

dog post

Twin Cities Obedience Training Club
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Tricks

Annual meeting

Ask a vet

Modern Life Photo



Meet our cover dog!

Owner: Sonia and Josh Hambrook

Dog's name: Banjo

Breed: Boxer

Age: 3

Favorite activities: Playing with his girlfriend Molly, going on home visits with his mom for Minnesota Boxer Rescue, running with his dad, and of course, attending classes at TCOTC

Tricks/talents/skills: Shutting cabinet doors and drawers

Favorite treat: Smoked salmon

Your dog can be a cover model, too.

Just send a picture to newsletter@tcotc.com. High-resolution, .jpg photos work best.

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SNAPSHOT Tricks



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SPOTLIGHT

Winter safety



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with the advice of the Director of Training. They will consider: weather forecast, expected start time of the storm and road conditions — current as well as predicted.

The decision will be made before 4 p.m. and will be announced via:

- crawl message on WCCO-4 TV;

a weather-related club closing will be given a voucher to help cover the cost of the missed class.

As for club closing dates, the holidays are just around the corner. TCOTC will not hold classes Thursday, Dec. 22, and the entire week of Dec. 26 to 30. The club will also be closed Jan. 1. Regular club operations will resume Jan. 2.

Finally, we need help with snow shoveling this winter. Are you able to get to TCOTC by 5 p.m. to make sure the sidewalks are clear and sand the ice? Please contact Nanette at mutley@msn.com if you'd like to get a little exercise and make a difference for the entire club. With one member shoveling per night, we'll all have a safe and fun winter.

CLYDE, BRAND NEW TCOTC MEMBER

With winter, we get snow, which occasionally means canceled classes. Please make sure your instructor has a local phone number for you and that you know the TCOTC phone number — 612-379-1332 — and website address — tcotc.com. Always check before making the drive in poor weather!

In the instance of bad weather, the lead instructor will make the decision to close on any given day or evening

- TCOTC answering machine message; and

- the TCOTC website.

Also, we'll send out an email to all members who have signed up for that service. If you haven't already, visit tcotc.com, look in the upper right-hand corner and enter your email address to receive electronic club updates.

Members who miss a class because of

Take it easy!

Cold weather means ice on our driveway. Please don't cross the driveway on the slope once the ice arrives. It's dangerous, especially if you have a leash in one hand! Walk to the bottom of the driveway alongside the wooden retaining wall and then cross over to the puppy potty area to be safe.

SPOTLIGHT

Year-end events

In January, we hold our year-end events.

The first is the TCOTC Annual Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. There will be no classes held that evening to give you the chance to attend.

The Annual Meeting is your chance to hear what your Board of Directors has been working on, to ask questions and to participate. We need 5 percent of our membership to attend to achieve quorum, so please put the meeting on your calendar. We want to hear from you!

TCOTC's other important year-end event is our Annual Banquet Saturday, Jan. 21 at Kozlak's Royal Oak Restaurant (4785 Hodgson Road, Shoreview). Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and an awards program at 7 p.m.

A wide variety of awards are presented, including everything from the oldest dog to earn any American Kennel Club (AKC) title to a junior handler award. To qualify for awards, dog owners or handlers need to:

- be a member of TCOTC at the time the qualifying title or score was earned;
- submit an Achievement Record form to the Awards Committee at tcotc.com/achievements; and
- volunteer a minimum of six hours for TCOTC within the year the award is given (Dec. 2 to Dec. 1) with the proper documentation recorded on the Achievement Record upon submission.



PHOTO BY ANN MORTENSON KOSKI

MIKKO, TCOTC MEMBER

The Annual Banquet is a great time to relax, have fun and connect with your fellow club members. Perhaps most amazing is how nice everyone looks in their non-dog training outfits! Look for registration forms at the front desk. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 12. Email Katie at KTbrit@aol.com with any questions.

Finally, be aware all membership dues expire Dec. 31 unless you joined after Nov. 1. Please remember to fill out a 2012 membership form when you sign up for your next class. There's a 2012 membership form attached to the back of this *dog post* for your convenience.

Board nominations

Elections for the TCOTC Board of Directors are just around the corner. Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at TCOTC? Are you willing to put in three hours per month for the club? We'd love to have you join us on the Board of Directors!

