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DTCDC Celebrates 50 Years



Lynda Holman and Marquis from 1974. Marquis earned his CD in 1972, his CDX in 1978 and was a Therapy Dog.

Norma Walker with Rambo from 1987. Norma is Lynda's mother.



Maurine Pearson and her American Staffordshire. Maurine is one of the corporate directors. She started training at the club in 1974.

Benita Zapata and her beautiful dog Raiden practice scentwork at the Dallas Executive Airport in April 2023. Benita has been a member since 1993.



See more 50th Anniversary coverage on page 20.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Diane Gossett	2/3
Barbara DeLamar	2/4
Judy L. Harmon	2/7
Nancy Reeves	2/7
Robin Vogel	2/14
Stephane Desproges	2/14
Amy Quinn Schwartz	2/15
Gary Holman	2/17
Laura Burdett	2/17
Hope McQueen	2/24
Ken Hagmueller	2/26
Carol Richtsmeier	2/27
Emily Ramirez	2/27



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13 @ 7 P.M.

CLICK [Here](#) TO REGISTER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING USING ZOOM.



THEME: 2023 RAINBOW BRIDGE

A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. All members are encouraged to buy a ticket for \$1 or 3 for \$2. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.

Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase 4 cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort.

Our Sunshine fund has been slightly funded by this drawing over the last few years. However, our members have still needed to know of our love during their trying times. If you want to donate please go to our website, <http://www.dallas-dogtraining.org/>, to the *Members Only* section, and select *Sunshine Donation*. You can donate with PayPal or a credit card.

Your donation is NOT tax deductible since we are not-for-profit organization.

Sunshine Fund Report

	Nov.	Dec.	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 10.00	\$ 81.10	\$482.10
Expenditures	(0)	(0)	(324.50)
Net	\$10.00	\$81.10	\$157.60

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A Word from Our President



As we move through the beginning days of February, I hope this message finds you all warm and well.

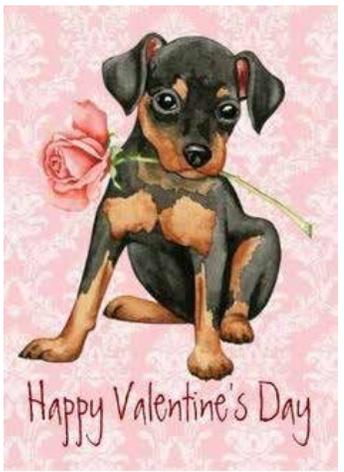
February is the month with love in the air, it's a reminder of the special and sweet bond we share with our dogs and the joy they bring into our lives.

This month we are excited to start our celebration of DTCDC's 50th anniversary as a dog training club. Our Anniversary Committee has some exciting activities planned throughout the year to commemorate our journey. We look forward to your participation. We will also have a special section in the PawPrint each month, with photos, articles, brags and more from over the 50 years.

As we reflect on the past 50 years, let's celebrate the countless achievements, the shared victories, and the positive impact we've had on the lives of dogs and their owners. OUR club's success is a tribute to the dedication of our volunteers, both past and present.

Your President,

Ruth Miles



*Love is in
the air!*



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2023 Officers & Directors

President - Ruth Miles
Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki
Training Director - Lisa Wharton
Secretary - Lisa Gonzales
Treasurer - Barbara Elliott
Member at Large - Marye Boyce
Member at Large - Jan Bruner
Member at Large - Shelley Carr
Member at Large - Michele Hosey

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman
Mark Malone
Maurine Pearson

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- A. To develop and present training programs which will produce dogs which are both obedient and happy, a source of pleasure and pride to their families and good citizens in their communities.
- B. To promote responsible dog ownership through obedience training and other dog-related activities.
- C. To prepare and educate trainers and dogs for successful participation in competitions, trials, tests and competitive dog sports.

Article I, Section 2 of the Dog Training Club of Dallas County, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws As Amended as of November 10, 2020

A Note from Your Training Director



Welcome to Nifty Fifty!

I bet those responsible for starting this training club never imagined the legacy they were creating or how dog sports have evolved over the years. No matter how much has changed over the years there are a few constants: 1) there is nothing better than puppy breath and being next to a dog that has stolen your heart, 2) dogs do what dogs do – they are not vengeful or spiteful, 3) if the dog isn't behaving the way we want we probably didn't spend the time helping them understand the proper behavior, and 4) dogs just wanna have fun!



Looking at situations from your dog's perspective might help adjust your approach to training and better results. Humans have misunderstandings all the time. How much more is the likelihood of confused communication with our dogs? Always assess your progress and evaluate the benefits of the method. Make small changes and evaluate the results. Not all dogs learn at the same rate or by the same method; be flexible in your approach.

Happy Training!

Lisa Wharton, Training Director



Session 2 February 26 – April 7

Session 2 classes will start February 26. Watch for information through our DT CDC email group. We are still looking for volunteers to instruct and assist classes.

If anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to see presented at the Members Training Program? Please feel free to submit them to the training committee at: training@dallasdogtraining.org

Thanks to Session 1 Instructors/Assistants

I would like to express a sincere thank you to those that volunteered to instruct or assist during Session 1. You are what makes this club function. Several of these assistants stepped in with a two-hour notice when a class was short due to illness or unexpected events.

Class	Instructor	Assistant(s)
Monday Afternoon Puppy	Terri Schurr	Robin Vogel
Monday Beginner	Sherry Worley	John Reeves, Krystal Hatcher, Lisa Gonzales
Tuesday Conformation	Jan Bruner	
Tuesday/Thursday Open/Utility	Mona O’Gorman	Jan Bruner, Darlene Schmererhorn
Wednesday Afternoon Intermediate	Pam White	Linda Shearin, Felicia Ruhter, Mim Aiken, Cindy Sullivan, Donna Ralph, Lily Smith-Kirkley
Wednesday Afternoon Beginner	Carol Ford	Michele Hosey, Pam White, Linda Shearin
Tricks	Michele Hosey	
Wednesday Beginner	Reagan Chojnacki	Melissa Chojnacki, Michelle Moorman, Madison Glover, Teresa York, Sandi Myers, Ken Hagmueller, Carol Richtsmeier
Wednesday Puppy	Marye Boyce	Steven Boyce, Kadee Inglehart, Donna Ralph, Brad Ralph, Michelle Moorman, Sandi Myers, Ken Hagmueller, Carol Richtsmeier
Novice Polish	Danika Taylor	Alexis Jankowski
Nosework	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgann Hughes	Rosemary Mingzhor
Master Rally	Shari Price	Chris Swain, Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata
Rally Novice/Advance/Excellent	Sheryll Barker	
Sunday Open/Utility	Sheryl Archer	Joan Jung

T3 Sessions Photos from December 2023 and January 2024



Doodles and Props - December 12

Tricks and Tips for Grooming - January 30



These T3 (Train the Trainer) sessions were developed by the Training Committee. Many positive comments were received about the great training they are providing members on how to train and take care of their dogs. Kudos! *Photos by Michele Hosey*

Information We Need to Know



1.	<p>Lock Codes: Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com) if you need the codes.</p>
2.	<p>Incident Reports: Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings: February Board Meeting will be held February 6 at 7 p.m. March Board Meeting will be held March 5 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: February General Meeting is a hybrid and will be held on February 13 at 7 p.m. March General Meeting is a hybrid held March 12 at 7 p.m. Register for the zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=udemtqT4pHNOz4atMXIKneuL4jcxuL8ga March General Meeting is a hybrid held March 12 at 7 p.m.</p>
4.	<p>Fill out Class Registration Sheet for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a Zoom account for meetings. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com)</p>
6.	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for June 1. Information on the future Show 'N Gos will be available soon. Upcoming Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 June 1 🐾 July 6 Contact Marilyn Hopkins by phone at (469) 236-4736 or email at hopkinsmarilyn2@gmail.com with questions. Margaret Culbertson and Ruth Miles are also contacts.</p>
7.	<p>The club's Wi-Fi and password information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically. • Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name & password. <p>Contact: Donna Heishman, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p>FOR MEMBERS ONLY! The code for class registration is: peacelovetrain Classes are found at: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</p>
9.	<p>Submit items for PawPrint to Editor Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, maintenance chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: rv_miles@yahoo.com or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>

Information We Need to Know



<p>11.</p>	<p>Missed Class Policy</p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>First Responder Discount Policy</p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Sunshine Fund</p> <p>December and January birthdays will be recognized at the January meeting.</p> <p>If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact E'Lynne Elliott at elynnew@gmail.com.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p>Train the Trainers Sessions</p> <p>Topic: Fit & Fetch Date: February 27, 2024 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Registration will open soon for the train the trainer on March 26. More details will coming out soon! Watch your email.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p> 
<p>16.</p>	<p>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</p> <p>Need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p>Donna Heishman Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><i>Margaret Culbertson</i></p>

Information We Need to Know



18. I want to remind everyone that our **Facebook** page is seen by the public. We always want to put our best foot forward on that. Not club concerns, criticism, maintenance items, etc.



Please use the group email to discuss club business and issues.

Use the FB page to promote the club and its activities, events, training tips - positive items that we want the public to know.

Thank you!

Ruth Miles

19. **Leash Reminder**

Just as a reminder, all dogs should be on leash entering/exiting or in the potty area. This is for the safety of everyone's dogs. There are loose dogs that can enter the property and if they were in back of building you would be surprised with potentially harmful consequences to your dogs.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

Lisa Wharton



20. **Gate Configuration**

Pam White came up with the ring gate configuration which helps prevent dogs entering the back door from jumping on or having access to dogs in the seating area. The ring gates are also about four feet further on the floor. Allowing more room in gallery area. See photos below:

Let's utilize this setup to help make our classes safer for everyone.

Happy Training,
Lisa Wharton

21. **Rabies Certificates**

All members must carry the hard copy or photo on your phone of each rabies certificates for dogs that are training at the club facilities.

