



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club * Feb. 12, 2018

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President Carolyn Quinlan
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Treasurer Susan Norman
Secretary Cindy Blair
Training Director Marilyn Bennett
Trial Chairman Jane Krause
Members-at-Large: Clemence Newcomb, Mindy Masch, Don Wilson

PFOC Jan. 20—21, 2018 Trial News

Let's give all of our workers, stewards, exhibitors, a big thank you for their support of our trials. A special thank you to **Cindy Blair** who created beautiful quilts used as trial trophies!

Saturday Results:

The highest scoring dog in Regular Obedience Classes was with 198 was Catherine Zinsky's GCH OTCH Sporting Field's Quantum Leap UDX3 OMS, Border Collie.

*No dog qualified with the highest combined score in Open & Utility Classes.

Sunday Results:

The highest scoring dog in Regular Obedience Classes with 199 and also had highest combined score (397) in Open & Utility Classes was Catherine Zinsky's GCH OTCH Sporting Field's Quantum Leap UDX3 OMS, Border Collie.

*PFOC usually awards plaques to the club members with the highest qualifying score in Obedience Novice A, Open A, and Utility A at our trials. No club member and dog qualified in these classes on either day this year!

Please submit judges to be considered for our trials.

We are usually booking our judges two years in advance.

Look up judges in the AKC Judges' Directory, found online. Check when the judge last judged in AZ. We look for a judge has not judged in AZ within the last two years.

We want a variety of judges. Judges should be able to judge both obedience and rally. Please submit judges' names to our President Carolyn Quinlan or Trial Chair Jane Krause. Thank you for your suggestions.

***PFOC Trial Judges 2019 will be Mrs. Lora Cox (CA), Mrs. Susan Emerson (MN), and Mrs. Anne Lorenz (WI).

*Future PFOC General Meetings (7:30 PM)

March 16, May 18, June 23

Please send your event info to Kay Morrow at draftdog@cox.net

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

March 16, 7:30 pm

PFOC General Meeting

North Mountain Visitor Center,

12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ

Program: Trick Dog performance & titling with Debbie Boehm

April 14-15, 2018

German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Arizona,

Location: Marana, AZ

showsec.mignon@gmail.com

May 5-6, 2018

PFOC Seminar

June 23, 2018

PFOC Annual Awards/ Meeting Banquet

July 21-22, 2018

Flagstaff Kennel Club

Location: Williams, AZ

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

Welcome New Members

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Happy Valentine's Day



PFOC General Meeting 01/05/2018

Carolyn Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at North Mountain Visitors Center.

Willard Baily made a motion to accept the Minutes from the last meeting as published in the newsletter, Kathleen Guyer seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Vice President Kay Morrow announced the March 2018 General Meeting will be meeting will be presented by Debbie Boehm concerning the new Trick Dog Titles, and demonstration of tricks.

Treasurer Susan Norman was absent, Carolyn Quinlan reported the checking balance and savings balances. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Til Rickard made a motion we accept the report as read, Jane Krause seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Jane Krause, Trial Chairman, reported that our Trial entry closes tonight at 8pm. We don't have the final numbers, but she reports the entry is significant. We will be setting up the rings on Friday, January 19th from 3pm to dark, at Paradise Valley Park, 40th St and Union Hills. We will need help with the set-up and request volunteers show up at the Park on Friday afternoon. Jane also reported that Cindy Blair and Carolyn Quinlan will provide lunches, and Becki Johnson will arrange the stewards. She has also brought the photos from the 2015 and 2016 trials to share.

Clemence Newcomb, Membership Chairman presented a new application for membership received from Ricki Wickman. Carolyn Cordry made a motion the application be accepted, Kathleen Guyer seconded the motion. The application was unanimously accepted.

Marilyn Bennett reported that the next training session begins on January 8th.

Old Business –There was no old business.

New Business – Jane Krause gave us total entry for the Match, January 7th is 61 in Rally, and Obedience entry is 100 dogs.

Marilyn Bennett made a motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7: 40 and the program on the new Obedience changes began.

Cindy Blair, secretary



PFOC new dog training session begins * Feb.19 * at Encanto Park!



Study Shows Dogs Hold Grudges Against People Who Diss Owners

AKC Staff | June 15, 2015

“Love me, love my dog,” is a time-honored saying, but a Japanese study suggests that the inverse—“Love me, love my human”—may be just as valid. That’s the case even when it came to that one offer dogs almost never refuse—food. Canine companions would turn down treats from people who were mean to their owners, said scientists from Kyoto University.

More than 50 dogs and owners participated in the experiment, in which dogs saw their people ask strangers for help opening a box. The strangers either refused the request or agreed to help. Dogs were less likely to accept food from a person who refused to help the owner, the scientists found, preferring to take goodies from the people who helped or who were neutral. Lead researcher Kazo Fujita told [The Japan Times](#) that this experiment is the first scientific evidence “that dogs make social and emotional evaluations of people regardless of their direct interest.”

