



Timber Ridge Newsletter

June 2023 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:30

Iverson Park (By The Pavilion)

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass!

Upcoming Events

2023 Labor Day Agility
Trial: (September 1-3)

2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:
(September 9-10)

2023 Fall Obedience Trial:
(November 5-6)

2023 Fall Agility Trial:
(November 10-12)
May be cancelled.

2024 February Obedience
Trial:
(February 3-4)

Consider Volunteering

Volunteers are always needed for all our events. It is a great way to meet people and learn how these events run. Plus, what could be more enjoyable than a day spent with dog people? As events are posted here in the newsletter, please consider helping the club. None of these activities can continue without your help!

Hiking With Dogs: Tips For Hitting the Trail

By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT



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Hiking is fantastic exercise and a perfect way to enjoy nature. So, it's understandable that you would want your dog to join you on the trail. Dogs make great companions and watching them revel in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature is invigorating.

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However, just as you wouldn't head out for a hike in dress shoes, there are considerations to be made for your dog. Do you have all the necessary equipment your dog will need? Have you learned hiking etiquette? You might also want to brush up on some dog training skills. Before you hit the trail with your dog, make sure you're well-equipped to ensure a wonderful experience in the outdoors for both you and your pet.

Hiking With Dogs Etiquette



First, don't always assume your dog is welcome to hike everywhere you are. For example, you might wonder, "Are dogs allowed in National Parks?" Thankfully, many National Parks do welcome dogs, but many have restrictions about dogs on the trails. Always check if your dog is allowed to accompany you before you set out on a hike. If not, you might find yourself encountering a stiff fine, not to mention the anger of fellow hikers. Banning dogs from parks may seem arbitrary, but keep in mind that your dog can have an impact on the environment by putting wild animals at risk and invading delicate ecosystems.

Before you hit the trail, it's your responsibility to learn about the rules of each place you take your dog. When it comes to National Parks, there are general pet rules, but each park may have its own additional rules as well. Other wilderness areas, like State Parks and local forests, will also have their own regulations.

It pays to practice the National Parks B.A.R.K. rule wherever you hike with your dog. B.A.R.K. stands for:

- **B**ag your pet's waste
- **A**lways leash your pet
- **R**espect wildlife
- **K**now where you can go

The first B.A.R.K. rule – pick up after your dog – is important hiking etiquette. You might think your dog's waste is a natural part of the cycle of life, especially in more remote locations. However, it can cause problems for local creatures and can even impact the water supply.

The second B.A.R.K. rule should apply in almost every hiking situation. Keeping your dog on a short leash is important for safety, courtesy, and control. Not every fellow hiker is comfortable with dogs, and there may be other dogs on the trail who aren't as friendly as yours. Finally, an off-leash dog can disappear out of sight, and if you can't see what your dog is doing, you can't prevent them from getting into trouble, like encountering a skunk or eating something dangerous. If there are off-leash areas where you are hiking, only let your dog run free if you have verbal control of your dog, you can see your dog at all times, and you've worked on a reliable recall.

Safety When Hiking With Dogs



Keeping your dog safe during a hike should always be a top priority, and the first step is making sure your dog is fit enough for the task. Check with your vet to learn what your dog can handle, as some dog breeds make better hiking partners than others. Be particularly cautious with young and old dogs, as they might not be able to keep up with you on long, challenging hikes, and the burden on growing bones may be too much for puppies. Hiking in overly hot weather should be avoided, as dogs are much more susceptible than humans to the dangers of excessive heat.

It's also essential that you take water for your dog. Dogs don't sweat the way humans do. Panting is their main method for keeping cool, putting them at a higher risk of overheating than you when on the trail. Plus, if you don't bring water for your dog to drink, you risk your dog drinking from ponds, streams, or standing pools of water, which can carry a high risk. Unknown water could be contaminated with parasites, bacteria like leptospirosis, or other pathogens that can make your dog very ill.

You and your dog may also be venturing into flea and tick territory on your hikes. Consider using a vet-approved flea and tick preventative and be sure to examine your dog for ticks carefully when you get off the trail. It is also helpful to know how to remove a tick from your dog, as early removal helps reduce the chance of a secondary illness. A bath or grooming session post-hike will allow you to check for invaders as well as burrs, foxtails, and other debris caught in your dog's fur.