22. **Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease**

If you have symptoms please stay home (away from club classes) while you are symptomatic. Wash your hands and avoid contact with your face, cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and then dispose of it. Also, remember canine respiratory disease is also going around so if your dog is unwell please do not bring them to the building. Please be considerate of others.

Database Update

We are trying to update the data in the database along with asking for more information such as emergency contacts. I started sending these out 1/7 and should have all out by 1/25. Please correct and either email back to me, mail to me (227 Magic Ln Sunnyvale 75182) or drop in the President acrylic wall folder at the club. If you have not received a form from me, look in your junk box and/or reach out to me and I will resend.



Margaret Culbertson, Database Chair

Active Membership Requirements:

For persons sixteen (16) years or older who wish to work to accomplish the objectives of DTCCDC and contribute their time to the tasks necessary to further these goals.

Only Active Members may vote at Club meetings. To remain an Active Member in good standing, a member should qualify yearly in one or more of the following ways:

- A. Serve as chair or working member of a DTCCDC committee
- B. Perform tasks on behalf of DTCCDC not formally assigned to a committee
- C. Serve as an instructor or an assistant in DTCCDC training classes
- D. If elected, carry out the duties of a position on the Board

*From THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS COUNTY, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.
As Amended as of November 10, 2020. Article II, Section 1: Membership*



AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

Want to become a new AKC CGC Evaluator and train S.T.A.R. Puppies for DTCCDC? We have an independent sponsor who can help you with your first AKC evaluator fee!

Anyone interested in becoming a new AKC Evaluator, who meets AKC requirements, and commits to teach at least two STAR Puppy classes their first year, please contact our training committee for more info. Offer is limited to two new evaluators per year.

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – December 5, 2023

Minutes

Meeting called by	Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	At Club: Michelle Hosey, Barbara Elliott, Shelley Carr, Lisa Wharton, Marye Boyce, Ruth Miles, Lisa Gonzales, Jan Bruner By Zoom: Mark Malone, Lynda Holman

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Miles called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM • Welcome new board members and 2nd term members • What is best for the club, trust amongst board members so that everyone can speak freely, minority can be the loudest
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SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the November board minutes
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved by consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Income \$1095.69 • Total Expense \$2096.87 Total \$-1001.18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Income \$10.00 • Sunshine Expenses 0 Total \$10.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dues report • Live Auction income \$1381.00
Conclusion	

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Session 6 ● Session 1 Starting on January 2nd ● Train the trainer seminars Next one will be 12/12/2024 at 7:30pm ● Nosework SNG still in the works
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Show N Go – December 30 ● January 27th canceled due to a show on the same date ● None in February ● Need to approve 3/2, 4/13, no May 6/1, 7/6 ● Pam Chrystal stepping down from chair – needing a new chair plus 2 administrative type volunteers It's a big job and needs multiple volunteers.
Conclusion	●

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 70+ attended the Holiday Social ● Possible dates for Summer Socia ● Consider a Sunday afternoon?
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MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Several new member applicants received. ● Tawney Schafer, Brandy Pfaff, Marilyn Martin, Daniel Hill, Turner Forman, Sherry Woods
Conclusion	- All approved for consideration by board

MAINTENANCE - Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cement pad by back door
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed now!

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Microphone for socials-already discussed in committee. Will be sure to have available in the future.
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EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trick Dog at 4th grade private school changed to nosework, we would be given an advertising spot in their school online paper.
Conclusion	Ruth has talked to Miriam Inglehart about the possibility of attending. Miriam and Kadee are interested. Approved by the Board.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Jan, Marye, Michele, Shelly

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anything to share from members? ● Ruth gives direction to MALs
Conclusion	One associate member had questions about fees and another previous member wanted to start over after letting membership lapse for a couple of years and wanted to know how. One member felt not enough members are getting recognition for all their

work. We are all reminded that everyone is appreciated. Also, the free classes for members are of great value. One member felt that new members ought to be required to volunteer a set number of hours to start. New member applicants do agree to volunteer when joining the club. It is up to the individual members to make sure they honor that agreement. We hope they will.

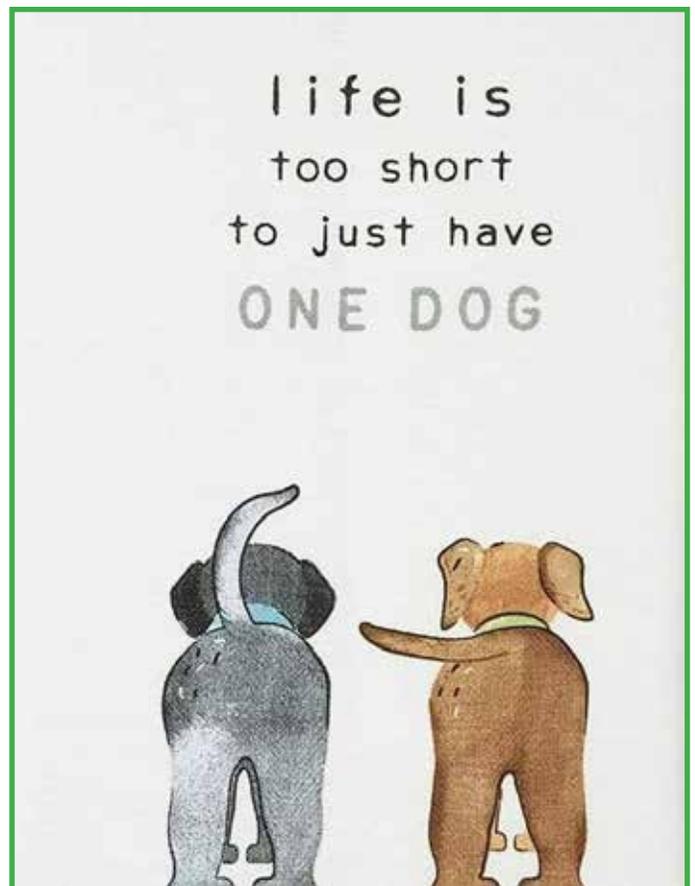
OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the direction on notebooks and make sure all board members have one.

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Treasury Review and Monthly Review• Donna Heishman, Shari Price, and Ruth Miles will be on the review committee. Approved by the Board.• Monthly Review by Shari Price
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By consensus, meeting adjourned at 8:12pm
Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Gonzales



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – January 2, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called by	Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	At Club: Michelle Hosey, Jan Bruner, Lisa Wharton, Barbara Elliott, Ruth Miles, Shelley Carr, Marye Boyce, Mellissa Chojnacki, Lisa Gonzales By Zoom: Mark Malone, Jan Hitchborn,
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December’s board minutes have not been published in Pawprint
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will wait to approve until after published

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dues report
Conclusion	

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1 Starts January 2nd. Train the Trainer event Carrie will do a trick dog demo at General Member Meeting
Conclusion	Lacking volunteers for classes.

Guest Speaker – AED Committee Chair Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenting Jan contacted CORE Medical The representative informed her of all the devices on the website “Core”. They have certification and warranty- paperwork with all information shared
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	<p>with the board. Some members of the committee have used the model that the committee has chosen. Prices, and battery prices discussed.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The committee is recommending the fully automated device that is 845.00 plus tax. Approved by board to present to general membership meeting for approval</p>

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder - there is no SNG for January, canceled due to a show on the same date. None in February Board has approved 3/2, 4/13, no May 6/1, 7/6 <p>Pam Crystal is stepping down as SNG Chair, I am working with Pam on a new SNG committee.</p>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Committee would like to schedule Summer Social for June 22nd
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by Board

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 new member applicant (6 approved by board in December)
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Finger, approved by the board for general membership to vote on.

MAINTENANCE - Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to discuss
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing in box
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Academy Nosework demo is in the scheduling stage – Miriam and Kadee have agreed to demo at the school. Lone Star Dog Obedience Club has an Obedience and Rally trial April 19th thru 21st and like in times past, the Club (DTCDC) is sponsoring 1st place awards in Rally A & B total of awards payout is \$300.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Jan, Marye, Michele, Shelly

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you contacted your groups? • Anything to share from members?
Conclusion	One member updated email and confirmed dues pd. Nothing else from the MALs

