



IT'S COMING, IT'S COMING! The Cascade Chapter's Annual Post Holiday Party will be held at Donna Crawford's home in Oregon City. This potluck party is a Must and is truly for everyone who receives our newsletter - (hard copy or on-line) - Grads, Puppy-Raisers, Trainers, Volunteers, family members! Bring a potluck dish to share. We'll provide tableware and non-alcoholic beverages. Along with your potluck dish, bring a wrapped gift if you want to take part in the gift swap. In fact, you will need to bring a gift for each person in your party who is planning to participate (IE: 4 people = 4 gifts). Generally gifts are in the \$10 range. Items do not have to be dog related because attendance has not everyone in a dog. Remember, don't get too attached to the first gift you open because it may be long gone by the end of the evening. Each gift can be snatched up to two times.



Will be held either January 6th (preferably) or January 20th (depending on the weather)

Questions? Call Martha: (503)255-8995

SCHEDULE

4:00 - Meet at Donna's house (503)656-2207 for directions.

5:00 - Potluck dinner - those nearby bring a main dish, those 45 minutes away bring a salad, those pretty darn far away bring a dessert or rolls.

6:00 - Gift exchange (and exchange and exchange!)



Apple Tasting / Puppy Outing October 2006

Sunday, October 22nd, marked the annual traditional CCI Puppy outing at Portland Nursery Apple tasting event. Fall had officially



begun as puppies and PR's enjoyed a taste of nearly every variety of apples and many pears offered in the Pacific NW. The afternoon was sunny and crisp and the smell of food, along with small children dropping popcorn every-

Matriculation For Prison Pups

where was indeed a challenge for our four-legged furry friends. Those who participated in this celebration of fall were, Susan, Neal, and Padma; Rose and Linar; Heather and Hogue; Sara, Donna, Early and friend Sandi.

During the outing, we were happy to visit with one of our local CCI skilled companion teams, Kristin Bonise and Percy. Kristin was very excited to meet all of our puppies and share her enthusiasm about her activities as a sophomore at Clackamas High School in Milwaukie. Her mother, Lynn Bonise, shared with some of us how much Kristin's CCI dog Percy has contributed to her confidence and outgoing spirit. Nice to see the potential future of our puppies play out before our eyes.

This was a fun outing and one that we will keep on our list for next year. Stay tuned for information on email and on the Cascade CCI website regarding upcoming outings in December and January.

Donna Fuller

Puppy Workshop in Monroe, WA

A group of puppy raisers from the Cascade Chapter attended a CCI Puppy Workshop in Monroe, WA, that was sponsored by the Puget Sound Chapter and their loyal 4-H volunteers.

This was an all-day affair that was catered with loads of donuts, scones, drinks, pizza and other goodies. Yum! Even the pups got SWAG (Stuff Wagging Attendees Get)!

Lots of staff from Santa Rosa attended also, including Robb, Diana, Lorna, Katie, Lauren and Esther. They did a great job!

Presentations and displays were the theme of the day, with lots of 'hands-on-leash' demonstrations and practical Q&A sessions. This was a really useful event and we all hope that it will continue!

Mark Kowalski

Nyja, Enoki, and Hedi are now over one year old. In November, they left Coffee Creek and traveled back down to the NW Regional Headquarters of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) in Santa Rosa, California.

They have completed their basic training of CCI commands, and have learned the good manners they will need to continue their training. Just as with all kids, they will need reminders with those!

Our annual celebration at Coffee Creek was held on November 3rd. This is traditionally an emotional roller coaster for many acquainted with our CCI pups. This includes inmates and staff alike.

We are thankful to be associated with the Portland Veterinarian Medical Association, the sponsoring vets and their staff. They have seen all our pups through well care visits and more. Enoki seemed to have ear and skin problems. Hedi was plagued with Panosteitis (Pano) in one of her hind legs causing her to limp when she had played too hard. And finally Nyja...Nyja has had eye problems ever since she came to us. She also unfortunately became very ill and needed emergency surgery. Thanks to the staff at the SE Portland Animal Hospital, Nyja will be able to share her wonderful personality with someone just as special as she is.

Through all the ups and downs we are preparing to end yet another cycle of puppies here at Coffee Creek. A request has been placed for more puppies, but no word back yet on when they might be coming our way. In the meantime Courtney and Maxine will remain at Coffee Creek receiving their training until approximately March of 2007.