The board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at TCOTC. There are three open positions for three-year terms. If you're interested, please contact Stacy at stacypampuch@hotmail.com for details. Nominations can be made in advance or at the meeting.

Volunteer of the Year award

Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award come from you — the members of TCOTC.

Is there someone always at the front desk willing to help? Is there an assistant in your Level II Obedience class who you think is just great?

Fill out a slip at the front desk and add their name to the collection box. We need to know who YOU think is going above and beyond at our club so we can give them the credit they deserve!

The TCOTC Board of Directors will vote at the January meeting and the new Volunteer of the Year will be announced at the TCOTC Annual Banquet.

PAST VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

2010 - NANCY BOOTH
2009 - KAREN RADFORD
2008 - BERNIE MAHAN AND HOLLY MANNING
2007 - JANNA NETLAND-LOVER
2006 - MARSHA LEDUC
2005 - JIM NALLY
2004 - CORRIE BARROWS
2003 - WENDY HENES
2002 - STACY PAMPUCH
2001 - SCOTT CHASE
2000 - KELLEY BENYO AND CARRIE MICHURSKI
1999 - DALE WEYHRICH
1998 - NANCY HERLOFSKY
1997 - JEAN SPIROFF AND CAITLIN SHADDRICH
1996 - KIM TORSON-SCHNEIDER
1994 - ED BASHAM

ASK A VET

What's the weirdest thing you've extracted from a dog?



IN THE RING

Mock trial and more



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LANCE, TCOTC MEMBER

Friends of TCOTC will host a mock agility trial Saturday, Jan. 7! The trial is open to the public with a discount for TCOTC agility students. It's geared toward teams who are ready to compete but may be overwhelmed by the idea of entering a trial. Students will enter the mock trial just like a regular trial by filling out a premium, checking in, attending a briefing and completing walk-throughs of the courses. Four courses from a variety of agility organizations will be featured: Regular/Standard (all), Colors (CPE), Jumpers (all, but we'll do without weaves) and Tunnelers (NADAC).

Dogs must be 18 months or older to enter, and they should be ready to compete, which means competence with all equipment and the ability to sequence more than 15 obstacles. You can download the premium at tcotc.com/mock-ag-trial-entire#attachments.

Training treats are now for sale in the TCOTC store. Support your club by buying your treats from us! If you have suggestions for a different type of treat or product you'd like to purchase from TCOTC, please send your ideas to Stacy at stacypampuch@hotmail.com.

Barks & books

MINE!: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO RESOURCE GUARDING IN DOGS
BY JEAN DONALDSON

This book is a practical how-to guide on resource guarding — food bowl, object, bed, crate, owner, etc., in dogs. Contents include: aggression basics, nature of resource guarding, kinds of resource guarding, behaviorist versus medical models, recognizing guarding, prognosis, safety tools, treatment overview, management, desensitization and counter-conditioning, resource sample hierarchies, generalization, troubleshooting, body handling desensitization, operant conditioning and more.

— *Powell's Books*

"MINE" IS CURRENTLY ON SALE AT TCOTC FOR HALF PRICE!

Also on sale:

"A Dog & A Dolphin" by Karen Pryor

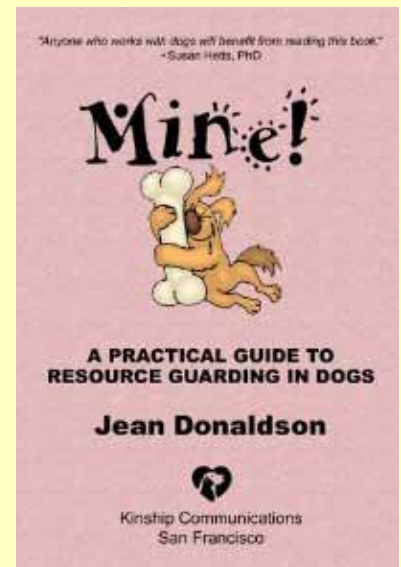
"Reinforcement Training for Dogs" by John Fisher

"Don't Shoot the Dog!" by Karen Pryor

"Flatwork-Foundation for Agility" by Barb Levenson

"Puppy Primer" by Brenda Scidmore and Patricia McConnell

Miscellaneous clicker sticks, three-foot leashes and nail trimmers will also be on sale!



CLUB CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 12 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 5-6:50 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility

Annex

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 7-9 p.m.

