



Timber Ridge Newsletter

July 2023 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 10, 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 Fast CAT:
(September 16-17)

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!

The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But not all dogs are natural swimmers and some dogs hate to get wet! If you plan to head to the beach, pool or lake with your canine pal this summer, remember that dogs entering the water for the first time should be tested.

Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim and safety tips for seasoned swimmers too:

- Never throw your dog into the water.
- Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy — but always keep your dog within reach. Keeping your dog on a leash to keep him from swimming too far and within reach is a good idea when introducing your pup to the water.
- A floatation device (doggie life jacket) is a good idea as a safety precaution for new swimmers – and can even be a good idea for seasoned swimmers to keep them afloat in the event they get tired.
- Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.
- If your dog begins to doggy-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up. If your dog starts to panic, quickly move back into shallow water – or take a break – and let them calm down. Be encouraging and calm.
- Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly. Make your dog take breaks and also make sure they are not ingesting too much water. If your dog likes to retrieve in the water, flatter toys are better than round as the dog keeps their mouths more closed when carrying a flat toy than round toy, like a ball, so they take in less water.
- Be careful of strong tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.
- Teach your dog how to safely exit the pool or pond and rinse them with fresh water when finished to get rid of any chemicals or pond algae that might be in their coats.
- Never leave your dog unattended! You should always be in a position to help him get out of the water.

Is It OK to Shave Your Dog's Coat in Summer?

By [Harriet Meyers](#)

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Key Points

- Shaving a double-coated dog can actually make it harder for them to cool off.
- Coats shouldn't be cut to less than one inch to protect from sunburn and bug bites.
- Regular brushing improves air circulation and cooling.

Temperatures are soaring, your dog is panting, and there's dog hair all over the house. You might be thinking that a good, close shave could help cool your dog off while eliminating some of that furry mess.

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Well, think again. Many dogs should not be shaved at all, depending on their coat type. Shaving can actually have the opposite effect of what you intend and make your dog even hotter. Here are some insights on shaving your dog, and some steps you can take instead to keep your dog healthy in hot weather.

Double-Coated Dogs

Double-coated dogs have a soft, inner coat of hair close to their skin that serves as an insulating layer, helping keep them warm in cold weather and cool in hot weather. In summer, a dog will shed a good bit of this under-layer, but what remains will help capture air between the two coat layers, allowing the dog to keep the heat at bay and regulate their body temperature. The outer coat (or guard hair) consists of longer hair that gives a dog their color. Dogs do not shed the outer coat as much.

Examples of double-coated dogs are Golden Retrievers, Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs, Labrador Retrievers, Siberian Huskies, and English Springer Spaniels. As they shed their undercoats in warm weather, the outer coat remains to protect them from sunburn and insect bites.

“Your dog's coat actually acts as an insulator,” explains Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC. “Shaving that coat to reduce shedding or supposedly to keep the dog cool also eliminates that insulating layer of fur, makes the dog susceptible to heat stroke, and can result in improper hair growth and the possibility of follicle damage. A dog's fur coat protects him from sunburn and decreases his risk of developing skin cancer.”

Shaving a double coat can also do long-term damage. When it is shaved down to the skin, the undercoat hair will grow back faster, and sometimes will crowd out the slower-growing guard hairs. This can change the texture and color of a dog's coat and make it appear patchy and unattractive.

Single-Coated Dogs

Single-coated dogs include dogs such as Greyhounds, Boxers, Dalmatians, Poodles, Maltese, and Afghan Hounds. They can have very short hair or long hair, and it can be wiry, smooth, or curly – but all breeds have even-looking hairs with no soft undercoat.

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Certain types of single-coated dogs may benefit from having a professional groomer clip their coats occasionally to prevent matting and to keep them cooler. However, the coats should not be shaved down to the skin. It is best to leave at least one inch of hair to protect them from sunburn, skin cancer, and bug bites. These dogs don't have the added insulation of an undercoat, so they need to keep at least one inch of hair for warmth and protection.

How to Safely Cool Down Your Dog

Dogs cool down a lot differently than we do, and shaving really has no big impact on cooling them down. Dogs rely on panting to control most of their temperature regulation. They also rely on vasodilation (blood vessel expansion) to help them cool off, especially on their ears and face. When the blood vessels expand, they bring the hot blood closer to the surface of the skin.

Dogs also have merocrine sweat glands that function similarly to human sweat glands. However, these are they are located only in a dog's paw pads, and they activate when the dog is hot to cool them down.

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Rather than shaving your dog, use these hot-weather grooming tips to keep your pet comfortable.

- Brush your dog's fur regularly. This eliminates dead hair, prevents matting, and allows for better air circulation in their coat.
- Give your dog regular cool baths to keep them clean and free of pests.
- Since your dog's cooling sweat glands are located on their feet, keeping their paws trimmed of excess fur can help the sweat evaporate and cool them off.
- Groomers suggest it is also a good idea to keep a dog's legs and stomach trimmed of very long hair to enhance cooling.
- Make sure your dog always has access to cool water and shade, takes walks and exercises only during the coolest parts of the day, and is never left unattended in a vehicle, even for just a few minutes.

That's my dog!

Wags & Brags

TALLY-



HO!