Training Tips for Hiking With Dogs



An important part of hiking safety and etiquette is having a well-behaved and properly socialized dog. Be sure your dog at least knows the basic obedience skills like "come," "sit," and "stay." Walking politely on a leash is another key behavior. Your dog doesn't need to heel along the trail, but the point of hiking isn't to be dragged through the woods. In case you accidentally drop the leash or your dog's collar breaks, you should be prepared with a reliable verbal recall. You can't keep your dog safe if you can't keep your dog in sight.

Some additional behaviors to work on include "leave it" and a "quiet" cue to curb barking. From poison ivy and animal waste to other hiker's trash, there are many dangers on the trail that could seriously harm your dog. A strong "leave it" cue will ensure your dog doesn't eat or mess with anything hazardous. And stopping any excessive barking will help keep your patch of nature as peaceful as possible.

Hiking Equipment



Finally, for a truly enjoyable hike, you should come prepared with appropriate dog hiking gear. Some suggested items to bring with you include:

- Poop bags
- Dog collar with ID tags and a sturdy 6-foot leash
- Water supply and a portable water bowl
- Dog food and/or treats and snacks
- Pet first-aid kit
- Pet-safe insect repellent
- Dog booties for hiking in rough terrain

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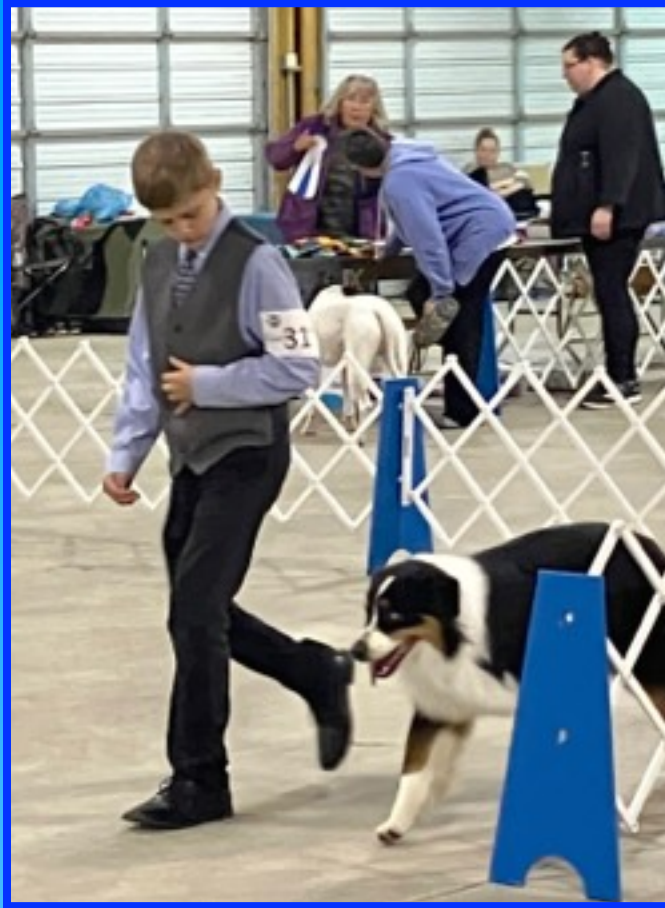


That's my dog!

Wags & Brags

TOTALLY THE BEST!

Matthew Carlson
and **Carmen**
competed at Dodge
County Canine
Club on May 12-14.
Highlights were 3
Total Junior
Awards, twice
earning High in
Trial Obedience,
and twice winning
Best Junior
Handler.



PASSING THE SNIFF TEST!



Stuart had a great time at the Timber Ridge Scent Work Trial in April. We were only entered on Sunday. He earned a Q & 4th place in Novice A Container and 2 Q's (1 of which was a 4th place) in Novice A Interior. This was only his (and my) second scent work trial and his first interior searches, so I'm extra proud of him. Also, I just want to say how wonderful Judge Robin Taylor was. She was so upbeat & encouraging. I loved how she would say, "I'm not judging your dog on how he walks through the cones." She was really a perfect judge for this newbie!

Submitted by Linda Johnson

ARCTURUS IS A STAR!



Jai Dee & Arcturus are pictured after Arcturus earned his Novice title at the Oshkosh Kennel Club's Rally Trial.



After earning his Novice title at the Oshkosh Kennel Club's Rally trial, **Arcturus** moved up to Intermediate where he and **Jai Dee** got 3rd place a score of 98!!!

Submitted by
Serena Menge



NEW TITLE ! NEW LEG!

Cora earned her Intermediate Rally title at Oshkosh Kennel Club's Trial. She also got a leg in Advanced (OFF LEASH!!!).