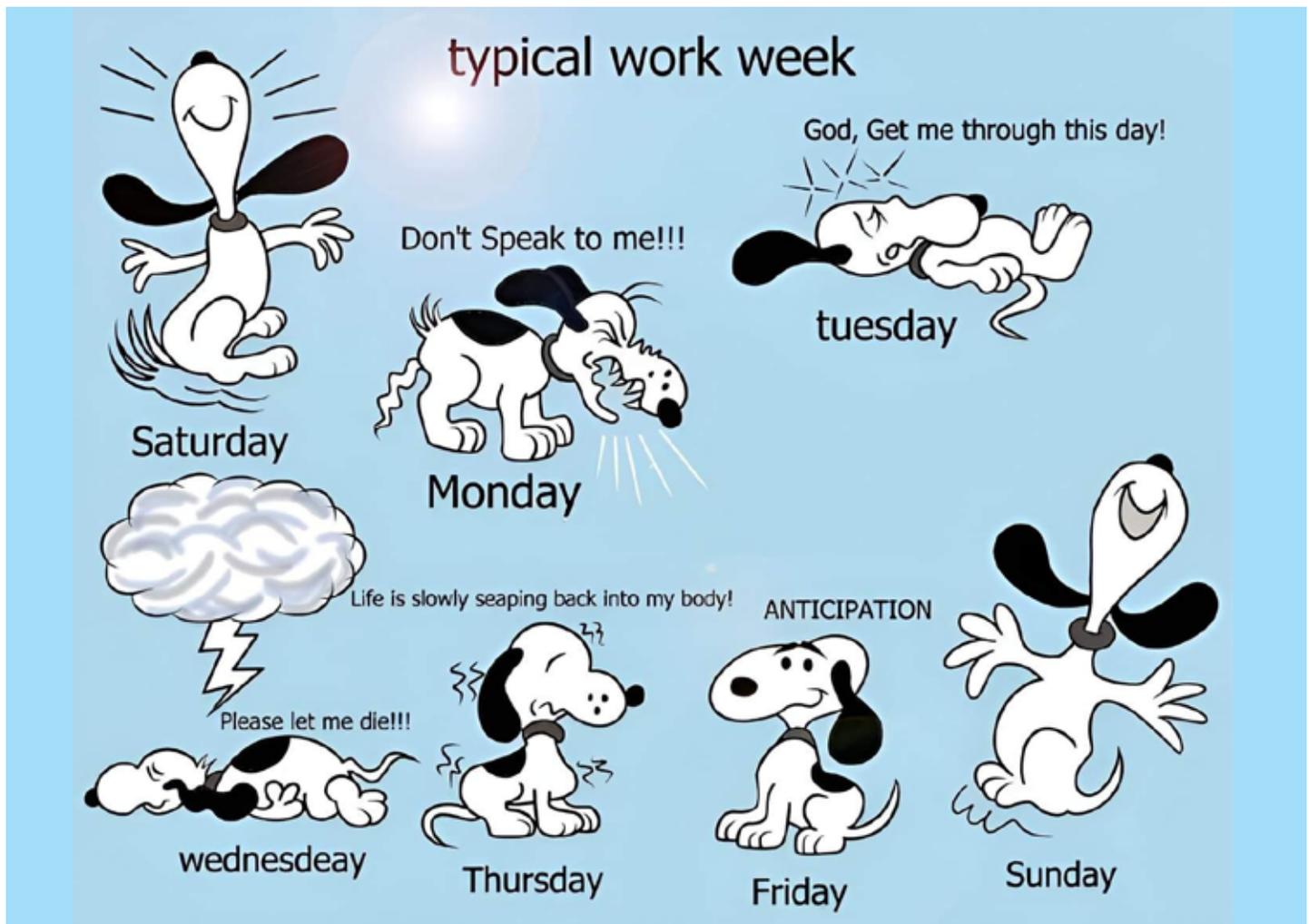
OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AED presented was given by Jan Hitchborn • Lisa Wharton is working on Scentwork show and go
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board reviewed and approved the request to transfer Kendall Lake's membership to her husband, Tim Lake
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by consensus

By consensus, meeting adjourned at 7:47pm
Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Gonzales



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – January 9, 2024

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Attendance Roster –
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth Miles 7:01 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present online and at the club • Please keep reports and discussions short • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. • Thank you for snacks – Barbara Elliott and Lisa Gonzales

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	November GM minutes were published in the December Pawprint, are there any corrections or changes to the November 2023 GM minutes?
Conclusion	If no, corrections approved by consensus

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report information for October 														
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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly Membership are now past due, if you have not paid, please remit pmt. 														
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership fees are: Individual: \$50, Family: \$75, Associate/Jr: \$20 														

SUNSHINE – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sunshine raffle box is available at the meeting. If you would like to participate in the raffle, tickets are available for purchase. The box will be passed around. The prize is one of the birthday donations from those with January's birthdays.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The February PawPrint theme Rainbow Bridge • If one of your beloved dogs crossed the bridge in 2023 please submit photo and information to Lana. • If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. • Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint Topics are encouraged. • Please send pictures and brags to Lana at the pawprint email. • pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submissions will be Wed Jan 24th, 2024

MEMBERSHIP – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 New Members for GM vote (One person did not attend) • Turner Forman, Daniel Hill, Marilyn Martin, Randy Pfaff, Tawny Schafer, Sherry Woods.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to vote, Lisa W, second Jan Bruner, Approved by all.

TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 • Thanks to all the instructors who volunteered. • Michelle Hosey introduced Carie; she will show her dogs trick routine
Conclusion	<p>Instructors and Assistants wear green club shirts and name tags. Assistants – need one in the parking lot helping with entering students. Recommend they carry in their things, then bring the dog. Help them make getting in the back door easier. Bring crate for your dog if you have a class before or after one you are teaching/assisting. Wire crates need a mat under them to protect the rubber flooring. Wire crate in kitchen is for students if they need to sit down a moment- crate dog, take a break and come back to join class when you can. Use buddy system for locking up at night. Assistants please be involved with the students Instructors should give assistants specific jobs in class. Please stay home if you or your dog are sick. Cell phones need to be put up during class. Doggie accident cleanups- towels need to be put in outside trash.</p> <p>Sandy Meyer was given the award she was not able to receive at the winter social. Michelle Hosey shared the novice trick list and spoke about the trick class that aligns with the AKC trick certification. Carie Turner and Elsa entered the national trick contest having won all 5 levels of AKC trick dog.</p>
	<p>Train the trainer- fit and fetch, Jan 30th.</p>

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have an affinity for technology, you are invited to volunteer for this committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Show N Go is March 2, 2024 • Scheduled SNG's April 13, (no SNG in May) June 1, and July 6 • Pam Crystal is stepping down as chair, we are looking for volunteers.
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SOCIAL – Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Social recap Successful gathering, we think everyone had fun. • The live auction had many donations and raised \$1664.00. Thanks again to David Elliot for making it fun and to all who donated auction items to be bid on. And of course, to all who bid!

CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Testing – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give possible dates and ask for volunteers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please give Terri copy of certificate for evaluators, Next test will be Feb 24th

50th Anniversary – Shannon Quinn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning has started

AWARDS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give member appreciation awards to Sandy Myers and Ken
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken for his help with conformation and maintenance

EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lone Star Dog Obedience Club April 19th thru 21st (Friday-Sunday) • Club will be sponsoring 1st place awards in Rally A & B totaling \$300

OLD BUSINESS –

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Purchasing Committee-Lynda Holman

Discussion	Lynda Hollman. Long sleeve shirts returned by members have donated back to club, free to someone who might like one.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tote bags. Kelly Green Shirts Long sleeve shirts ordered are in. See table by front door.

AED – Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AED committee submits recommendation to GM for AED purchase. Thank you to all the AED committee members Jerri Matin, Sergio Arciniega and Erin Castillo
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 915.00 total includes a 4-year warranty, battery is 5-year warranty. Motion to approve Motioned and seconded to vote Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion

- Pam White shared some wonderful memories of Kendall Lake, a member who passed away recently. Her husband Tim will be taking over her membership and continuing training. We welcome him and express our condolences as well.
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Sunshine drawing winners: Tawny Schafer , Lisa Gonzales and Shelley Carr

Snacks for February 13, 2024 Kinnie Hardaway and Shelley Carr

Adjourn meeting to brags at 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gonzales



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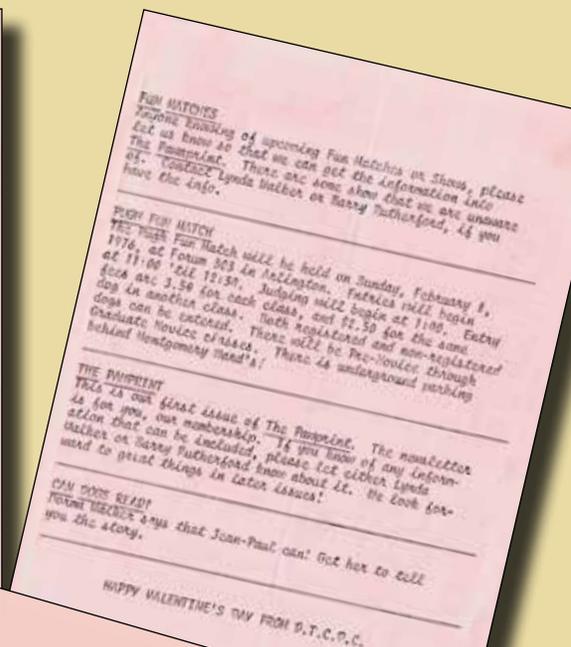
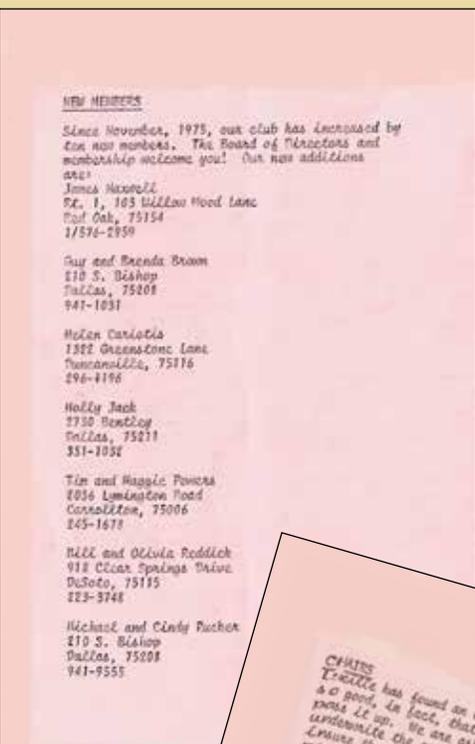
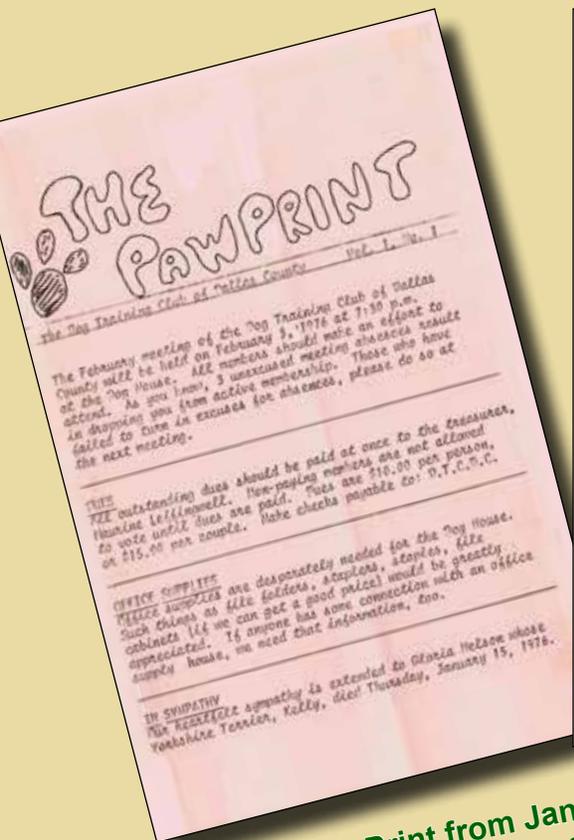
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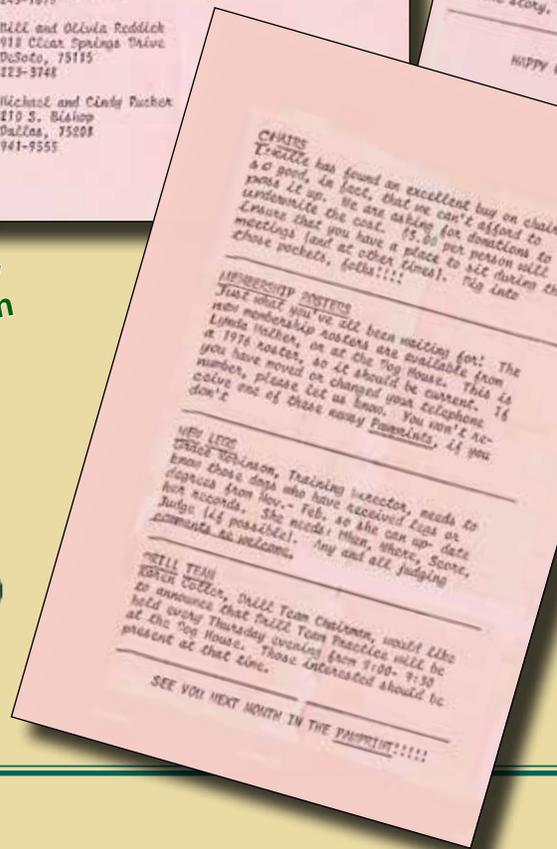
Remembering 50 Years of DTCCDC