He added that the ability to take sides is “one of the key factors in building a highly collaborative society, and this study shows that dogs share that ability with humans.” The study will be published in the journal [Animal Behavior](#). If you want to build a very strong bond with your dog, consider training for the **AKC Canine Good Citizen test**.

Visual Communication – Different Breeds Seek Eye Contact Differently

Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT | November 10, 2017



Staring into your dog's eyes is a joyous experience. As a matter of fact, it releases oxytocin, known as the love hormone, in you and your dog. That's the same hormone, and therefore the same feeling, we get when we look at our children. But do all dogs look into our eyes in the same way? Because dogs use eye contact and follow the human gaze better than wolves, it's possible that a breed's ability to communicate visually is associated with how genetically similar that breed is to a wolf. Recent research suggests that the more closely related to wolves a breed is, the less often it will make spontaneous eye contact with humans.

Akitsugu Konno and his colleagues studied 120 pet dogs in two experimental tasks to determine if certain breeds of dog gazed at humans more or less than other breeds. They theorized that if relatedness to wolves determines the use of eye contact, then those breeds classified as ancient (most closely related to wolves) would show less eye contact than all other breeds. Alternatively, if our history of breeding for working dogs has led to greater eye contact, then certain working breeds would show an increased use of eye contact compared to all other breeds.

Twenty-six different breeds of dog were used in the study, and they were classified into five groups based on genetic relatedness. These groups were ancient (e.g. Siberian Husky), herding (e.g. Border Collie), hound (e.g. Beagle), retriever-mastiff (e.g. Labrador Retriever), and working (e.g. German Shepherd Dog).

The first task the dogs were required to complete was called the visual contact task. During this experiment, the

dogs were free to make eye contact with the experimenter who was looking at the dog while standing beside an unreachable food container. The dog's gazing behavior was observed.

In the second task, called the unsolvable task, the dogs were given a hidden treat. The treat was placed under a container on a wooden board. For six trials, the dog could overturn the container and get the treat, but on the seventh trial, the unsolvable trial, the container was attached to the board, and the dog could not get at the treat. The dog was free to make eye contact with both the owner and the experimenter who stood behind the dog after he was presented with the immovable container. Again, the dog's gazing behavior was measured.

Almost all of the dogs spontaneously looked at humans during the tasks, indicating their attempt to communicate visually when trying to obtain a food reward. In fact, there were no differences in gazing behavior between breed groups during the visual contact task. However, during the unsolvable task, ancient breeds took longer to make eye contact with people, and they looked at people for shorter periods of time than any other breed group. This was in spite of the fact that they were equally motivated to solve the problem and get the treat.

This indicates that ancient breeds are less likely to use eye contact with humans to communicate. This is similar to previous studies conducted with wolves and in keeping with research on wild dogs. The researchers concluded that genetic similarity to wolves is responsible for differences in eye contact behavior, rather than human selection for certain working breeds, although they couldn't rule out the influence of breeding for specific behavioral traits.

Whether your dog is a natural gazer, or one of Konno's ancient breeds, you can always encourage eye contact by training a cue like "Watch me." And if you're looking to get your oxytocin fix for the day, besides gazing into your dog's eyes, the same hit of the love hormone can be had from petting, cuddling, or any other positive interaction with your dog.

Retriever's brain, in particular, had even more cortical neurons than the African lion and brown bear also included in the study, even though the lion and bear had far larger cerebral cortices than the dog. In other words, the dog packed more neurons into a smaller space. It seems that thousands of years of living domestically with humans hasn't hurt our canine companion's intelligence.



Obedience Changes Are Coming!

Watch AKC Obedience Videos on YouTube

<https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2018/01/12/akc-obedience-videos-on-youtube/>
By Diane Schultz January 12, 2018

Videos of the two new Novice exercises are available on the AKC Obedience & Rally YouTube channel. The Sit Stay – Get Your Leash and the Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay, will be performed in the AKC Novice A and B Classes beginning **May 1, 2018**. These two new exercises will replace the current Novice Group Exercises. The Sit Stay – Get Your Leash will be added to the Preferred Novice class.

[AKC has great demonstrations of the new regulations and rules in Obedience Novice and Open Classes on youtube. It will be worth your time to watch if you plan to enter these classes.](#)

Novice Obedience Exercises

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGqI>

Videos of the two new Open exercises are available on the AKC Obedience & Rally YouTube channel. The Command Discrimination and Stay – Get Your Leash, will be performed in the AKC Open A, Open B and Preferred Open Classes beginning **May 1, 2018**. These two new exercises will replace the current Open Group Exercises. The Stay – Get Your Leash will be added to the Graduate Novice class

Open Obedience Exercises

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z_3YaCkBD

The approved obedience regulation changes may be viewed at “AKC May 2018 Obedience Regulation Insert”. New AKC Obedience Rules & Regulations booklets will be available spring.