



Muncie Obedience Training Club

## PARKING LOT GETS NEW STRIPES

Muncie Obedience Training Club's parking looks a lot nicer thanks to club member, Rick Dalessandro. Rick decided to practice good stewardship by marking out and painting lines for the parking spaces in our lot. This makes parking not only more orderly but also makes full use of our available parking space. Thanks, Rick!

### Special Points of Interest:

- *Lost & Found*
- *Member Spotlight*



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JEANN CROWCROFT



What are these next two months going to be like at MOTC? Our final public classes will end right before Thanksgiving. It will be January 10, 2022 before we have another round of Family Puppy and Family Dog classes scheduled. We are still having conformation class on Thursday evening at 6:00. We will have drop in Scent Work opportunities on Wednesdays starting November 3 through December 22. These are available for the low cost of \$5.00 per evening for members and \$10.00 for nonmembers. If you are interested and have not signed a COVID paper this year you will need to do so. If you are new to the club we will

need to see a copy of your dog's vaccinations. Once these are taken care of they will remain on file for one year. We are also offering a Canine Good Class (CGC).

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Holiday Party December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. The club will furnish the meat and members can bring a dish of their favorite recipe. MOTC will be taking donations for the Muncie Animal Care Service. This could be pet food, toys, bedding, cleaning supplies, leashes or money. Some items for discussion will be the matting for the second ring and the addition of mirrors for use during training.

Did you know by the end of this year MOTC will have held 42 trials? That is 12 obedience, 6 rally, 12 scent work and 12 Fast CAT. For obedience we need at least 3 stewards for utility, 2 for open, novice and beginning novice. Rally requires 3 stewards for all classes, master, excellent, advance, intermediate and novice. For obedience and rally it is best if the same table steward works with the judge for the entire day. Ring steward assignments can be split between people. Scent work needs at least two preferable 3 stewards for each judge. We can have as many as four judges. Scent work also needs strong bodies to move props to the site and then measure and mark the areas the evenings before the trials and then retrieve the props and return them to the club. Fast CAT needs a minimum of 6 people for each day of the trial. These assignments could be divided among volunteers. Keeping these numbers in mind there is a push to include volunteering at least a day or two half days at a trial as part of the required volunteer hours to be a member in good standing. Please report your volunteer hours to Jim Hasecoster at [jimhase@aol.com](mailto:jimhase@aol.com). We need to know how many hours are required to keep our club open and vital.

Hope to see everyone at the December party and meeting.

Jeann

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### CHRIS ASHMORE-GOOD



How long have you been a MOTC member? I'm a true newbie; I've only been a member for a few months.

Why are you a MOTC member? I joined because, while I feel comfortable training my big baby, I also feel it is important to have someone/someplace to ask questions, which will inevitably come up. The first night I went to MOTC, I sat in on a training session being given by Mary and Bobbi, they both seemed so knowledgeable and kind, I just had to join and did so that night. Everyone I've met so far has been very nice and incredibly helpful. Thank you for making me feel so welcome!

What breed(s) of dog do you have? I currently have only my boy, Obi, a GSD, but I'm working on convincing my husband that we need another one. LOL

What do you like and dislike about your breed(s)? He's my first GSD, we've had Dobie's and Min Pins for the last 18 years, so I'm really enjoying how quick he is at learning, not quite as fast as a Dobie, but blazingly fast compared to our stubborn Min Pins. However, after having so many years of practically grooming free dogs, this guy is killing me with the hair. LOL

What activities do you do with your dogs? Obi is young, just 19 months, so we're trying everything. We just entered our first Fast Cat last weekend, which he loved, and we'll be competing in our first ever Obedience Trial in two weeks (keep your fingers crossed). We will also be trying our paws (and noses) at some scent work.

Why did you choose these activities? Eventually, I want to have Obi certified as a Therapy Dog, I think he has the right personality for it. Right now, though, he's a baby and I'm trying to figure out what he likes....other than treats. I'm really hoping that he'll eventually become less reactive to other dogs...."not everybody wants to play, dude".

What other hobbies do you have besides dogs? Anybody who owns GSDs knows you can't have hobbies that don't include your dog, so it's a good thing I actually enjoy going for walks, handing out treats, playing fetch, handing out treats, playing tug-of-war, handing out treats, being licked, and handing out treats. LOL Actually, I'm also a teacher, so the only life I have outside of school is Obi.