Throughout the rest of 2024 we will be remembering the history of our club as we look at photos and items from past PawPrints as well as highlights from club activities past and present. We have much to celebrate as we remember all the dogs and their humans who have trained here whether members or community friends.

The December 2023 PawPrint has the written story by Lucile Tuft about the founding of our club. Log onto the Dog Training Club of Dallas County website, log in, and look at the list of the materials available to members along the right side of the window. There are over 25 years worth on PawPrints you can click on and enjoy learning about what we have been doing.



The very first PawPrint from January 1976. It was run off on a mimeograph machine and printed on pink copy paper. Technology had really changed in 50 years.



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There is a link on the club's website for minutes. We have a full library of all the minutes from the beginning through 1996. In 1997 the minutes were then included in the monthly PawPrint newsletter as they are today.

GREATER DALLAS OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
January 22, 1974

The first meeting of the Greater Dallas Obedience Training Club was held January 22, 1974 at the home of Lucile Tufts, 628 N. Cockrell Hill Road, Desoto, Texas at approximately 7:30 p.m. Twelve members were present.

The first order of business was establishing a name for the club. Greater Dallas Obedience Training Club was unanimously agreed upon.

Committees were then appointed as follows:

BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Grace Robinson, Chairman; Gloria Nelson, and Jim Walsleben

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lucile Tufts, Chairman and Training Director; Linda Jones; and Sheila Noonan

FUN MATCH COMMITTEE - Rose Callahan, Chairman; Katie Elute; and Judy Schwander

PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING COMMITTEE - Lynda Walker, Chairman; Judy Schwander; Norma Walker; and Lucile Tufts

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE - Ruby Walsleben, Chairman; and B. A. Moon.

Following the appointment of committees, membership dues were discussed. It was decided the dues should be \$10.00 and that children under 16 whose parents were members could be members themselves without paying dues. It was also decided that persons wishing to join the Club should fill out an application to do so.

It was suggested that the Publicity & Advertising Committee place classified ads in the Dallas Times Herald and the weeklies in Oak Cliff, Duncanville, Desoto, and Cedar Hill concerning the new Beginners class starting January 31 and February 7. It was also suggested that a publicity story on the formation of the Club be written and sent to the different weeklies.

With reference to the Training Committee, Sheila Noonan, Grace Robinson, and Ruth Robinson volunteered to become apprentice instructors.

Supplies for the Club were considered next. It was decided to go ahead and obtain whatever necessary to get the new Beginners class under way. It was also agreed upon to get business cards printed with the name of the Club and Lucile Tufts' phone number on them.

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Next, officers and Board Members at large were elected as follows:

President - Jim Walsleben
Vice President - Linda Jones
Secretary - Lynda Walker
Treasurer - B. A. Moon
Training Director - Lucile Tufts
Board Members at Large - Gloria Nelson and Grace Robinson

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Lynda Walker
Secretary

Minutes from January 22, 1974

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This Snoopy cartoon ran in the January 1976 PawPrint on page 4. The editor was Marlo Schrader.

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In 2003/2004 the club celebrated its 30th anniversary. Then Club Historian Co-Chairman Lynda Holman submitted items to the PawPrint about the club history. Here is an excerpt from page 4 of the December 2003 Paw-Print...

30-YEAR REFLECTIONS (HISTORICAL TIDBITS FROM THE CLUB ARCHIVES)

Submitted by Lynda Holman, 2003 Historian Co-Chair

As the Club approaches the 30th Anniversary of its formation on January 22, 1974, reflecting on the Club's "beginnings" seems an appropriate way to begin our 30th Year. I have delved into the Club's PawPrint archives and found some wonderful articles that share Club's history tidbits and will endeavor to reprint some of them as we move into our 30th Year. I hope you will enjoy these insights into DTCCDC's history.

The following article was printed in the June 1999 PawPrint and written by Sally Browning, 1999 Club Historian.



Did You Know?

Did you know that in 1974 the club was organized as the Greater Dallas Obedience Training Club? That first year everyone trained outside and 13 members and their dogs earned their CD titles. Six of those were Junior Members. Dottie Walsleben, who was only 9 or 10 years old at the time along with her Sheltie, Scooter, were the very first to earn their title. The other Jr. Members were Kelly Browning (Henager) and her Sheltie Junior. Tim and Robert Walsleben and Shelties, Hamms and Belle, Katie Blute and German Shepherd, Dixiebell and Katie Meiser and Risa her Sheltie.

Among the Adult members who earned CDs that year were Ruth Robinson and Domino her Miniature Poodle, Grace Robinson and Natasha her Samoyed, Lynda Walker (Holman) and Marquis her Miniature Poodle and Norma Walker with Jean-Paul the Miniature Poodle.

In [December] 1975 the "shell" of the present building was completed enough for classes to be held inside. Since the original name was sometimes confused with the name of another club, it was changed to the present Dog Training Club of Dally County and, of course, the rest is history
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Sincerely,
Sally Browning
[1999] Club Historian

At left is Sally Browning, long-time DTCCDC member and former DTCCDC historian. If you are interested in reading more about her impact on the club, check out the December 2021 PawPrint starting on Page 23.

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A Snapshot View of Therapy Dog Activities at DTCCDC

By Lana Shuman following an interview with Stella Moore

It started as an extension of the club's community events. Club members participated in local community parades, around six a year. Members wanted to be able to give more to others in the local communities. A member at the time, Charlotte Strom, was involved at Grace Presbyterian Village, a senior assisted living center in Dallas, as her mother was a resident there. Charlotte often took her dog Spirit to visit her mother and other residents. Other members expressed interest in doing so. Charlotte and Spirit were registered with Therapy Dogs International (TDI), as were many other club members' therapy dog teams.

(Continued on next page)

HEALING HOUNDS NEWS

Healing Hounds Visit Grace Presbyterian Village
By Charlotte Strom, Grace Presbyterian Village Coordinator
December 12, 2009



For our December visit we had three Healing Hounds dogs. Ginger, wearing antlers, with Jorge Ayala, Cyan wearing a splendid decorative neck adornment, with Sandi Myers and Echo wearing his red TDI scarf with Stella Moore. The dogs got a sudden unexpected visit from the library manager and her Rhodesian Ridgeback with antlers. I don't think Ginger, Cyan or Echo knew what to make of a large brown dog with antlers. The children were wonderful and enjoyed reading to our dogs.

HEALING HOUNDS TDI TITLES

TDIA = 50 VISITS (Therapy Dog International Active Volunteer)
TDIAOV = 150 VISITS (Therapy Dog International Outstanding Volunteer)

Kim Hinkle & Wyatt	TDIA
Mark Malone & Sheba	TDIA
Stella Moore & Echo	TDIA
Sandi Myers & Cyan	TDIA
Donna Ralph & Lassie	TDIA
Charlotte Strom & Fiona	TDIA
Tia Strombeck & Cosmo	TDIA
Mark Malone & Steffi	TDIAOV
Laura Tillison & Chloe	TDIAOV

It was a busy day at GPV with many activities going on but the Healing Hounds turned out in force and enjoyed the visits with those available. Jorge & Cody Ayala; Jan & Chloe Bajovich; Gary & Chelsea & Lynda & Charlie Holman; Mark & Sheba Malone; Sandi & Cyan Myers; Laura Tillison & Chloe; and Charlotte & Fiona Strom made the visits.

