



Freedom Tails

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First Graduation of 2015 = +260!!



Thursday, March 19th, Freedom Tails graduated the first class of 2015. Sadly, we had one girl left without a home – Missy. The next day, calls came in wanting to adopt her...Saturday, she had a Meet 'n Greet and she met her new forever family!! It was love at first sight for all involved! Now, that's what we're talkin' about! Besides Missy, all the dogs went home that day except Gracie. Gracie's people are out of town, but will be picking her up in two weeks, so we'll at least have one critter to fawn attention on for a while. Everyone involved in the program truly appreciated Supt. Glebe taking time out of his busy schedule to attend graduation. There were lots of handshakes and smiles as he assisted in giving the handlers and walkers their certificates. Besides the new adopters, others attending graduation included first timers (to enjoy this wonderful event and show their support!), and Barb Davenport from HQ's. Barb is the head of all of DOC's dog programs and has been training dogs for 30yrs!



Volunteers surround Program Manager Dennis Cherry because, as everyone knows, intimidation by numbers has proven effective! Dennis Co. Rep, Tanya Wood, brought coupons for bags of dog food, while Pet Sense Rep, Brittany Shultz, brought goodie bags full of treats and toys! Thank you both for your continued support!!

L-R standing: Editor Karen Diehm, Patrick Pierce (PAWSGH), Trainer Pat McCarty, Dick Woods and Christine Balcom (HAVA), Pet Sense Rep. Brittany Shultz, and Inge Johnson and Dianne Pierce (PAWSGH). Front: Dennis Co. Rep. Tanya Wood and PM Cherry.

Graduation and Session Shots



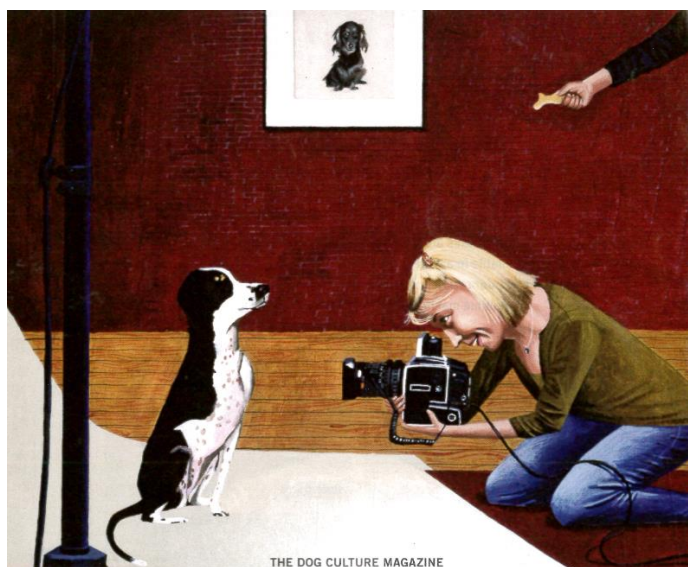
Smiling faces and laughter abounded at graduation. L-R: Fischer, Todd and the audience get a good chuckle out of Satterfield's comment on his "input" of training this session....which was said to be "*not much*"; JoJo demonstrates a hyper-speed run over the ramp; and Flash looks at his handlers, Snook and Agtuca, as though "Really? You think that was funny?" Left, Ms. McCarty, Hofstetter, and Missy demonstrate part of the AKC Canine Good Citizen testing routine given to each primary handler and their charge. Below, Gracie, Missy, and Flash demonstrate their vertical prowess abilities – from moonwalking, to the high-bounce, to the Olympic level skill of the lateral ear balance, while standing.



More Freedom Tails Stuff.....



Bandit shows his handler how to position back legs to "look cool" while running. Then, photos you can't *make* happen...



Not too long ago one of the handlers asked when I had posed for The BARK magazine. I hadn't a clue what he was talking about, until he brought me the Fall 2014 issue with the above shot (Amanda Jones photographing Clover – BARK cover dog 2006). A few of the handlers had gathered at this point, all of us getting quite the chuckle out of it, until one of them had the idea of doing a SCCC rendition – especially since one of our dogs -



Missy - looked IDENTICAL! So we did.... Thanks go to handler Cupic for his assistance, Ms. Sherwood for her dog treat holding and arm, Ms. Troy for the picture taking, and obviously Missy for her beauty and patience. ~Karen Diehm

When you access the HAVA website, slowly drop under the Freedom Tails tab...magically an application link appears!



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