TCOTC Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Room

Thursday, Dec. 15 • 1-3 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility and Obedience

Annex and Ring Room

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Friday, Dec. 16 • 7-9 p.m.

Kory Kaye Agility Seminar

Annex

Contact Anne at

AnneECBC@comcast.net for details.

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 17-18

• 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kory Kaye Agility Seminar

Annex

Contact Anne at

AnneECBC@comcast.net for details.

Monday, Dec. 19 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Tuesday, Dec. 20 • 5-6:50 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility

Annex

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Thursday, Dec. 22 • 7-9 p.m.

Agility Staff Meeting

Meeting Room and Annex

(No classes)

Monday/Friday, Dec. 26-30 • All day

TCOTC Closed for Holidays

Entire facility

Sunday, Jan. 1 • All day

TCOTC Closed for Holidays

Entire facility

Monday, Jan. 2 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Tuesday, Jan. 3 • 5-6:50 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility

Annex

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Thursday, Jan. 5 • 1-3 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility and Obedience

Annex and Ring Room

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Saturday, Jan. 7 • 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

TCOTC Mock Agility Trial

Entire facility

Contact Laura at jrtsdoitall@aol.com for

details. Download a premium at

tcotc.com/mock-ag-trial-entire#attachments.

Monday, Jan. 9 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Tuesday, Jan. 10 • 7-9 p.m.

TCOTC Annual Meeting

Entire facility

Friday/Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 12-14

• 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Club Work Days

Entire facility

Monday, Jan. 16 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Wednesday, Jan. 18 • 7-9 p.m.

TCOTC Staff Meeting

Meeting Room

Thursday, Jan. 19 • 1-3 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility and Obedience

Annex and Ring Room

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Saturday, Jan. 21 • 6-8 p.m.

TCOTC Annual Banquet

Kozlak's Royal Oak Restaurant, Shoreview

Contact Katie at

KTbrit@aol.com for details.

Monday, Jan. 23 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Thursday, Jan. 26 • 1-3 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility and Obedience

Annex and Ring Room

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Monday, Jan. 30 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Thursday, Feb. 2 • 1-3 p.m.

Open Ring: Agility and Obedience

Annex and Ring Room

\$5/10 minutes/dog

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 6-8 p.m.

Open Ring

Annex

Monday, Feb. 6 • 5:50-6:50 p.m.

Obedience Run-thrus

Rings 1 and 2

\$5/dog (TCOTC members), \$6/dog (non-members)

Bouquets & biscuits

Congratulations to everyone who earned titles, legs, awards, certifications and more! Check out the latest club member achievements at tcotc.com and submit your own at tcotc.com/achievements. Email Katie at KTBrit@aol.com with questions.





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Taking the
lead in positive training

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Date Received _____	Check # _____
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2012 MEMBERSHIP AND CLASS APPLICATION • PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH PAGES AND SIGN ON PAGE 2

Member Info (Please print clearly)

Date _____

Handler Name _____

2nd Handler Name (must have household membership) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Primary Phone () _____ Secondary Phone () _____

If handler is under 18, please state age _____ (Handlers under age 15 must be approved by the Director of Training)

Email _____

Write legibly. Class notifications will be sent to this address.

How did you hear of TCOTC? _____

Name of your veterinary clinic _____

Dog Name(s)	Breed	Date of Birth	Sex M / F

Membership Status New Renewing Current Calendar Year (skip this section)

Membership is required to attend training classes at TCOTC. Please complete the following info if you are starting a membership with this class.

Membership Type Single (\$15)
 Household (\$25) may have unlimited members but only 2 over age 15 may vote.
 Upgrade from Single to Household membership (\$10)

Additional Dog Name(s)	Breed	Date of Birth	Sex M / F

Training Interests TCOTC offers many organized dog activities. Please check any that you may have an interest in, even if you have no experience or little knowledge of the activity.
 Agility CGC Conformation Flyball Obedience Rally Therapy Dogs Tracking

Volunteer Interests: TCOTC depends on volunteers to keep things running. Please check any of the following areas that you would consider helping out with. No experience is necessary.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agility Trials	<input type="checkbox"/> Management (Board of Directors)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Trials
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Reception desk
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning, painting, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Track layer for tracking matches
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate baked goods	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience fun matches	<input type="checkbox"/> Web development
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience trial (October)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flyball tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/mailings	

(over)

I am not registering for any courses at this time (skip this section)

Puppy Classes
Bring your dog to your veterinarian for a first visit or "Wellness exam" and follow the recommended protocol for inoculations for the age of your dog by your veterinarian. Please provide a record from your puppy's most current veterinarian visit. Admission to the class is rolling and preregistration is NOT required. Bring application with you to your first night of class.