Congratulations from all the Healing Hounds to STELLA & ECHO MOORE for the SPIRIT AWARD and for the special CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, awarded by the Healing Hounds committee on behalf of all of us, to STELLA for her 11+ years as TDI evaluator for our club and community. She has worked tirelessly to evaluate dog and handler teams and help them become wonderful therapy teams, touching the lives of countless people. We are deeply grateful for all she has done! She has a true passion for therapy work. Thank you, Stella.

We also congratulate SANDI MYERS for winning the DTCCDC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD this year!

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The club decided to make their new therapy dog activities an official club program. After a vote by members the name "Healing Hounds" was selected by the membership. The new program extended the therapy dog work beyond Grace Presbyterian Village to several other facilities in the metroplex. Other facilities involved included Baylor Rehabil-



itation Center, Scottish Rite Hospital, Baylor's Our Children's House, The Ronald McDonald House, area public libraries and others. All members of Healing Hounds were registered with TDI. club members participating in Healing Hounds over the years were Lynda Holman and Charlie; Jan Bajovich and Chloe; Mark Malone and Steffi and Sheba; Sandi Myers and Cyan; Stella Moore and Vandy and Echo; Benita Zapata and Puggy; Tia Strombeck and Cosmo and others.

The club later dropped the name "Healing Hounds" due to new TDI rulings.

Stella was a certified TDI evaluator for over 10 years. Because of her certification as an evaluator, DTCCDC offered two Therapy Dog International tests each year open to the general public and their dogs.

Today, the club still has active teams involved in Therapy Dog visits at various hospitals, facilities, schools and libraries in the area. David Elliott and his dogs volunteer at DFW International Airport greeting travelers. Some of the teams are registered with TDI and others with Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Please contact Sheryll Barker, Mark Malone or David Elliott if you are interested in being involved in therapy dog activities.

January 2008 PawPrint

Read about the annual Spirit Award for Therapy Dog Teams on page 33.

HEALING HOUNDS

RMH visit for November: Tia Strombeck

Eight teams participated in the RMH November visit: Donna and Katilee Ralph and Lassie, Jan Bajovich and Chloe, Karen Pearson and Zoe, Laura Tillison and Chloe, Mark Malone and Steffi, Sandi Myers and Cyan, Stella Moore and Echo, and Tia Strombeck and Cosmo. With that many teams, we had a variety of dogs to choose from. I watched one woman's face just light up and she immediately went running over to Chloe the schnauzer. She had one of her own and was just delighted to see Chloe. One little girl was very shy of dogs, she would look longingly at a dog and then walk to the next dog and just look. By the end of the visit she was standing in the middle with her arms on Zoe on one side and on Echo on the other, which are both very big dogs. True and his brother also really enjoyed the visit. Both boys are autistic and were in their worlds most of the time. But every so often one of the dogs would make a noise, or otherwise suddenly become noticed and the boys would squeal with delight and dance. Lassie reached out to the boys with her fluffy tail rubbing on their faces. One of the other boys gave the dogs a piano serenade. But the boy that really touched our heart this visit was Marcelli who had been adopted from Poland. He was 6 years old and missing an arm and both legs, yet he was all spirit. He had spent most of his young life in an orphanage. He had only learned English this last year when he came to America, but he had mastered it better than most children his age. His mother had also adopted his sister from Russia. So when Marcelli discovered that Stella had been born in Europe, he asked her if she had been adopted! But he was just the sweetest boy, and a delight to talk to. Stella and Marcelli were fast friends by the end of the visit.

Bear, My Soul Dog

By Shannon Quinn

Crossing the Rainbow Bridge



Bear was my soul dog. He was a goofball from the day we adopted him until the very end. I knew of dog sports growing up by what was on TV and never thought I would become part of that world.

Bear from the start was one of the easiest dogs to train. As a puppy he blew through puppy class and found out about dock diving at a young age. He took to the water with not much hesitation and was a blast to watch. He would jump, most of the time not so graceful, and plop like a box of rocks but always came out with a smile. Through this sport we had some health issues come up and the vet said she thought his heart was bigger than his chest. With that shocking news off we went

to A&M for many tests and emotional day. After all that waiting for results he had a clean bill of health and his heart for just perfect in his chest! As they said he was just a big boy! Bear had a big heart and loved on our family, was my protector, he was there for me through so many things.

He was a great sport letting me dress him up for holidays, and doing Rally and earned his title but that wasn't his thing and let me know.

As he got older we knew he had health issues and got the heartbreaking news while on vacation he had bone cancer and only gave him at most 2 months to live. We decided he needed to have a bucket list day at the lake and served his favorite breakfast of eggs and sausage, spa day, lots of car rides as long as his body would allow, and treats. A short 5 weeks after the diagnosis we had to make the hard choice to say goodbye. Bear was smiling and loving on us



all the way to the end and as he passed a tear fell from his eye.

I will love my baby Bear to the moon and back... until we meet again my sweet boy....



AKC/ASCA CH MPossible Winning Look CD RE (ASCA CD RN RNX)

07/09/2010- 12/22/2023

By Mary Ann Magness



She was invited and competed in the first ever AKC Rally National and was ranked #1 in Rally Novice that year for AKC competition in United States Australian Shepherd Association.

She produced Champions, Grand Champions, and others with multiple titles in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, Tracking, Dock Diving, Barn Hunt, Fast Cat, and Therapy. She also produced 4 service dogs who aided their owners with seizures, low blood sugar, and migraines.

In her later years, she slept on or beside my bed and followed me anywhere I went in my house or yard. To her last day, she always greeted me, when I got home, with excitement and that "Aussie wiggle butt."

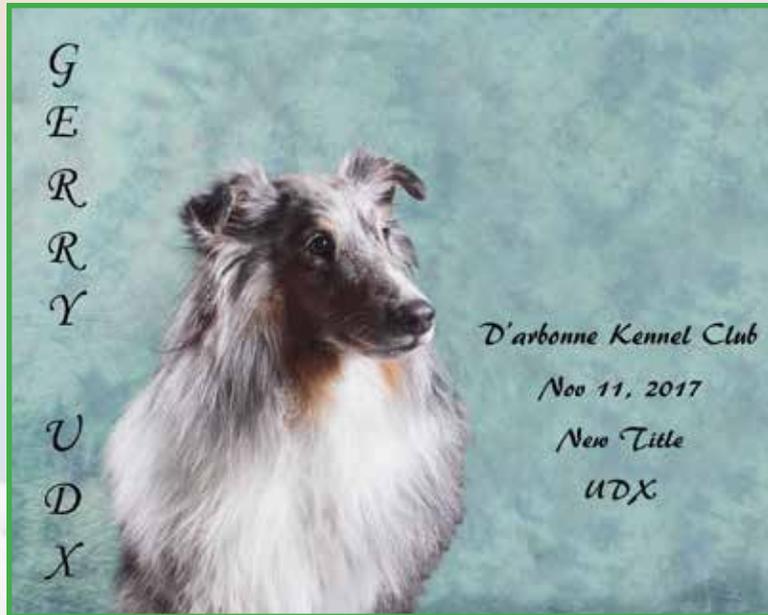
She was loved and is greatly missed.

Picture taken at age 13 yrs.



ASCA OTCH, WildWind CMDR Fitzgerald AKC UDX, AKC RM, AKC TKA, AKC CGC, AKC CGC, UKC CDX, UKC RE, ASCA UD, ASCA RE

Oct. 17, 2012 - Nov 2, 2023



By Mona O’Gorman

When I went to see Diana Cuel- lar’s Sheltie puppies, I noticed this little Blue Merle. I was told that a BM wouldn’t make a good Obedience dog. Well, our eyes met, and it was instant love both ways. Gerry coming to live with us was one of the greatest days of my life. He was so full of life and love. He was such a Gentleman and loved everyone he met. I can still see him sitting in my dishwasher looking for food, or when I would leave without him pitching an ugly fit. Sitting in my chair and him lying on his back and all four



legs in the air with his fur in my face wanting a belly rub. Meeting me at the gate so happy that I finally came home. Seems everywhere he went he made friends.

When he was diagnosed with cancer last year, it was one of the worst days of my life. Losing him has been hard not only on me but Riki and Ziva. I could go on and on about him. It is a great loss.



Chester Kingsley

04/10/2009–11/19/2023

By Terri Schurr

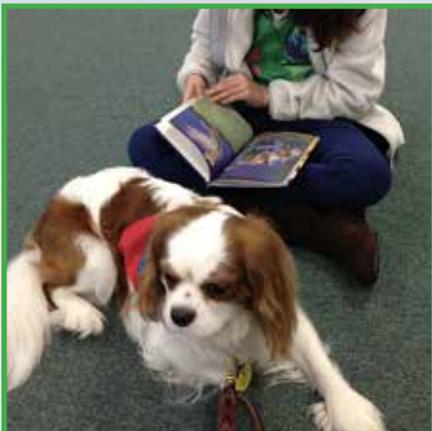
We lost our Best Friend and the Love of our Lives November 19. Chester had not been well for several months. He still wanted to go with me on therapy dog visits though and did not understand why he couldn't go anymore.

Chester was our first Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. He introduced us to this wonderful breed of dogs. Because of him, we got more Cavaliers and became breeders.

I discovered the dog club and the joys of training dogs when Chester was a puppy. We took Puppy class, Beginner classes, Intermediate classes, Rally classes and Obedience classes. Chester loved training. That meant he got to go out with Mom and have fun. We also took Agility classes at another facility. (He loved agility but would bark at me to hurry up.)