What club activities do you volunteer in? Being new, I haven't had much time for volunteering, but I did volunteer at the October trials, last weekend's Fast Cat, and I'll be helping out with the CGC class. By the way, if you ever need a fix of petting a variety of different dog breeds and personalities, I recommend volunteering to hold dogs at a Fast Cat. I've always loved the looks of a Schipperke, with their little bat faces. But they are like unicorns, and don't exist in real life. I actually got to meet my very first Schipperke at the Fast Cat. I'm even more hooked than when they were fictional beasts.

You get an all expenses paid, one-week vacation anywhere. Where do you go? Europe!! I was born into, raised in, and joined the Air Force. As a teenager, my dad was stationed in Europe for a bit. We lived in England and Germany for seven years, it's where I spent my teenage years and I loved every minute of it.



## EDITORIAL

### END OF THE YEAR MUSINGS

BK GRICE



This is the final newsletter for 2021 and as the year end approaches I find that I am looking back on things that I am thankful for and things I'd like to change or see change in the coming new year. I am thankful for my dog, Lumi. She and I are still working on becoming a team and teaching each other a lot. If for some reason we had to stop showing I would still be honored to have her in my life. I am thankful for MOTC. Even though I sometimes gripe about it, I still renew every year. It allows me to teach classes that help people learn how better communicate with their dogs and become better dog owners. Because of these classes fewer little kids get knocked down by unruly dogs, fewer dogs live outside on chains with little human contact, and more dogs remain in good homes. It also allows me to meet and share with some really nice people who don't cringe when you talk about dog poop or vomit. I am thankful for a job that pays my bills, keeps food on my table, and lets me meet some very interesting people. I am thankful for my family who embraces diversity even when they sometimes complain about it. ("Oh, we don't mean you, you're family.") I am thankful for my health and that, despite a bout with cancer that cost me a breast and most of a pectoral muscle and a hip replacement to fix the failure of an arthritic joint, I am still able to do most of what I did ten years ago. I am thankful for the internet that has allowed me to meet and stay in contact with people who share similar interests and have become online friends. Many of these are dog training friends who patiently guided me as I began clicker training and we were learning how to use it for Obedience training, and others I have been able to guide as they began their clicker training journeys.

What would I like to change or see change in 2022? Well, I'd like to be about 20 lbs. lighter and still healthy. I'd like to get Lumi's CD and start on a CDX with her. I'd like to maybe bring a puppy into the family since Lumi will be 6 next year and it would be nice to have another trial dog coming up. I'd like to finish her RAE, get her RACH, and maybe some Scent Work titles with her. I have been thinking that it might be nice to see MOTC have Volunteer Liaison or Coordinator to make it easier for people to volunteer, especially new members. We have so many different people to contact to volunteer for different things that it can be pretty confusing even for me. I'd like to see more members volunteer to be in the Member Spotlight in the newsletter. I don't mind approaching people one on one, but I think it's interesting to know more about other club members, at least to recognize them when you see them. I also would like the club as a whole to take a better look at membership: what it means to be a member, recruiting and retaining members, etc. I'd like Arby's to bring back potato cakes; the new fries are okay but they aren't distinctive. Winning the lottery would be good, but I understand that you have to play to win.



## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found inventory has grown a bit large. Below are the items currently in our lost and found. If you see something that is yours please drop past the clubhouse after this weekend's trials and pick it up. If you recognize something that is not yours but you know who it belongs to, please have them contact me at [Brenda\\_Grice@comcast.net](mailto:Brenda_Grice@comcast.net) with MOTC Lost & Found in the subject line.



The ID bracelet says MACH Immagic, Life is good

The key chain says Luna





## MORE LOST & FOUND



These appear to be women's jackets, but the orange jacket appears to be a child's.



## PRODUCT REVIEW

### CLICINO RING

BK GRICE

If you've ever wished that you could have a clicker at your fingertips or use a clicker while keeping both hands free, the Clicino ring is something you should look into. The Clicino ring has a soft click making it easier on noise sensitive animals and a raised clicker button making it possible to click with a thumb, another finger, or the heel of your hand. It comes in a variety of colors and sizes and can be ordered online at [clickertraining.com](http://clickertraining.com), [dog-wise.com](http://dog-wise.com), or [cleanrun.com](http://cleanrun.com).



I almost didn't buy this because it is more expensive than a box clicker or I-click clicker, but after seeing another trainer with one and asking them about it, I decided to get one. It fits easily in my pocket if I take it off but can stay on my hand without restricting the use of my hand. I generally use it on my ring finger but have used it on my middle finger and index finger also. By keeping it on my finger it is always ready to use and does not get lost in a pocket or laid down on a table when handling training equipment.



