

The Lead

Dog Owners Training Club of Lynchburg, Inc.

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DOTC WEB PAGE: www.DOTCLynchburg.org

The Dog Owners Training Club will hold its annual Christmas Party at the home of Jim and Judy Smotrel on **Saturday, December 17th** beginning at **6 PM**.

Address: 2575 Hawkins Mill Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Please bring TWO dishes for our covered dish dinner - one meat or vegetable; one salad, dessert or party snack. Call Patty Ferington at 434-385-6457 or email pferington@gmail.com to tell her if you are coming and what you plan to bring. BYOL and BYO serving utensils for your dishes!! Please respond by Wednesday, December 14.



Each person who wants to participate in playing Crazy Santa should bring a wrapped gift for a dog or a person (approximate value \$10 - serious or humorous) to place under the Christmas tree. The first person may pick any wrapped gift from under the tree. Person #2 may take that unwrapped gift - or pick a wrapped gift. Person #3 may choose from any unwrapped gift - or pick a wrapped one. If your gift is taken away, then you get to take any unwrapped or wrapped gift. If you get a certain gift three times, it is yours to keep. This is always a lot of fun! Each person playing will end up with a gift to take home.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Old Forest Road (Rt 501) and Lakeside Drive (Rt 221) at the Honda dealer and Wilco, take Route #221 toward Bedford for 1.5 miles. Turn right on Route #621 (Cottontown Road), opposite the CVS at the traffic light. After one mile, the road name changes to Route #660, Hawkins Mill Road. Drive 1.5 miles on Hawkins Mill. The house is located on the right side of the road. It is a cedar A-frame house surrounded by a four board white fence. The name is on the mailbox - **2575 Hawkins Mill Road**. Just park (carefully!) between the small trees along the driveway or turn to the right when you drive in through the gate and park in the field.

Coming from Bedford on Rt 221, go through Forest and continue toward Lynchburg as you pass through the intersections at Greenstone and at Graves Mill Rd. At the next intersection, CVS will be on your right. Turn left at the light onto Cottontown Road, Rt 621. Follow the above directions.

From Boonsboro Road, turn on Coffee Road, near Mitchell's Store. Turn left at Hawkins Mill Road near the Randolph College Stables. After 2.5 miles, look for the four-board white fence on the left. Do not take the first brick entrance. Ours is the second driveway with the white double gate.

CRATE TAGS will be ordered for those dogs who have completed requirements for titles during the calendar year 2011. The order will be placed on Tuesday Dec 6th so send in your info immediately. I already have title information from Donna Leveque and Sally von Oesen.

The complete list of titles earned will be posted on the main page of our web site. If you miss the deadline for the crate tag order, you can still have your dog's titles added to our club list on the web site! **Send in your info (email preferred jsmotrel@jetbroadband.com)**. Judy needs dog's **complete registered name with current titles and completely spelled out names of all new titles. The dates are not needed.**

TITLE RECOGNITION ADS Instead of placing individual ads for new MACH's and OTCH's and other performance champions completed through the year, DOTC will purchase an ad in Clean Run magazine to recognize the achievements of ALL DOTC dogs who have completed agility titles in any venue in 2011. Photos of agility champions will be included in the ad, with the names of the other dogs listed with their new titles. Another ad will be placed in Front & Finish digital magazine to recognize all of those DOTC dogs completing titles in obedience or Rally obedience, with photos of OTCH's or highest level titles if we have no OTCH's that year. **If your dog has completed a major title listed above, please send me a high resolution digital image for the ad.**

An Award for the **Most Therapy Dog Visits** by a DOTC member will be given at the Christmas Party.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Our Winter classes will run from **January 10 – February 28, 2012**. You must preregister for classes. Please tell our Training Director, Patty Ferington (385-6457 pferington@gmail.com) what classes you would like for your dog(s) in the winter session!

To enroll: go to www.dotclynchburg.org and click on either the beginning or advanced classes tab. The beginning class form needs to be sent to Patty by snail mail, **along with a copy of your dogs shot records**. The advanced class enrollment is online, **but if you haven't done so in the last year or are taking a different dog through advanced classes, print out a release form (follow the directions on the website) and send it along with a copy of your dog's shot records** to Patty prior to start of class. Questions can be sent to pferington@gmail.com

NOTE: I am currently having trouble revising the web site. Just use the registration forms for 2011 that are on the web site and write in the correct dates!

Winter Training Schedule January 10 – February 28, 2012

- 7-8 PM:** **Level 1 (small dogs – Meg & Candy)**
 Level 1 (Big dogs – Clair & Patty)
 Level 2 (Jim & Sarah)
 Free Ring
- 8:10 - 9:10** **Level 3/Open/Utility – Advanced Combo – Dot Romano**
 Rally (All Levels – Judy)

Spring Training Dates are March 20 through May 8, 2012.

Current balance in Checking Account is \$8284.39 as of 11/22/11.

Our updated membership roster is now available! Those of you with internet access can always find a current copy of the roster on our web page. There is not a direct link to the roster. You will need to access www.DOTCLynchburg.org/member If you would like a mailed copy, just contact Judy.

We have purchased a supply of 2012 Monthly Planning Calendars (7" x 10") for distribution to club members. The dates for all 2012 DOTC events are listed on the inside front cover. Many of you have received yours already. If you would like one, just email Judy or call and she will mail you one. They will be available at the party.

- Dec 5 Deadline to get title info (titles completed in 2011) to Judy for the new dog crate tags
Dec 17 DOTC **Christmas Party** at Smotrel's home

Coming Events for DOTC in 2012

- Jan 13-15 AKC agility at Lexington VA w/SCCTC
April 27-29 AKC agility trials at BRC
May 15 CGC / TDI test at BRC
June 29-30,7/1 AKC agility trials at BRC
Sept 15-16 AKC obed/rally trials at BRC
Oct 20-21 AKC herding trial in Gladys (pending more discussion)
Oct 30 CGC/TDI test at BRC
Nov 3-4 UKC agility trials at BRC

Open Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Feb, April, June, Oct
Potluck dinner on August 8; **Christmas Party** on Dec 8

Obed Training: Jan 10-Feb 28; Mar 20-May 8; Sept 4-Oct 23
Details at www.DOTCLynchburg.org

Welcome to our new member Debbie Okin, who trains a Golden Retriever, Reagan in Level 2