When he was 2 years old, I decided to test him to be a therapy dog. On our second attempt, he passed (he didn't like the separation from Mom during the first attempt). He became a therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International when he was 2 ½ years old, and a therapy dog with Alliance of Therapy Dogs in 2017. Chester loved his job. We made hundreds of visits to libraries (he earned his Tail Waggin' Tutor certificate), nursing home facilities, police stations, hospitals, schools, etc. He loved visiting with people. Physical therapists used him a few times as a therapy tool for patients. Children loved reading to him: he was so attentive and nonjudgmental. Chester earned his CGC, CGCA, CGCU AKC Rally Novice, CKCSC Rally Novice and AKC Trick Dog Novice. Along with his Tail Waggin' Tutor Certificate (100 visits), he

had over 250 Therapy Dog visits with TDI and over 100 visits with ATD. Chester was the happiest dog. He loved hosting our annual DFW CKCSC Holiday Pawty. He was so gentle and tolerant of the puppies we bred. We miss him everyday and will never forget the love he gave..



2023 Winter Social



By Lisa Gonzales

We met up at the club Friday evening at 6 p.m. and the set up was fun and time flew. All who came were great help and much appreciated. We were done by 8:30 p.m. (which goes to show teamwork gets things done).

People who came to help with the setup:

Pictured: Samantha Colvard, Kristal Hatcher, Chris Swain, Maysel McGown, David Yahraus, Michelle Moorman and Margaret Culbertson. Not pictured: Shelley Carr and Lisa Gonzales.



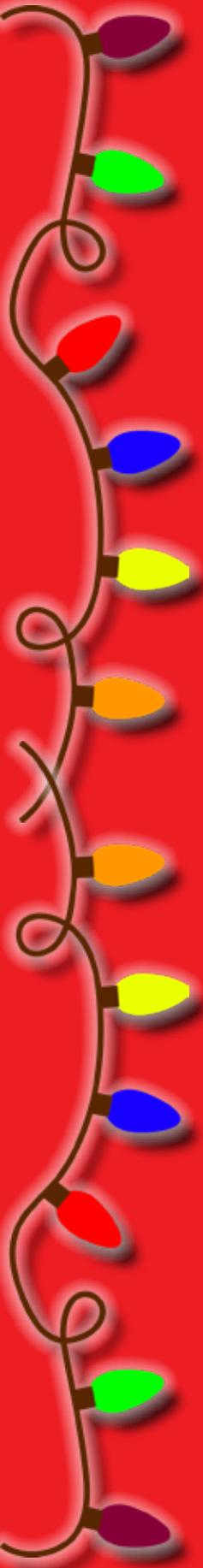
By Margaret Culbertson

A huge thank you to the social committee for putting on an awesome holiday social. It was a huge undertaking and they shone brightly!

Lisa Gonzales, Chris Swain and Samantha Colvard - well done, ladies! They researched prices to come up with the most cost-efficient way to have a social which turned out being cooking meats bought from local grocery stores/Costco, etc. They put in lots of effort and it was noticed!! They had a raffle and party favor bags.

Approximately 70 people attended. We used every table and chair the club owns!

The food was fabulous! I think we had 50% sides and 50% desserts. (Many wanted to compete in the dessert contest.) The main entrees were cooked by the social committee and myself.





A Fabulous Buffet



2023 DTCCD Board

2023 Training Committee



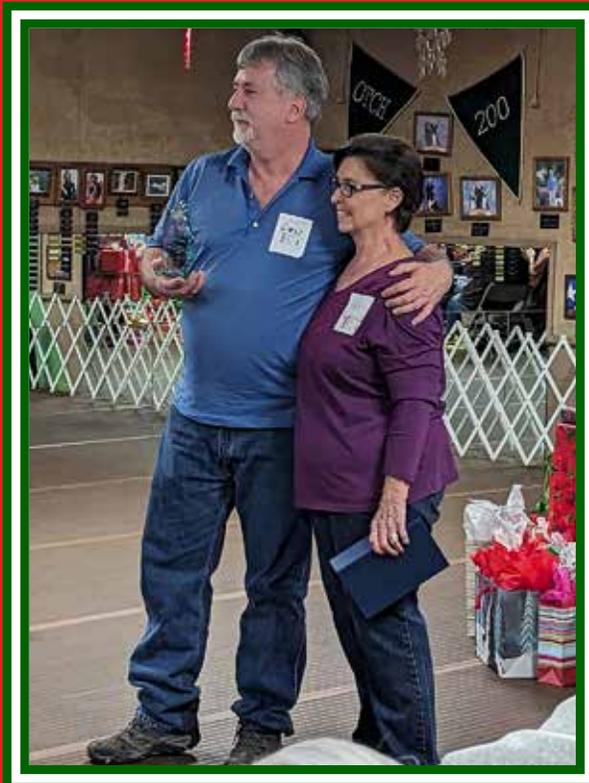
2023 Instructors and Assistants





2024 DTDC Board

Our 2023 Award winners:



(Above) 2023 board appreciation - Glen O'Gorman presented by Lynda Holman



(Above) 2023 Sportsmanship Award - Ruth Miles presented by Mary Ann Magness

2023 Spirit Award - Lynda Holman and Mr. Magoo presented by Mark Malone

2023 Spirit Award

By Mark Malone

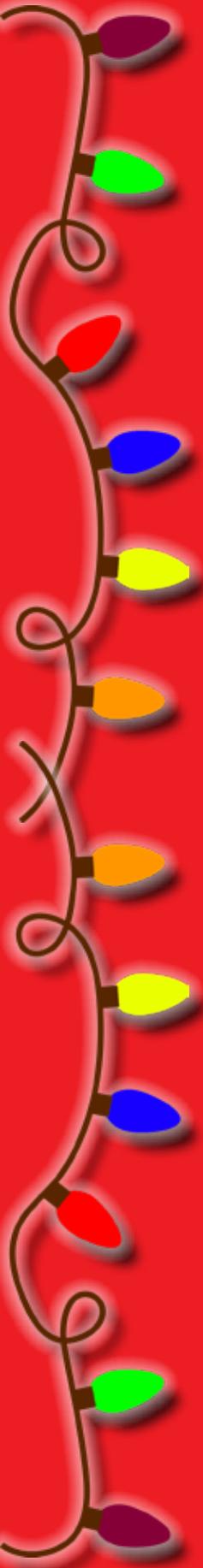
I always begin by acknowledging Charlotte Strom as the pioneer for our club regarding therapy work. It is even more important at this time as we lost Charlotte earlier this year. She and Spirit inspired the creation of the Spirit award for their many years of service and were honored with the initial award in 1998. After Spirit passed Charlotte continued her visits for many more years with Fiona. I will always be grateful as to how she helped Sasha and I begin our therapy career. It was very important to Charlotte that all aspects of therapy were done correctly. That's one of the reasons she was involved with therapy testing at the club with Stella Moore for over a decade. She

wanted to make sure teams were as prepared as possible for their visits. Sasha and I were about to make our very first visit, but our ID tag was delayed in arriving. Charlotte knew we were ready but had us wait until the next month for our visit. As the award is named in honor of her wonderful Sheltie Spirit, their contribution will live on.

Many great dogs have followed in Spirit's paw steps and have been awarded the Spirit Award. Along with Sasha, that would include Vandy, Cosmo, Steffi, Lassie, Cyan, Echo, Fiona, Parrish, Charlie, Raider, and the Quintana Quintet of Chance, Jax, Parker, Maya & McKenzie, Sheba, Chester, Daniel, Mickey, Bandit, Sammy, Dori, and Gabe.

I would like to recognize several Spirit Award winners that are in attendance tonight. Stella Moore was another therapy pioneer for this club and did a wonderful job with Vandy and Echo. I gave my very first Spirit speech in 2000 when Vandy received the award and Echo was the best learner I ever met. David Elliot and Mickey were very brave to make therapy visits to DFW Airport surrounded by throngs of people. Benita Zapata and Raider were able to make a final visit to Ronald McDonald House to see the kids not long before he passed. Lynda Holman and Charlie were regular visitors to Grace Presbyterian Village, and everyone loved his fluffy personality. Besides Sasha, I was very fortunate to have Steffi and Sheba in my life as they were much better therapists than I was.





Rehabilitate – This team does not have any medical degrees, but they help rehabilitate individuals in all the medical facilities they visit. They bring some relief to any hospital room they enter.

Accountability – You can always count on this team to make their visits no matter how far they must travel. They also made it a habit of visiting more than one place in a single day.

Gentle – The canine member of this team is a gentle and sweet soul and is a huge favorite wherever they go. They bring smiles to kids and seniors.

Multiple – They visit multiple facilities and have done so for many years. If not for the Covid interruption, there is no telling how many more visits they would have made.

Outstanding- They do an outstanding job of cheering up seniors in nursing homes and assisted living centers. They create a certain empathy wherever they go.

Motivate – This team visits over a half dozen libraries across the metroplex to motivate kids to read. This has been one of their passions over the years.

Overcome – This team has overcome difficult obstacles of their own to even become a therapy team. They should be commended just for that fact alone, much less all the good they have done on visits.

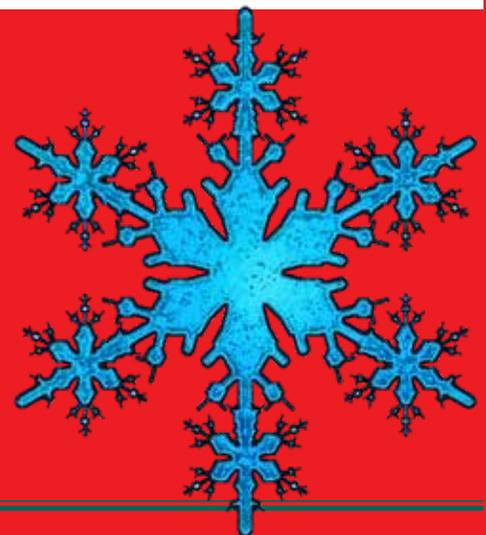
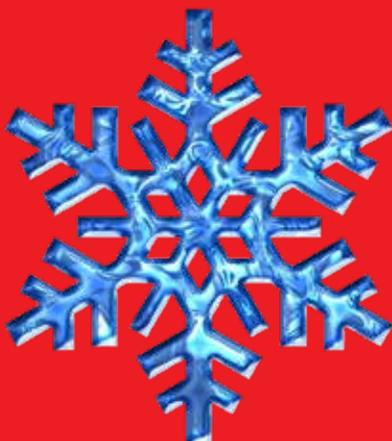
Rehabilitate-Accountability-Gentle-Multiple-Outstanding-Motivate-Overcome.
RAGMOMO

At this point in prior speeches, I would have said the silly name I created months ago to disguise the dog's real identity and asked the owner to come up. Silly doesn't seem appropriate this year as the beloved canine member has recently passed away. It is a loss for all of us.

