



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club News * March 2018

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Calendar

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

March 31-April 2, 2018

Scent Work Seminars with Christina J. Bunn
Location: Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix
[flyer](#) at pfof.club

April 14-15, 2018

German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Arizona trials
Location: Marana, AZ
showsec.mignon@gmail.com

April 14-15, 2018

Gary Wilkes Real Clicker Training
2-day "broad band" seminar
Info at pfof.club

May 5-6, 2018

PFOC Obedience & Rally Seminar

June 23, 2018

PFOC Annual Awards/ Meeting Banquet

July 21-22, 2018

Flagstaff Kennel Club show
Location: Williams, AZ
Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

August 18-19, 2018

Chino Valley Canine Training Club of Arizona trials
Chino Valley, AZ



PFOC's last dog training classes begin

April 2nd (weather permitting) at

Encanto Park. We begin again in the fall.

PFOC General Meeting - March 16, 7:30 pm

North Mountain Visitor Center

12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ

**Program: Trick Dog performance & titling with
Debbie Boehm**

TRICK DOG TITLE INFO: <http://www.akc.org/trick-dog/>

AKC Trick Dog titles are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record. The processing fee for each title is \$20. Multiple titles for the same dog can be sent in together, each one will be processed in succession after each previous title has been added and printed.

Dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number to earn a title. All dogs can get a number including purebreds and mixed breeds. There are **4 TRICK DOG TITLES**.

NOVICE TRICK DOG (TKN)

The dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title.

INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG (TKI)

The dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks.

ADVANCED TRICK DOG (TKA)

The dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 5 tricks from the Advanced list.

TRICK DOG PERFORMER (TKP)

In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks previously learned.

Nominating Committee Report

Thank you to our Nominating Committee: Chairman Clemence Newcomb (a Board Member), Carolyn Cordry, Til Rickard, Tina Wilson (alternate), and Sharlene Hankins (alternate). Here is their proposed slate of 2018-2019 officers: President: Carolyn Quinlan, Vice President: Kay Morrow, Treasurer: Sue Norman, Secretary: Cindy Blair, Training Director: Marilyn Bennett, & Obedience Trial Chair: Jane Krause

**Additional candidates for officer positions may be nominated at the May 18th general meeting. Candidates for the 3 members-at-large positions will be nominated at our May 18th general meeting. Any candidate nominated from the floor must be in attendance at the meeting or must provide a written note indicating his/her willingness to be nominated. Elections will be June 23rd. More information is found in our By-Laws.*

Absentee Ballots will be available from Secretary Cindy Blair after June 1st. She must have all absentee ballots returned to her by the morning of June 19th.

9 Every Day Items You Might Forget About That Are Hazardous to Dogs

AKC - Jan Reisen | March 05, 2018



Anyone living with a baby or toddler knows to be vigilant about household safety hazards and takes steps to keep children safe. But as a dog owner, do you take the same care to protect your pets from common household objects? Try to see your environment from your dog's point of view and determine what looks like a tempting plaything or snack. These everyday items may seem innocent, but they can pose a threat to your pet

Wires and cords: Do you have a nest of cords dangling from your computer or TV and related devices? That can look like a mighty tempting plaything to a dog. And if you have a puppy or a dog that chews, he could be burned or suffer electric shock from chewing on those wires. Use a cord cover or bundle wires together with wire ties to make them less interesting to the dog. Cords dangling from a lamp or small appliance may look like ideal tug toys, and before you know it, your favorite reading light is in pieces on the floor. Try to block your dog's access or secure wires along the wall or floor.

Cleaning products: You wouldn't leave these out for kids; don't leave them out for your dog, either. If they're in an easily opened lower cabinet, try a children's safety latch or move these products to a higher shelf. And pay attention when you're using cleansers, whether you're using a bucket of soapsuds for cleaning or you are mopping the floor. A curious dog may think this looks like a delicious drink.

Garbage cans: Dogs love garbage; it smells delicious and is full of yummy treats. Your trash may be filled with rotting food, chemically treated items, cleansers, sharp items, and other potential hazards. If your dog is one of those clever animals that can overturn a can or nudge open the lid, keep garbage in a closed cabinet or use a can with a locking lid. That way you will avoid coming home to a trash-strewn kitchen, and you'll be protecting your dog from ingesting something harmful.

Small choking hazards: This could be anything: jewelry left on the nightstand, a needle and thread on the coffee table, paper clips, craft supplies, or children's toys on the floor. These may

seem like perfectly harmless everyday objects, until your curious or bored dog decides they'll make an exotic new snack.

