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***Future PFOC General Meetings (7:30 PM)**
 January 12, March 16, May 18, June 23
 Please send your event info to Kay Morrow at
draftdog@cox.net

President's Message

Suddenly it is December and another year has flown by. It is the perfect time to reflect on the year that is passing far too quickly and remember all of the fun times we've had as exhibitors and club members and to remember those we have lost this year. Our club match and trial will soon be upon us and I encourage all of you to assist where you can. We need the support and assistance of everyone to make these events successful. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

Thanks to all for your support and I wish you a Happy Holiday Season.
 Carolyn Quinlan

Classes

New dog obedience, rally, and conformation classes begin Monday, Jan. 8th at Encanto Park, Phoenix. Registration forms are found online at pfoc.club or at class.

General Meeting & Holiday Party - Dec. 9th

The next PFOC general meeting & annual holiday party will be Dec. 9th, 7:00 pm at Carolyn Quinlan's home. Flyer is attached. Join us for holiday cheer. See you there.

Thank you to the Quinlans for hosting our party!

PFOC Fun Match Sunday, Jan. 7th

Don't forget to practice before our trials and to enter our match. Match entry form is included or go to pfoc.club for entry form. Becki Johnson is match chair. **Thank you, Becki!**

PFOC Jan. 20-21, 2018 trials

Our AKC Jan.20-21, 2018 trials are at Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix, AZ Don't forget to enter; entries close Jan. 5th! Our trial premium and trail entry form are available at pfoc.club or contact our trial secretary, Christine Filler, cfiller1@msn.com or **608 606 9029.**

**Please help us set up rings and equipment Friday, Jan.20, after 3 pm.*

Obedience Rules & Regulations are changing May 1, 2018

AKC has made big changes to **Obedience Novice & Open class rules**. Everyone needs to study the new rules:
http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/obedience/Revisions_to_the_Obedience_Regulations_Effective_05-01-18.pdf?_ga=2.171499302.781243897.1511795912-1654886988.1511795912

January 7, 2018
PFOC Fun Match
 Location: Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix
 Flyer attached and on our pfoc.club site

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

February 1, 2018
 Papago Labrador Retriever Club
 February 2-3, 2018 Sahuaro State KC
 February 4-5, 2018 -Lost Dutchman KC
 Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix
 Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

February 17-18
 Grand Canyon German Shepherd Dog Club
 Location: Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix
debcbvt@gmail.com

March 2, 2018
 Desert Valley Doberman Pinscher Club
 March 3-4, 2018 Superstition KC
 Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix
 Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

April 14-15, 2018
 German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Arizona,
 Location: Marana, AZ
showsec.mignon@gmail.com

July 21-22, 2018
 Flagstaff Kennel Club
 Location: Williams, AZ
 Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

Happy Holidays



**PFOC awards members with the highest qualifying score at our Jan. 2018 trials in our Obedience class Novice A, or Open A, or Utility A. These awards will be presented at our June annual meeting and banquet. Best of luck to all who enter our trials.*

What Holiday Foods Are Toxic for Dogs and Cats?

Banfield Pet Hospital

The holidays can be a stressful time for everyone, often made all the more stressful by pet owners wondering how to best protect their pets during this chaotic time of year. Though you may not realize it, many holiday foods pose great danger to your four-legged companions. It may seem innocent enough to slip a few extra morsels of dinner or dessert under the table to a begging canine or feline friend, but even the most harmless-seeming meal scraps can sometimes be hazardous to pets.



Here are some things to keep in mind when preparing for the many feasts of the holiday season:

- **Candy Can Be Deadly.** Chocolate contains theobromine, a substance that can be toxic to pets. Dark, semi-sweet, and Baker's each contain high-concentrates of theobromine, more than other chocolates varieties - but *all* chocolate can all be lethal to pets if ingested, so be sure to keep the candy bowls and snack trays well out of your pets' reach!
- **Leftovers May Be Dangerous.** Fatty leftovers, like meat drippings and bones, can cause internal injury, upset stomachs, diarrhea, or vomiting, and may lead to pancreatitis and obesity. Be sure to keep your friends and family informed and in check before they begin doling out unwanted scraps beneath the dinner table.
- **Bones Are Bad.** Although bones from our holiday birds look good to pets, they are dangerous and can cause intestinal upset and may even splinter once chewed – becoming lodged dangerously in your pets' throat – or in the process of being digested – creating serious intestinal problems.
- **Hold the Fruits and Veggies.** It seems perfectly logical that because they are good for us, fruits and vegetables are good for pets – and that's true, partly. Some fruits and vegetables, however, are actually toxic to pets. In terms of vegetables, keep an eye out for garlic, onions, leeks, scallions, chives, and shallots dropping from the dinner table, as they are all highly toxic to dogs and cats, and can be fatal in severe cases. As for fruits, grapes, and raisins are the culprits you'll most need to keep an eye on, as they too can be harmful to pets.
- **Watch the Packaging.** Packaging can cause choking or intestinal blockage when ingested. Foil wrappers can become as dangerous as razors when swallowed, so keep a special eye out for wrapped foods and excessive packaging lying about your home.
- **Careful with the Caffeine.** While you may often need that extra caffeinated boost to keep you going during this exhausting time of year, your pets do not – in fact, many products on the market with large amounts of caffeine or caffeine-like stimulants are toxic to pets. Be sure to steer your cats and dogs clear of anything containing caffeine around your house, such as coffee, tea, energy drinks, caffeine pills, and soft drinks.

Need More Information?

If you have any more questions about keeping your pets safe and healthy during the holidays, feel free to contact your local veterinarian, browse our Pet Health Resource Library, our Nutrition and Behavior centers, or take a look at our Holiday Pet Behavior Survival Guide for dogs and cats.

Updated October 17, 2015



Holiday Party & General Meeting

All PFOC members and guests are invited to our
SATURDAY, December 9th - 7:00 pm general meeting
And Holiday Potluck Dinner
(Please leave your dogs at home)

Here's what you need to know:

When: SATURDAY, December 9th

Where: Carolyn and Terry Quinlan's Home
13233 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85022

Time: Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Party to follow immediately thereafter.

Get ready for great conversation, good food, fun, and games!

PLEASE RSVP TO CAROLYN BY WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH AND INDICATE IF YOU PLAN TO BRING
AN APPETIZER, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT

PFOC will provide the main dish for this event

***Bring a wrapped dog-related gift to exchange. Gift value \$10-\$15**

***Our gift exchange is optional.**

If you bring one gift, you will receive one gift in return.

Information: Carolyn Quinlan 602-999-1978 stellarussell6336@live.com

13233 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85022

Directions: Thunderbird to 3rd Street, south 1 block to Pershing St.

Turn right on Pershing, two blocks to 2nd Street, 2nd house on right.

Look for white reindeer in yard.



Finding a Lost Pet - ASPCA

It's every pet parent's nightmare: Your dog or cat has gotten loose and you don't know where he or she is. Don't panic—there are steps you can take to locate your pet. Swift action, coupled with major neighborhood networking, will increase the odds of having your furry friend back in your arms. The key is to get the word out to as many people in as many places as possible, so don't be shy about enlisting the help of your friends and family in the search efforts.

Remember, identification can be a lifesaver for a lost pet. It's a good idea for all your animal companions—even indoor-only pets—to always wear a collar with an ID tag that includes your name, current phone number and any relevant contact information. If you've chosen to microchip your pet as a means of permanent identification, keep in mind that microchips are only as good as the information provided to the chip's company. If you've moved or changed your phone number since registering your pet's chip, be sure to submit an update as soon as possible. July 1 is National ID Your Pet Day, which serves as an annual check-in to make sure your pets' identification information is up to date.



If your pet does go missing, below are actions you can take to begin the search process.

Search Your Home and Alert Neighbors

As soon as you notice your pet is missing, talk to your family members or housemates and ask where they last saw your pet. Search your home carefully—under beds, in closets, dark places, small places, behind bulky furniture—in case your pet may be hiding or sleeping somewhere. Shaking a food dish, treat jar or favorite toy will sometimes lure animals out of a hiding place. If you are sure your pet is not in or around the home, take a slow ride or walk around your neighborhood. Bring along a recent photo of your pet and ask neighbors if they've seen him or her. Check under porches and shrubs, and ask neighbors to check in sheds and garages in case your pet was accidentally locked in.

Work the Phones

Calls should be made to the local animal control agencies, veterinary hospitals, shelters (both municipal and private) and rescue groups in your area. One of them may already have your pet in custody. Check in with shelters daily—and pay these visits in person with photos of your pet to distribute to shelter staff. If there are no shelters close to your home, contact the police.

