cause this behavior. The best option is to build a fence that the dog cannot see through. If the dog must be outside during the day, maybe a smaller kennel can be installed in a secluded part of the yard where the dog feels secure.

Dogs can get bored if left outside all day, and chasing passersby is one way they can alleviate their boredom. If you are home, go outside with the dog so you can redirect attention, just as you would while walking the dog on a leash. Practice calling the dog to you

when there are no distractions and [be generous with treats](#) when the dog comes.

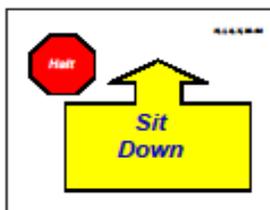
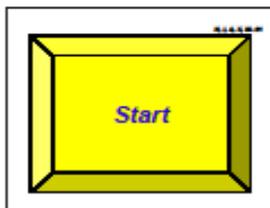
Dogs want to be with their people, so bring yours with you when you go back inside. When you are not home, the safest place for the dog is inside the house in a crate or dog-proofed area.

Come and learn about
AKC Rally Changes

at the Phoenix Field & Obedience Club General Meeting

WHEN: Friday, September 15, 7:30 pm

WHERE: North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix



YOU ARE INVITED to attend the September PFOC general meeting including a program on the anticipated changes to AKC Rally regulations that go into effect this November. The AKC is planning to add two new Rally classes and three new Rally titles as well as new signs to all Rally classes. This is your chance to get a preview of these changes and get ready for the new show season.



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PFOC Annual Awards Banquet & Meeting

at Garcia's Las Avenidas

June 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Quinlan at 1:15 pm. She welcomed everyone and asked for a moment to remember the members PFOC lost this year: Alice Morgan (long time treasurer), Katy Adams, Chuck Krause, Jeff Hanauer and Carla Pollard. Special guest was Alice's husband, Bill Morgan.

Vice President Kay Morrow had nothing to report.

Carolyn gave the treasurer's report. Checking balance \$17,826 and Savings balance \$32,392. Sandy Rees moved to accept treasurer's report and Til Rickard seconded. All were in favor.

Trial Chair Jane Krause thanked everyone who helped at last year's trial, especially in the rain. Next years trial is Jan 20 & 21 and help will be needed. The PFOC match will be Sunday Jan 7. Check out the club website for all dates and details at: www.pfoc.club

Membership Chair Clemence Newcomb is now taking dues to renew your membership for 2017-18. Please fill out a membership form to make sure the club has your correct info. Lifetime members for 2017 are: Becki Johnson, Ann Kosin, Peggy Ringhoff and Donna Smith. Paul Kent who was in attendance received his lifetime member pin for 2016. President Carolyn reported that as the 2017-2018 slate of officers is running unopposed, all on slate are declared as elected.

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Old Business: The board has selected the following charities to receive a donation from PFOC this year: Valley Fever, Fetch and Soldiers Best Friend.

Carolyn announced this year's TAB award winners for their service to the club: Don Wilson, Craig & Cindy Haglin, Jan & Beau McClure and Larry Reese.

New Business: The list for trophy donations is being passed today.

Announcement: Connie Geyer works for the Phoenix City Library and they are looking for a therapy dog that children can read to. Your dog must be a certified therapy dog. If interested, contact Connie.

Formal Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm with a motion from Sandy Rees and second by Jill Schuch so we could enjoy a delicious lunch, present 2016-17 awards and have member's raffle.

Awards Chairmen Jan & Beau McClure presented awards to 19 PFOC members which included 27 dogs, 52 titles including 5 dogs who earned their first title in 2016-17. Club member, Darci Neilsen and her miniature schnauzer, Misty, received High Scoring Club member from this year's PFOC Trial in the Open A class.

Raffle chair, Connie Geyer, and members provided a fabulous array of raffle prizes and all who attended went away with a raffle prize.

Respectfully submitted by substitute secretary, Susan Norman.