It is important to not only honor this team tonight, but to make sure they are not forgotten. They will have a place in our history as their names are added to our Spirit Award next to Spirit and Charlie.

Multiple-Rehabilitate-Motivate-Accountability-Gentle-Outstanding-Obstacle. MR.
MAGOO

Please help me congratulate the 2023 Spirit Award Recipients: Lynda Holman & Mr. Magoo.





(Above) 2023 Sportsmanship Award - Ruth Miles presented by Mary Ann Magness

(Below) 2023 Most Active New Member: Shelley Carr presented by Ruth Miles



(Below) Board's Appreciation Award of 2023 President Margaret Culbertson presented by Ruth Miles



(Below) 2023 Most Improved Rally Scores - Darlene Schermerhorn and Stormy presented by Pam White



2023 Highest Rally - Sandi Myers and Sammy presented by Lisa Wharton. This was awarded at the January General meeting.

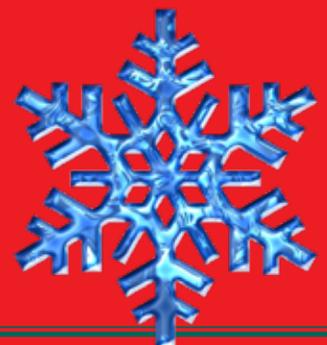


2023 Board Appreciation Award - Sandi Myers and Ken Hagmueller presented by Ruth Miles. This was awarded at the January General meeting.



Dessert contest winners:

- 1st Jane Palmer
- 2nd Ruth Miles
- 3rd Mazel McGown
- 4th Marilyn Hopkins





A big thank you to David Elliott, our auctioneer. He kept it moving and kept it light. Lots of good gifts ranging from \$5-60 so something for everyone. The auction raised \$1664.



A special thank you to Vernon and Ruth Miles, Lisa Gonzales and Margaret Clubertson who provided photos and information for the coverage of the Winter Social. You are very much appreciated.



Remembering

Kendall Lake

Club member 2020-2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of one of our members, Kendall Lake. Kendall was an active member of our club and will certainly be missed. Tim, her husband, is a member and will continue with training.

Ruth Miles, President

Kendall Lake Remembrance

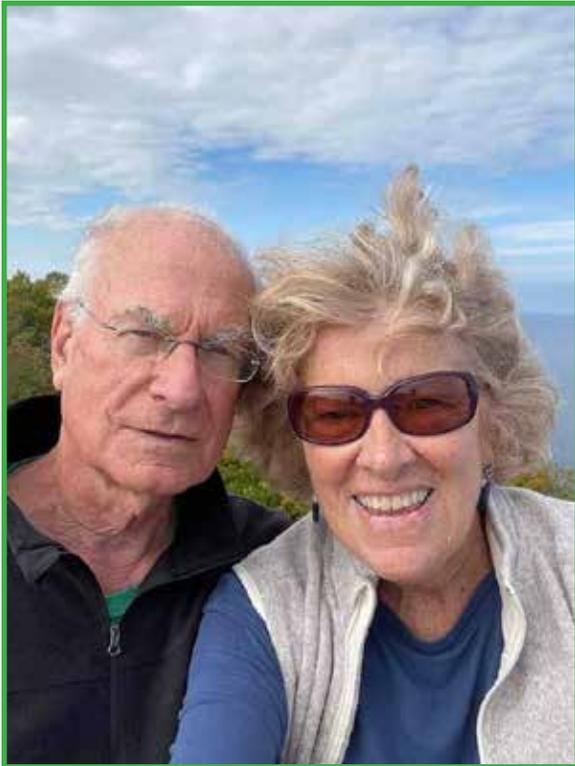
By Pam White

As members of our Club, we all share the love of our dogs. We become friends through that bond and become closer with each new training journey we embark on. One of the friends that I've had the pleasure to meet and work with was Kendall Lake. Kendall was a breeder of cairn terriers and she participated in conformation. I met Kendall originally through our conformation classes and then she joined our Wednesday afternoon beginner classes with Kiwi. Kendall and Kiwi later enjoyed training with Jan Hitchborn in the beginner nosework classes here at the club. Kendall continued training during Covid and participated in Jose's Virtual Home Manners class. Kendall became a club member in 2020. We are honored to have Tim, Kendall's husband, continue the Membership and we welcome he and Kiwi to our Wednesday afternoon class.



Kendall Lake

By Jan Hitchborn



Kendall and her husband Tim

A couple years ago Kendall signed up for beginner Nosework stepping out of an obedience world and into Nosework which really at its core needs, as I tell new participants, "Leave your obedience at the door when you come in and pick it up as you leave". Nosework is a sport where the dog has control, and the handler needs to learn to be in a supportive role and not telling the dog what and where to go. The dog controls the "engine". Once a dog has demonstrated knowing exactly what it is searching for, it is time to work on what type of alert you want the dog to relay to you. Various alerts are dog touches hide and sits or touches and lies down or just keeps nose on hide or nose pointing in direction say at a high hide. Back when Kendall took the class it was encouraged that once dog was running to hide you also tie a sit or down with it at the source of the odor. Also, as it is important to not treat reward close to the hide when



"Here's Monte in action! I call this picture "Intensity." I am his breeder. Monte was placed with a great family in California." ~ Kendall Lake

(Photo published in the May 2021 PawPrint.)



competing, there are drills of dog finding and handler acknowledging and dog running to handler for treat/reward.



My two dogs doing Nosework at that time opted for a sit, stand or down with nose on find not moving, but they knew what “hold” meant, it transferred and as they were not totally entrenched into obedience training and trialing, there was no confusion, and I used no obedience body moves. There are other factors here, but for this piece they are not important other than remember Kendall was an experience obedience trainer and competitor as was her pup. I have a habit, especially back then, of watching the dog, not the handler as the process in Nosework training progresses. Kendall would send her pup to search and when dog went to it, the training box only at this time, she would acknowledge with a “yes” and pup was running back to her and sitting. I was watching dog finding. At one point Kendall asked me how she would know if her dog was sitting because of finding the hide or because dog was previously trained to sit.

Ah, something at that point I had not taken into consideration. So, I stepped back to watch the entire scenario instead of watching dog only and listening for handler’s acknowledging the find. Her pup ran to her and skidded to a sit. I was looking at Kendall and saw a left hand going up, sit coming out of her mouth and dog skidding to a sit. I immediately saw why she was asking the question. It hit me she did obedience. I asked what her hand sit command was and it was left hand up with or without the verbal. Not only was Kendall giving a beautiful nonverbal sit command with her hand, but she also had reward treat in same hand which came down to the pup and her treat pouch was also on her left side. The pup’s eyes were fixated on the left hand of course!

Solution immediately presented itself. I told her to put her treats in her right pocket, put her left arm behind her back and not use it at all and no hand sit command with right hand either. As dog went to odor and sniffed Kend-

Kendall and Rodriguez’s Virtual Home Manners class taught by Jose Rodriguez. *This photo ran in the May 2021 PawPrint.*

all was to say yes only and run up to dog to treat with right hand and not to raise right hand up but go down with treat to her dog.

Kendall worked hard on this and finished the session and had a good time, but it was truly outside her wheelhouse, so to speak, but we were so proud of the work she and her pup put into it. Because of this experience with Kendall, I became a much better Nosework instructor for any future teams coming for class. I often told Kendall how much her experience had helped me and that I just hoped she had enjoyed her time. So, Kendall, wherever you are – thank you so much for your insight and question. Many new handlers have been the beneficiaries of this time with you and your dog. I am not sure you were ever aware of how much you helped me.





(left to right) Sherry Woods, Tawny Schaffer, Marilyn Martin, Daniel Hill, Turner Foreman, Shelley Carr (membership chair), and Brandi Pfaff.

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Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here's another fun trick to try from Hundeo.com.

Happy training!

Michele Hosey



Lie Head Down

This command is great for super cute pictures! Hold out your open hand to your dog and lure his head toward it by holding a piece of food on it. Give it to him when he puts his head down and introduce a word sign such as "down" or "head". Gradually increase the amount of time your dog has to receive the reward.

Now you can introduce new positions, such as placing your hand on a pillow instead of holding it in the air. Continue to pull your hand away until your dog's head is only on the pillow. Always reward him with treats. Now your hand is just a signal from a little farther away and your dog will put his head down on different surfaces.





DTCDC NOSEWORK

Advanced and Beginner - Friday evening, January 19, 2024.

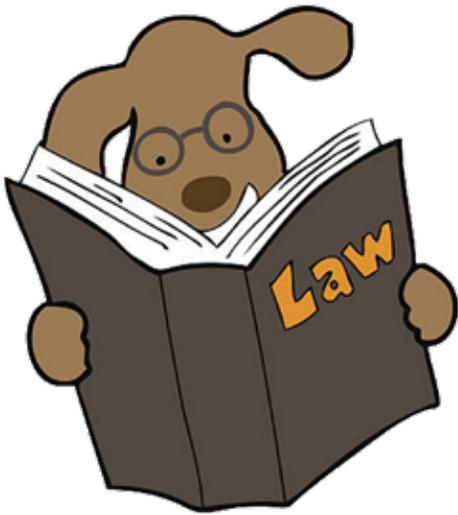
Advanced Class:

- Kinnie and Piper
- Johnny and Marye
- Coco and Rosemary

Beginner class:

- Greta with Reagan
- Reagan and Greta
- Mahaley and Ghost
- Chloe and Chris
- Sheryll and Emma





Legislative Liaison Update

National, State and Local

The Texas Legislature is not in session at present, and we won't see that happen again until Jan. 2025. However, during the 88th session, in 2023, Texas passed a new law (TX SB 876) that affects breeders and was reported on previously by this committee both in Paw Print and on our DTCDC Facebook page as it progressed through its legislation.