Tell Your Social Media Networks

Send an email about your lost pet to local friends, colleagues and family members and ask them to pass on the information to anyone they can. Then, be sure to share the news with your social media networks. Most communities have local “Lost Pet” Facebook pages where they will post information about missing pets. Reach out to those page administrators and see if they will share information about your pet. You can create your own Facebook page or digital card for your lost pet, and share it across your social networks—and ask friends and family to spread the word to their contacts.

- **Create a “Lost Pet” Flyer**

You'll want to create a flyer that will stand out and get noticed by people who may have seen your pet. Repeated viewings of a consistent message are more likely to stick in people's minds, so we recommend sticking with one design for your flyer.

- Start with a big, bold headline that people can read from a distance, like “LOST DOG” or “MISSING CAT.” Include a clearly printed, recent photo of your pet and list the breed, sex, coloring, age, weight, any distinguishing features and when and where he or she was last seen. Provide your name and two phone numbers: yours and a friend or family member's in case you cannot be reached.
- Blanket the Neighborhood
Good places to post your flyers include dog parks and runs, pet supply stores and pet grooming shops and veterinary offices. Various commercial establishments like grocery and convenience stores, gas stations, laundromats, bars, cafes and restaurants are other good high-traffic options.
- Cover lampposts and trees near where you think your pet was lost, and around busy commercial and pedestrian sections of town. Put up flyers around schools or at kids'-eye level. Children can be more observant than adults, especially when it comes to animals.

Don't Give Up!

This one is important! Remember that many lost animals have found their way back home.

Download the ASPCA Mobile App for Additional Resources

When you download the **ASPCA mobile app**, you'll receive a personalized missing pet recovery kit, including step-by-step instructions on how to search for a lost animal in a variety of circumstances. You can also build a lost pet digital flyer that can be shared instantly on your social media channels.

PHOENIX FIELD & OBEDIENCE CLUB FUN MATCH

Sunday, Jan.7, 2018



PARADISE VALLEY PARK
17642 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ
(40TH Street between Union Hills & Bell Road)



**Judging Times: Obedience will begin at 9:00 a.m.
Rally will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

Obedience group stays will be done separately. Times: every half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m.

OBEDIENCE Classes:	Beginner	Novice	Novice	Open	Utility
RALLY Classes:	Novice	Advanced	Advanced	Excellent	Master
(Obedience Beginner Novice class to follow all Rally classes in the Rally ring)					

Rings will have baby-gates. Although there is no separation of A & B classes, our judges will use a B format in Open/Utility upon request. You may use toys, treats and training aids (*no shock collars*). No abuse or harsh corrections will be allowed. All dogs must be kept on a leash except when in the ring and must be brought into the ring and taken out of the ring on a leash. When outside of the ring, the handler must keep the dog on a leash and must hold the leash or confine the dog in a secure location such as a crate or exercise pen. **This match is open to all pure breed dogs, All American dogs, and mixed-breed dogs.** *Any person and dog in good standing with AKC is eligible to enter this match.

Pre-entry Only \$8.00 per dog per entry \$6.00 for 2nd entry of same dog



*If a dog is exhibiting twice in the same class, the second run will be scheduled at the end of the class.
No email, fax, or phone entries will be accepted.

There will be no refunds for people and dogs who register for the match but don't attend.

Entries must be received by Jan. 5, 2018, noon. Make check/money order payable to: Phoenix Field & Obedience Club

Mail to: Becki Johnson, 7339 W. Griffin Ln., Glendale, AZ 85303-3914

**If you have any questions, contact Becki Johnson at murphyudx@aol.com or 602-999-0761*

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Save time and postage — enter ONLINE at <http://www.pfoc.club/events.html>

PFOC Fun Match • Sunday, January 7, 2018

Breed _____ Call name of dog _____
 Name of Handler _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

OBEDIENCE
 Beginner Novice _____
 Novice _____
 Open _____ Jump _____ / _____
 Utility _____ Jump _____

RALLY
 Novice _____
 Advanced _____ Jump _____
 Excellent _____ Jump _____
 Master _____ Jump _____



AGREEMENT

I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for the entered dog in this match and hold harmless all other parties from any claim for loss or injury caused by this dog upon the match premises and from any claim for loss or injury of the entered dog in the match. I (we) hereby assume the full responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save this group, its members, directors, officers, match secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises 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 to my (our) participation in this match, however such injuries, death or damage to specific property 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 afore mentioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

I (we) understand that no entry will be accepted without a legible signature.

Signature of owner or owner's agent _____ Date _____

No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation or if the match cannot be completed due to circumstances beyond our control.