If you have a dog or dog training related product you'd like to recommend, a book or DVD or seminar you'd like to recommend, please write a brief review and submit it to the newsletter [motcyq@yahoo.com](mailto:motcyq@yahoo.com).

## COMMITTEES

A reminder of some of the known volunteer positions that members can volunteer for:

### Trial Committees

These organize and put on our Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, and FastCAT trials. They are made up of these positions:

**Trial Secretary**—registers trials with the American Kennel Club, creates a premium list, accepts entries, creates judges' books, records trial results, reports results to AKC, makes sure that judges are paid. Must be able to attend the trial they are working on.

**Chief Ring Steward**—coordinates with Trial Secretary to see how many stewards are needed, recruits stewards for the trial, creates and distributes stewarding schedule and ring assignments to volunteers prior to the trial.

**Trial Awards Chair**—take inventory and order ribbons, awards, treats, and toys for trials. Set up ribbon display at trials and see that they are dispensed as needed.

**Trial Set up & Tear Down Chief**—coordinates with Trial Secretary to estimate needs, recruits volunteers for set up for trial and tear down afterwards, creates job plan for preparing venue and setting up rings and equipment, supplying restrooms, setting up tables and chairs, packing up and transporting equipment and supplies, tearing down rings and equipment after trial, packing up and transporting equipment and supplies as needed.

**Judges Committee**—select and sign up judges for trials 2-3 years in advance.

**Hospitality Committee**—see that judges for trial have lodging and that it is paid for, see that judges have transportation to and from rooms and venue, possibly transportation to and from airports, put together and deliver judge's hospitality bags (usually snacks, etc.), make reservations for judges' dinner and other meals as needed.

**Award Banquet Committee**—organize and host annual Award dinner usually in late winter/early spring, collect plaques from members for updating with new titles, order new plaques for those who need them, see that plaques are updated with new plates, set up and tear down for banquet.

**Kitchen/Food Committee**—organize and prepare food and drinks for trials and events, inventory and see that water and soft drinks are available for members through the year.

**Membership Committee**—recruit new members, introduce new members to current members and help them become active in the club, help members get in contact with those needing volunteers.

**Publicity Committee**—create and distribute club brochures to area vets and groomers and shelters, update membership applications as needed. Organize public outreach for club.

**Public education and seminars**—arrange for club seminars, including new dog owner seminars and training seminars.

**Landscape Committee**—maintain outside area of Clubhouse, mow, mulch, trim, weed.

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Show & Go Committee—organize quarterly show ‘n’ goes, should occur Sunday preceding a trial.

Newsletter Committee—gather items for quarterly newsletter, research and write articles and features, take and submit photos from trials and events.

Building Maintenance and Supply Committee—inventory and restock building and office supplies, making arrangements with repairmen when repairs are needed, have building cleaned prior to special events.

Family Pet Instructors & Assistants—6 week commitment to work with Family Puppy, Family Dog, or Canine Good Citizen class. Must be AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator to be lead instructor of Family Puppy class. Teach dog owners how to be responsible dog owners including care of dogs and training in basic 5 (sit, down, walking on leash, come, stay). Generally you will be asked to assist with a class before acting as lead instructor, you may choose to continue assisting.

Note: These are only a few places where your talents, expertise, and interests may be useful. If you see other ways to volunteer please contact president, Jean Crowcroft [gjcrowcroft@aol.com](mailto:gjcrowcroft@aol.com).

## WAGS & BRAGS

Brenda Grice’s Lumi, Shetland Sheepdog, earned 2 triple Qs, 2 Master legs, 2 RAE legs, and 29 RACH points at MOTC’s October trials.

Jeann Crowcroft’s Jesse’, All-American, earned 2 RAE legs at MOTC’s October trials.



## UPCOMING DATES

November 21 5 pm, Board of Directors Meeting, Clubhouse

December 5 2 pm, Members Meeting, Clubhouse

December 12 10 am-2 pm, Member training, Clubhouse



The Muncie Obedience Training Club has been part of the Muncie Indiana and surrounding area community since 1946, teaching dog owners how to train their dogs and holding AKC canine companion sports such as Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, and FastCAT

We teach people to be responsible dog owners and canine companion sports participants, and hold events that demonstrate the benefits of dog training.

We have fun with our dogs. We are good sportsmen. We practice good stewardship.