Open windows: Before you say we've gone too far, think of your dog gazing out of a wide-open, unscreened window when another dog walks by or his favorite mailman passes. That window can be an open invitation to make an escape. Be especially mindful of second-story windows, which should be closed or screened.

Nicotine: An ashtray filled with cigarette butts or a pack of cigarettes left on a table can be pure poison for your dog. Nicotine is a rapid-acting toxin that, in extreme cases, causes cardiac arrest.

Chocolate: Delicious, irresistible, and almost **guaranteed to cause a trip to the vet.** Don't leave your candy bar, brownie, piece of lava cake, or any chocolate anywhere your dog can get to it.

Medication: If you're in the habit of laying out a daily dose of pills or any other medication, it might be a habit you should break. Colorful capsules or a handful of little pills left on a nightstand, for example, can be very tempting to a dog. And be sure to keep your pill containers tucked safely away in a cabinet or drawer that is out of reach for inquisitive pups.

Houseplants: Who doesn't love a little greenery in the house? While many houseplants are perfectly benign, some are toxic to dogs and should be either removed or placed well out of reach. These are just a few of the plants known to be poisonous for dogs:

- Dieffenbachia (commonly called Dumb Cane)
- Cyclamen
- Jade Plant
- Aloe Plant — despite all of its helpful properties when used topically, eating it will cause vomiting.
- Kalanchoe (commonly called Mother-in-Law Plant)
- Amaryllis — as pretty as it is, it's poisonous to dogs.

You may be thinking that your dog would never be in danger from anything around the house, and you might be right; some dogs are less curious or adventurous, or have been well trained in what they can and cannot have. But many other dogs, especially puppies, will find these common household objects fascinating. And then there are the dogs with that mischievous glint in their eye that means anything within reach is fair game. In general, it's best not to leave your beloved pet open to temptation.

None of this is to say that everything in your house needs to be on permanent lockdown or that you must exercise extreme vigilance in everything you do. But a little common sense and self-awareness can go a long way toward protecting your dog from the dangers of these everyday household items.



Obedience Changes Are Coming May 1st!

Watch AKC Obedience Videos on YouTube

<https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2018/01/12/akc-obedience-videos-on-youtube/>

By Diane Schultz January 12, 2018

These videos show the new exercises.

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=PLpkaTxdGkvl1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGql>

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



May 5-6, 2018

PFOC Obedience & Rally Seminar

Sponsored by Phoenix Field & Obedience Club

Presenters: AKC Judges Marilyn Little and Ruthann McCaulley

Location: Kachina Elementary School,

5304 W. Crocus Drive, Glendale

flyer at pfoc.club



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club presents
**A Deep Dive into the
 AKC REGULATIONS**

A Lively Guided Tour Through the AKC Obedience and Rally Regulations, New & Old

Please join us on **May 5th and 6th** for two days of in-depth, interactive focus on the AKC Obedience and Rally Regulations—both new and existing. Changes effective May 1st will be featured. Each attendee will receive a copy of the latest AKC Regulations book.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Marilyn Little has been active in dog sports just shy of half a century. She has judged all levels of AKC Obedience for 34 years. Marilyn is also president of the Sahuaro State Kennel Club and vice president of the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Phoenix.



Ruthann McCaulley has been a leader in the sport of AKC Rally for nearly 18 years—as a competitor, a judge, a teacher and a resource. She was a member of the 2010 AKC Rally Advisory Committee. In 2014, she judged the Rally Excellent class at the first AKC Rally National Championship. Ruthann is the author of the definitive and newly updated e-book, *Rally All Around* as well as the updated *NEW Big Course Source Book*.

ABOUT THE SESSIONS

Saturday, May 5, 9 am to 5 pm: Obedience

In a give-and-take all-day session, Marilyn Little will discuss and demonstrate the new rules and will highlight common mistakes and judging issues she sees during her judging assignments. “It will be a conversation between me and the audience,” she says.

Sunday, May 6, 9 am to 5 pm: Rally

Likewise, Ruthann McCaulley’s session will be a lively exchange with those seated at ringside. Sign by sign, every new exercise will be demonstrated and discussed. Scoring deductions will be demonstrated and explained. Ruthann plans to use demo dogs of various sizes to illustrate how dogs of different sizes may be judged differently. She says, “Bring your questions and problems.”