Handled and loved by
Serena Menge



NEW CHAMPION!



I'd like to brag about my English Cocker Spaniel pup **Flicka**. She finished her AKC Championship at the Oshkosh Kennel Club show at 15 months old. A week later we celebrated having her just one year! She is now CH Clear View's Chasing The Dream. Now we're on to some fun stuff, namely Agility! So proud of this little fireball. She makes things so much fun and, at times, very interesting!

Submitted by Joan Schmelling

WELCOME, OLLIE!



We have a new addition to our family! Introducing Sandfox Jacobin, AKA **Oliver** or **Ollie**. Oliver just turned 8 months old, hails from eastern Kentucky, and is a total sweetheart. We are so excited to finally have a dog that loves everyone; strangers, kids, other dogs, even the mailman; and doesn't BARK!!! Looking forward to all sorts of new adventures with this guy, maybe even conformation! Submitted by Jocelyn Reid



REESE IS SPOT-ON!



Reese was on her best behavior (even during the Greeting The Friendly Stranger test) in order to earn her UKC SPOT-ON rosette and certificate! Submitted by Sarah Krueger

CHIP IS A JOY TO SHOW!



Chip took a Group 4 NOHS at the Oshkosh Kennel Club show on May 21. The next weekend we spent in Kalamazoo where he went BOB/BOB OH all three days. His third CDX leg still alludes him...hopefully there will be a brag about that in the near future! He brings a lot of joy into my life :)

Chip is owned & loved by Dana Nelson

Braggs
are due June
30th
for the
July
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2023

Stevens Point Public Library

Meeting was called to order: at 6:32 pm by President Dana Nelson.

Members in attendance: Lisa Huber, Phyllis Christensen, Rose Gottung, Kathy Schuh, Ann Hanson, Sarah Krueger, Dana Nelson, Chris Jarvis, Jona Decker, Karen Lee, Serena Menge, Jai Dee Menge, Amy Tebeest, Linda Johnson, Jocelyn Reid, Laurie Bandy, Stephane Bandy, Evette Danielak, Kathy Fox, Sherry Salzman-Scott, and Wendy Carlson

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion made by Laurie Bandy to dispense with the reading, was seconded by Sarah Krueger and the motion was carried.

Board Report: Officers & Board are continuing to update & expand upon the Roles and Expectations for TR Event Chairs/members for Obedience, Agility & Scent work trials. Hoping to be completed by June.

Treasurer's Report: provided by Ann. Assets are increasing. Approved, subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

1. **Website:** Karen and Jona – no update, next TR event listed is in Sept.
2. **Awards Committee:** Serena Menge has agreed to take on organizing TR Awards for the upcoming year.
3. **2023 Fast CAT:** Due to distance restrictions with another Club's event, TR is unable to offer Fast CAT over Labor Day Weekend. Rose will look in to securing a possible 2024 date & venue.
4. **Labor Day Agility Trial:** (Sept. 1-3, 2023) Chair Lisa Huber, Judge Karl Blakely. Chief Course builder Chris Heckle, Volunteer Coordinator Lori Schuman.
5. **2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:** (Sept. 9-10) at the Lion's Camp in Rosholt. Chairperson Sherry Salzman-Scott, Judges Robin Taylor, Trish Nienow, & Cindy Anguilo. Committee is deciding which classes will be offered.
6. **2023 Fall Obedience Trial:** (Nov. 5-6) Chair Jennifer Kressin, Judges Fred Buroff and Dr. Hallie Ray.
7. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #1:** (Nov. 10-12) May be cancelled - Chair Linda Redfield, Judge TBD as the previously hired Judge is retiring. Linda continues to work on hiring a new Judge.
8. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #2:** (Nov. 24-27) cancelled.
9. **2024 Spring Obedience Trial:** (Feb. 3-4) Co-Chairs Cindy Bohnert & Kathy Schuh, Judges TBD
10. **2024 April Agility Trial** – Date has been applied for with AKC. Chair Jane Zank; she is looking into Canine Sports Zone as the venue.
11. **2024 Scent Work Trial:**

Old Business:

1. Logo Wear – Jona has a survey on logos (<https://bit.ly/trswag>)
28 members have responded to the survey - Jona will move forward once the logo colors are finalized.
2. Non- profit status - Chris Jarvis : reports that TR does not qualify as a service Organization therefore, it does not meet criteria for non-profit status. Other dog Clubs do though so Chris will continue to research the issue for TR.
3. Laurie will coordinate with the woman offering a Craft Workshop in July if there is sufficient interest. \$30 per person. It will follow the TR 6:30 pm meeting.