Cora earned her BCAT at the Paper Cities Fast CAT on Father's Day, June 18. Her brother loves the chase; she just loves running to mommy. Although not as much as before since she ran a little slower to me this year.



The NOSE KNOWS!



Stuart had a very successful AKC Scent Work trial in Ishpeming, MI (sponsored by the Marquette KC), on June 24 & 25. He completed his Novice Container, Interior & Exterior titles. He is also just 1 Q away from his Novice Buried title. We will be at the TROCCW scent work trial in September, where I'm confident my little guy will complete that title as well.

Pending AKC approval, **Stuart** will now be known as Winterhaven Magic Minion SCN, SIN, SEN.

Submitted by Linda Johnson

GOLD STARS!!!

Timber Ridge has **MANY** members who often go unrecognized for their work and dedication to the club.

So...GOLD STARS to:

Karen Lemke for your work on the LOGO. Can't wait for all to see it!

Rose Gottung for your work as our trial secretary at multiple events!

All the members who came together to make the Fast CAT happen!



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!**

Braggs
are due July
31st
for the
August
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC. MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023

Iverson Park, Stevens Point

Meeting was called to order: at 6:31 pm by President Dana Nelson.

Members in attendance: Lisa Huber, Phyllis Christensen, Rose Gottung, Kathy Schuh, Sarah Krueger, Dana Nelson, Chris Jarvis, Jona Decker, Serena Menge, Jocelyn Reid, Laurie Bandy, Sherry Salzman-Scott, Karyn Kopecko, Janet Smith, Amy Sjomeling, Karen Lemke, Lori Schuman and Suzanne Paulik.

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 Obedience, Agility & Scentwork trials. Incentives will be offered for Trial Chairs, CCB, Vol Coordinator, etc and vouchers may be used either day of trial or within a year for the same sport for which they were earned.

A rented climate controlled storage facility was approved at \$50 a month for Scentwork and Lure Coursing equipment. Goal is to have it available by Sept. 1, 2023.

It was determined that a Club credit card would not be necessary at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Dana - Assets are increasing. Approved, subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

1. **Website:** Karen & Jona – they ask that any updates or cancellations be provided to them for inclusion on the website.
2. **Awards Committee:** Serena Menge has agreed to take on organizing TR Awards for the upcoming year.
3. **Sept. 2023 Fast CAT:** (Sept. 16-17) Morgan Dart Borer of Fast & Fun, Inc provided information & options for offering Fast CAT at Country Paws Canine Athletic Center in Sept. in conjunction with a Dock Diving event held the same weekend. Prices & services were listed and TR members interested in offering this event agreed on options. Jona Decker will be the Event Chair with Evette Danielak as Co-Chair, and Amy Sjomeling agreed to be responsible for the ribbons.
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) Lion's Camp in Rosholt. Chairperson Sherry Salzman-Scott, Judges Robin Taylor, Trish Nienow, & Cindy Anguilo. Elements of Buried and Interior will be offered one day, with Container and Exterior offered the other day. Two trials of Detective will be offered both days.
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) Likely to 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; Venue is Canine Sports Zone in Middleton. Judge TBD.
11. **2024 Scent Work Trial:** Dates to be determined following the Sept. trial.
12. **2024 Spring Agility Trial:** (May 5-7) Date has been forfeited

Old Business:

1. Logo Wear – Jona has a survey on logos (<https://bit.ly/trswag>)
Choice of logo colors were finalized.
2. Non- profit status - Chris Jarvis - no update
3. July crafts will not be offered after the July meeting. Remains an option in the future with advance notice.
4. Continue to need members to step forward and volunteer to Chair events in 2024. Chairs are urgently needed for Agility.

New Business:

1. Summer Potluck will be held at Camp Bandy on August 14 at 6:00 pm, followed by the Membership Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Guests: None.

Adjournment at 7:34 pm

Next Membership Meeting: **Monday, July 10, 2023 at Iverson Park.**

Hospitality: Members are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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

June 2023 Treasurer's Report

Opening balance checking	6,093.61	
IRS	-342.75	estimated payment
Jona Decker	-140.00	fast cat apps
Ann Hanson	-200.00	February obedience apps
Jennifer Kressin	-200.00	September obedience apps
Total	5,210.86	
Savings Balance	17,782.87	
Balance CDs	8,599.28	
Total Assets	31,593.01	
Pineries – CDs	2,760.05	
	2,821.03	
	3,018.20	
	8,599.28	

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times



Sunday, July 2 11-2

11-12:30 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

12:30 – 2 | FULL COURSE Agility

Sunday, July 23 11-2

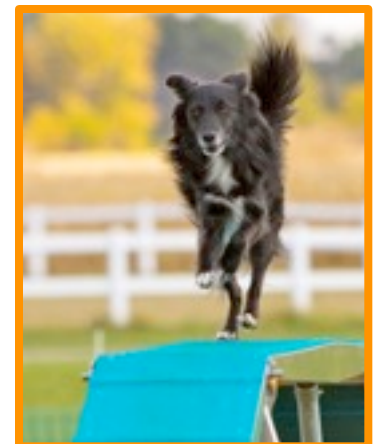
11- 12:30 | FULL COURSE Agility

12:30 – 2 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

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!