Location: Multi-Purpose Building, Kachina Elementary School, 5304 Crocus Drive, Glendale, Arizona. The seminar is indoors and air conditioned.

Directions: From West Thunderbird Road, go north on 55th Avenue. The third right is West Evans Drive. That takes you to the parking lot. There is a sign on the Multi-Purpose Building.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Lunch, snacks and updated AKC Regulations books are included.
- You are encouraged to bring your own chair. School-supplied seating will be on picnic table-type benches.
- This is not a working seminar and no dogs are allowed except our demo dogs.
- Questions? Contact Willard Bailey at otchhb@outlook.com

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Phone _____ Email _____

Please check one: _____ \$125 both days _____ \$75 Saturday only _____ \$75 Sunday only

Make check or money order payable to PFOC and mail with completed registration form to Christine Filler, 801 E. Michelle Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85022-6041. Registration deadline is April 25. Deadline for refunds is April 25.

OR save postage by registering for the seminar online at <http://www.pfoc.club/events.html>

2017-2018 Phoenix Field & Obedience Club Awards Application Form

The purpose of PFOC's annual awards is to honor members who, with their dogs, have won obedience and other dog-related titles. The following policy is reviewed at least every 3 years. It shall be effective as of January 1, 2018.

I. Qualifications for an award:

- A. The applicant must be a PFOC member in good standing.
- B. The applicant must be the owner of the dog or a member of the immediate family or household of the owner.
- C. The applicant must have trained and shown the dog in earning the title being applied for.
- D. An applicant must have earned an AKC Beginner Novice or more advanced obedience title or a Rally Novice title to receive the original plaque.

II. One free plaque will be awarded per dog. Plaques are wooden and display the PFOC logo. A metal plate engraved with the dog's registered name and breed will appear on the plaque.

III. After the applicant has qualified for the original plaque, in accordance with I-A through D above, the applicant may apply for engraved metal plates recognizing individual titles. These will include title name and date earned. All non-AKC awards will have the awarding organization's initials appear before the title (example: NADAC, USDAA, ASCA). Metal plates may be purchased at a cost of \$7 each.

IV. All applications for all title awards must be accompanied by a copy of the title-awarding organization's certificate or acknowledgement of the title. If you have not received the certificate yet, a list of the shows or tests in which the dog received credits for the title must be sent. If you are applying for awards for multiple dogs, please use one application per dog and include copies of all titles being applied for. Additional award applications are available in the PFOC newsletter and on our web site (pfoc.club).

Your name _____ PFOC member since _____

Address _____ Phone number () _____

Dog's registered name _____ Dog's call name _____

Breed _____ E-mail address _____

Titles and dates of completion: (Please print clearly and spell out title as you wish it to be engraved on the metal plate.)

title # 1 _____ date _____

title # 2 _____ date _____

title # 3 _____ date _____

title # 4 _____ date _____

title # 5 _____ date _____

▶ **Please remember to enclose a copy of the title-awarding organization's certificate.**

Plaques and bars must be picked up at the awards banquet. Please have a friend pick up your award if you will not be present at our June banquet. They will not be mailed or delivered.

Plaque applied for: yes _____ no _____

Number of metal title plates applied for: _____ x \$7 = \$_____ (total amount due payable to PFOC)

Signature _____

Applications must be mailed. They will not be accepted by phone, email or fax.

Make checks/money orders payable to PFOC and submit with application before June 1, 2018 to:
Jan McClure, 6510 W. Lucia Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85083-7406

PFOC TAB Award Nomination

The PFOC **TAB Award** is given to those members who have been “**Totally Above and Beyond**” in their service to Phoenix Field & Obedience Club during the year. The nominee must have been a member of PFOC for a minimum of one year and cannot be a member of the Board of Directors. If you would like to make a nomination, please fill out this form and send or give it to a Board member before May 10, 2018. TAB Awards are presented at the club’s annual meeting & awards banquet in June. Thanks for your nomination.

Name of nominee _____

Reason for nomination:

Your signature _____ Date _____

Charity Donation Nomination

Nominate your favorite dog-related charitable organization for our annual PFOC charity donations. If you would like to make a nomination, please fill out this form and send or give it to a Board member before May 10, 2018. **We can’t accept your nomination without the information requested below.** Thanks for your nomination.

Name of dog-related charitable organization: _____

Name of charity contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number _____ Tax status (tax #) _____

Please write a brief description of your nominated charity:

Your signature _____ Date _____