New Business:

1. Agility Trials & Venues 2024 onward: After 2023, agility trials will no longer be held at Camp Bandy. (All other events, classes & training though will still be offered.) For TR to continue to offer agility trials, Trial Chairs are needed (required), and the Trial Chair may then choose the venue for their trials. Obvious choices for trial venues being Oshkosh Kennel Club or Canine Sports Zone in Middleton. Cost, distance, hotels, Trial Committee, volunteers, and potential distance restrictions with other Clubs' agility trials were discussed. Also mentioned was that a new dog sport venue in Custer (Country Paws Canine Athletic Center) is anticipated to open by 2025, which may become an option at that time. Lastly, it was discussed that TR may choose to offer 2 agility trials a year going forward instead of 4 trials. At present, there are two Obedience Trials a year, there will be two Scent Work Trials this year, and two agility trials would be reasonable. The next decision is which two of the four existing dates are preferred AND have venue availability. This is a time sensitive issue and our dates could be forfeited if applications are not made to use them.

Guests: Morgan Dart Borer attended her first meeting.

Adjournment at 7:23 pm

Next Membership Meeting: **Monday, June 12, 2023 at Iverson Park.**

Hospitality:

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lisa Huber.



The Scent Work committee is in need of a golf cart or ATV to use during the next trials at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in September. If a member has one we could use, please let me know. We would like to use it from Friday afternoon, September 8, through late afternoon/early evening, Sunday, September 10.

Sherry Salzman-Scott

Take photos of your doggies engaged in summer activities!
I will be doing a feature in September called
"What I Did On My Summer Vacation."

Submit them (include the names of all dogs pictured) by
August 20th!

May 2023 Treasurer's Report

Opening balance checking	8,178.07	
Sue Roeske	-85.00	refund scentwork trial
Suse Riddle	-10.00	refund scentwork trial
Yolanda Maye	-45.00	refund scentwork trial
Jennie Macaluso	-45.00	refund scentwork trial
Robin Taylor	-650.21	judge
Jocelyn Reid	-380.58	scentwork trial expense
Sherry Salzman-Scott	-644.31	scentwork trial expense
Sherry Salzman-Scott	-39.00	scentwork trial expense
Dana Nelson	-20.58	obedience storage
Rose Gottung	-231.74	scentwork trial
Deposit	66.96	Awards – Sherry/Dana
Total	6,093.61	
Savings Balance	17,782.87	
Balance CDs	8,593.77	
Total Assets	32,470.25	
Pineries – CDs	2,758.87	
	2,817.21	
	3,017.69	
	8,593.77	

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times

SUNDAY, June 25

11:00-12:30 Agility Full Course

12:30-2:00 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

NOTE: WE HAVE – ONLY 1 FOR JUNE DUE TO EVENTS AT CAMP BANDY

Members set up rings and courses.

GUIDELINES

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.

A REMINDER FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Because we have recently added many new members (YAY!!) here are a couple of reminders about training time:

1. Members set up the rings and courses. If you aren't able to help or arrive later, please don't jump in and start using things that others have spent the time setting up before they have had a chance to use the ring/course. We have Camp Bandy for this time frame only. Many hands make work light.
2. Crate your dog(s) unless you are working them in the ring/course or in a spot in the arena. Be mindful of other people and dogs.
3. Agility time is for a full course. Agility time is set aside so people can run full courses. If there are a lot of people, work together to change jump heights, etc. Gate off the area by the door.
4. Obedience rings should be used to work your dog either on a 'run thru' or a set of exercises for a reasonable amount of time. Everyone should have time in the ring. If you wish to work on an individual skill for agility, great. It means one piece of equipment (so no multiple pieces of agility equipment during obedience time).
5. Communicate with each other. If someone is taking too much time, tell them. If you need to leave in 20 minutes - ASK if you can go next. If someone sets up a course or a ring say thanks. If you need help with something, ASK. This is a great group who is more than willing to help out.
6. If you put food on the walls to mark the go-out (or for any other reason) please clean up the spot, remove the food, etc.
7. If you are there alone or just a few people, work it out, if you don't need a ring, great. You don't have to set it up. You can be there for the full 3 hours or only 15 minutes.
8. Training time is meant to be used by any/all members. Keep in mind people use these times in different ways. Whatever way you use the time...enjoy training your dog!

Many great friendships have been made during this time!