Puppy Socialization (\$55) Monday Tuesday Thursday (circle one)
 Tweeners (\$55) Monday Thursday (circle one)

Obedience

Obedience Level 1 (\$100)
Each class is limited in size, and no applications for class will be accepted after its limit is reached. You are not guaranteed a spot in a level 1 obedience class until you receive enrollment confirmation by mail or email. Classes are often full several weeks before the start date. Please include alternate choices of date. Your dog's rabies vaccination must be current.

Obedience Level 2 (\$75)
 Obedience Level 3 (\$70)
 Beginning Rally (\$80)
 Advanced Rally (\$80)

Agility

Puppy (\$115)
 Foundation 1 (\$115)
 Foundation 2 (\$115)
 Beginner 1 (\$95)
 Beginner 2 (\$95)
 Intermediate (\$95)
 Competition (\$95)

Flyball

Level 1 (\$100)
 Level 2 (\$75)
 Level 3 (\$75)

Behavior

Changing Attitudes (\$140)
 Reactive Rovers (\$140)

Tracking

Level 1 (\$60)
 Level 2 (\$60)

Specialty Classes

Canine Freestyle
 Loose Leash Walking
 Really Reliable Recall
 Tricks
 Other

\$ _____
(prices vary, please write in current price)

Therapy

Additional form required. Please visit www.tcotc.com to find the secondary registration form and class fees

AT-1
 AT-2
 AT-3

★ Class start date, day and time:
(include 3 choices for Obedience Level 1 only)

1st Choice

Day	Time	Session Start date
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2nd Choice

Day	Time	Session Start date
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3rd Choice

Day	Time	Session Start date
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Payment Due

Class Fee Due	\$ _____
Membership Fee Due (from page 1)	+ \$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Make Checks payable to TCOTC. Sorry, TCOTC does not accept credit cards.

Terms of Membership

I hereby make application to enter the above named and described dog for training and enclose herewith the fee for the above specified course, including Club membership dues (if needed). I understand that the portion of this fee that applies to membership dues entitles me to membership for the remainder of this year and that under no circumstances will this sum be refunded. I further understand that although it is not this Club's policy to offer refunds, I may present a written request to the Board of Directors for their consideration, should unusual circumstances arise. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Club; to attend classes regularly; to carry out the recommendations of the instructor; and to train the dog to the best of my ability.

I/we certify that all dogs that I/we are presently training at TCOTC are current on their rabies vaccinations and that these will be maintained (puppies under 6 months of age are excluded.) I understand that in bringing my dog(s) to any area with a high volume of dog traffic I am at risk of exposing my dog(s) to infectious diseases. In an effort to protect my dog I will follow my veterinarian's vaccination recommendations. I understand that I may be required to provide written proof of a relationship with my veterinarian in regard to immunizations of my dog(s.) I certify that the animal described above is not a wolf or a wolf hybrid.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, I agree to hold harmless the TWIN CITIES OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC; its members, directors, officers, agents, committees, employees and all persons connected or associated with said Club, and I do hereby release the same from any and all claims which I may have at any time, from the following: 1. Any loss or injury which may occur to any person or thing, and which may be caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by an act of said above described dog while in or upon the premises or grounds, or in or near any entrance or exit thereto, or any function of the club being held outside the clubs premises; it being my intention and agreement to assume full responsibility and liability therefore. 2. The disappearance or loss of said above named dog by theft, accident, death, or otherwise, and any damages or injury caused thereto by the negligence or carelessness of the Club, its members or any person connected with said Club in any manner, or by any other cause operating directly or indirectly while such person or such dogs are on the premises of the Club.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____
If applicant is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign this application also. Signature required for all persons wishing to be voting members (maximum of 2 per household).

Return with payment to: TCOTC Membership • PO Box 18417 • Minneapolis, MN 55418-0417

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