The group of Puppy Handlers have done a fine job this year in their training efforts. I can say with certainty there has been a lot of personal growth. Puppy training is not easy especially when working with "live" study matter! Living,

working, training, and eating together can be difficult at best. This group has risen to all the challenges presented, worked through complicated situations and remain steadfast in their desire to train. I applaud them for all their hard work and ask you to do the same.

Laurene Brenner

Emotions Running High...

It was going to be a great day. It was Friday Oct 20th and it started at 4:45am. I had it all planned. It was a tight schedule (it always is with me!), trying to get the most out of my 24-hour day.

From Sacramento, where another CCI affiliate graciously let us stay, we headed to Occidental, California. First Stop was going to be Koala II and her Breeder Caretaker, Betsy Mundell. Koala was the 3rd dog I raised for CCI and had given birth to her third litter just 4 days earlier.



The visit was short and rushed, but nonetheless very well worth it. After saying hello and goodbye we were off to the CCI campus.

A Hearing Graduation was taking place at 12:30 sharp. Romy II was the 4th CCI dog I raised and today was her day to shine! Along with getting to see her again, this stop brought new friends into my life. Toni Gibson and her husband Jim were taking Romy home to meet the family and begin her career. Because there were only 4 graduates, the ceremony

didn't take long and I found myself sitting in the car again.



Hearing Graduate (2002), Gannon - Breeder (2004), Koala II, Hearing Graduate (2006) - Romy II

Next stop, Sacramento, back to our host house. There I had planned a dinner party including Janel and Gannon, dog #1. This visit, just like the previous ones, was rushed also. This is when I came up with my motto for the day, "A short visit is better than no visit!" It was around 11pm when we said goodbye. As I headed to bed, I again was reunited with Obie; you guessed it, dog #2. My day was complete!

Brenda Love

September Turn-in Report

Instead of a Graduation Ceremony, CCI held a special turn-in on September 30th. Harrison II was the only pup from the Cascade Chapter to turn-in that day. It started as most Graduation days start with puppy pictures in the Administration Building where Harrison had his picture taken with me and then with his two littermates, Hope and Hika.

After pictures, there was a lunch in the South Training Room hosted by two local Lions groups. We then moved to the North Training Room where Lorna and Diana gave awards for turning in puppy reports on time. Lorna asked if anyone would like to speak about puppy raising. One lady spoke of having breast cancer and originally deciding that she could

probably raise a puppy since it was only a one year commitment – I think she was now raising her 3rd pup! A group of women from Sacramento were turning in their first pups. Another women spoke of co-raising and a man spoke of meeting a puppy raiser at Kaiser, applying for a puppy and receiving one that was born on the day he applied to become a puppy raiser.

After that we had a little time to spend with our pups. The day then moved to Gittinger Hall. Several graduates welcomed us to the ceremony by giving everyone a yellow rose. The ceremony began with Robb Ollett speaking to the group, a graduate talking about receiving her dog and one of the trainers doing a demonstration with a dog that will be rotating through Team Training in November.

Instead of having us all line up for Lorna to introduce us, she called us to the front of the room one at a time where we were recognized for the pup that we raised. When the ceremony was over, they had a small reception and then back to the North Training Room for turn-in.

Kim Templeman

HALLOWEEN



Hogue's Halloween Costume

In Memoriam

HARRISON II

3-19-2005 - 10-9-2006



Harrison II, a fun-loving pup with many friends, both canine and human, was put to sleep on October 9, 2006 due to a rapidly spreading form of cancer, at the young age of 18 months. He had only been turned in for advanced training the week before, and started showing symptoms of lethargy, vomiting and lack of appetite soon after arriving at CCI. X-rays revealed numerous internal tumors, and the decision was made to have him humanely euthanized.

Even though he was only with us for a short time, he will always have a special place in our hearts. He enjoyed going to work with Kim and visiting with her co-workers, who all loved him in return. He had a special relationship with his fellow ADIT Healey, who seemed to bond with Harrison from their first days of puppy class together. I'm sure he has already found some new friends to romp with at his new home - I just hope they're ready for the silly boy, cause he can be a real handful!

P.S. - We cannot express fully our thanks to Martha for setting up a Memorial Fund for a brick for Harrison at the CCI campus, and the many people who contributed to it. We love you all!

Mike & Kim Templeman