The *Texas Licensed Breeders Law* which went into effect September 1, 2023 requires breeders who own five or more breeding females and are engaged in the practice of breeding those dogs for sale to be **licensed by January 1, 2024**. Previously only breeders with eleven or more females were regulated and since many breeders conduct cash-only sales, providing proof of the sales was difficult to trace. SB876 removes the need to prove a breeder sold more than 20 dogs in a calendar year which closes a significant loophole that existed previously and allowed breeders to evade accountability. Breeders who continue to operate without a license may be subject to enforcement actions, including administrative penalties and sanctions in an amount up to \$5,000 per day for each violation.

Further information about the licensed breeder program can be found on the [Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation \(TDLR\) website](#).

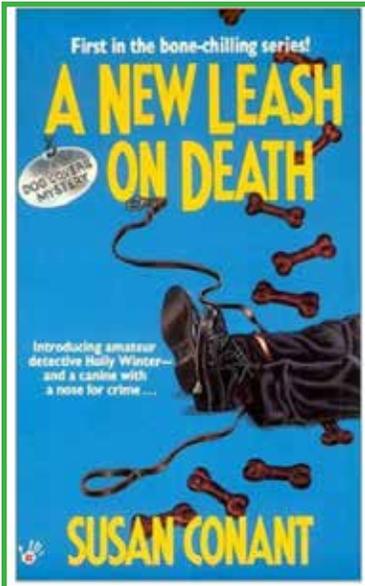
Other Legislative News:

The **U.S. Congress** is in its 118th session (23-25) and there are a total of 20 dog related bills in process between the House and Senate. They are all at least 25% through the legislative process, meaning that they have been introduced and assigned to committees at this point. We will continue to monitor their different progresses through Congress and report on any that truly look like they will be making more progress and potentially becoming law.

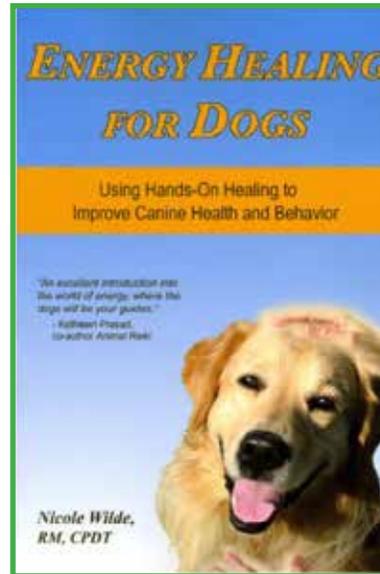
Currently, the only one beyond the 25% point is **Senate Bill 2414** which is the *Working Dog Health and Welfare Act of 2023*. This bill would require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs and for other purposes. SB2414 passed the Senate on Jan. 11, 2024 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent which places it at the 50% point in its progression. It has now been received by the House of Representatives. Further updates will follow as information becomes available.

DTCDC LIBRARY

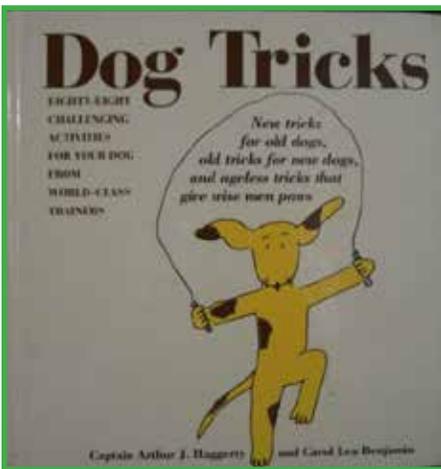
Recommended Resources:



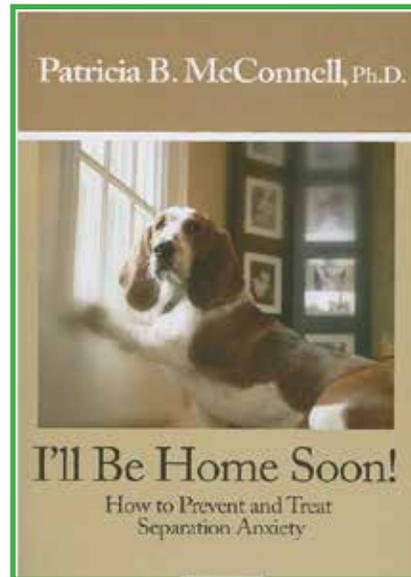
A New Leash on Death (FICTION) by Susan Conant



Energy Healing For Dogs (Health) By Nicole Wilde RM,CPDT



Dog Tricks (Games and Tricks) by Haggerty and Benjamin



I'll Be Home Soon (Issues) by Patricia McConnel



A complete list of the library's current holdings is listed on the DT CDC website. Here is the link: <http://www.dallasdogtraining.org/members/dtc-dc-library/>

Do you have a book or DVD you would like to see in our library? Or other suggestions for the library committee?

Contact: Lisa Gonzales, Robin Vogel or Lana Shuman



DTCDC Bulletin Board

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 12 @ 7 P.M.



MARCH PAWPRINT

THEME: Dog Health Checks you use to assure your dog is healthy. What do you do on a weekly, monthly, or yearly basis.

DUE DATE: Wed., Feb. 21 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

APR	USING ACCUPUNCTURE TO HELP YOUR DOG WITH PAIN
MAY	USING CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT
JUNE	RED LIGHT TREATMENT

Do you have a monthly theme idea that you would like to see in the upcoming PawPrint editions? Please share them with Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org



MARCH 2024 DOG CALENDAR:

- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- March 1: National Welsh Corgi Day.
- March 3: If Pets Had Thumbs Day
- March 5-11: Professional Pet Sitters Week
- March 8: International Akita Day.
- March 13: K-9 Veterans Day
- March 19-25: National Poison Prevention Week
- March 20: National Westie Day.
- March 23: National Puppy Day
- March 25: National Newfoundland Dog Day.
- March 27: National Terrier Day.
- March 30: Take a Walk in The Park Day



There are scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for them, please contact a DTCCDC Board member or Training Committee member.



TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In keeping with the club's mission and in recognition of the hard work of both dog and handler, the Terri Clary Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the canine/handler pair that has made the most progress overcoming significant training challenges. This Scholarship allows dog and handler to come back to the next session of beginner obedience classes, free of charge, to allow them both to meet their goals.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP

A club member has anonymously given \$1000 to start a Junior Scholarship and have this open to other members donating to keep it going. Eligible young people age 16 or younger with a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 are eligible. The student may receive it twice and will be eligible to receive help for their first year of membership in the club. Please let Margaret Culbertson know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. Further details will be available soon. Monies for the fund may be submitted using the small lock box in the cabinet inside the main door to the building. Simply put the money or check in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope for Junior Scholarship.





Mona O'Gorman brags:



Jack at the TCASCA showing in Open A and earned one leg.

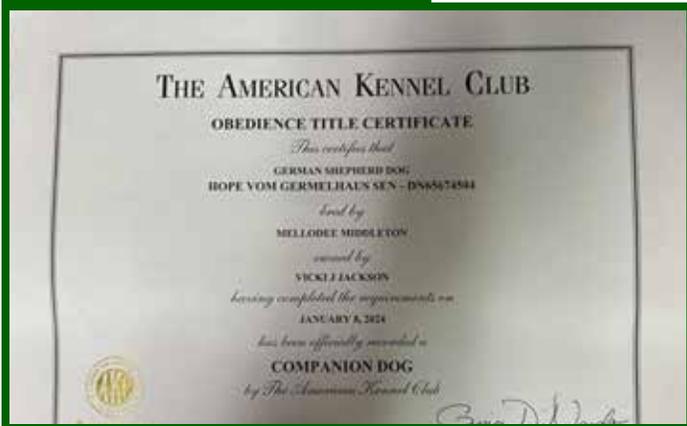
Vicki Jackson brags:



Jackson earned her AKC CD, She is now Hope vom Germelhaus CD.



Gabbi was at TCASCA show and earned her Novice B title.



Marilyn Hopkins brags:



Sarge and I traveled to Sinton, Texas recently for Rally shows with Corpus Christi Obedience Club. On Friday morning, he won High Triple score and a 1st, 3rd and 4th placement. On Saturday, he earn a Masters 3 title and a 3rd place ribbon. We had a great time with Jan Bruner.

Jan Bruner brags:



Sinton, Texas, Obedience Club of Corpus Christi Rally Trials:

Friday 1/11 2nd trial

Ace! High Triple with 299 out of 300 and High Combined with a perfect 200 under Judge Ron Horn. Plus placements 2nd on Master (99), 1st in Excellent B (100), 2nd on Advanced B (100).

Saturday 1/12

Rally Master 5 title and Triple Qs with placements 3rd in Master (100), 97 in Ex. B, 4th in Adv. B (100) under Judge Walter O'Brien.

Sunday 1/13

3rd in Master (99). We didn't show in Excellent and Advanced due to conflicts.

DAZZLE - NEW GRAND CHAMPION!

Sinton, Texas, Corpus Christi Kennel Club



Friday 1/11 Judge John Wade

Best of Opposite

Saturday 1/12 Judge Brian Meyer

Select

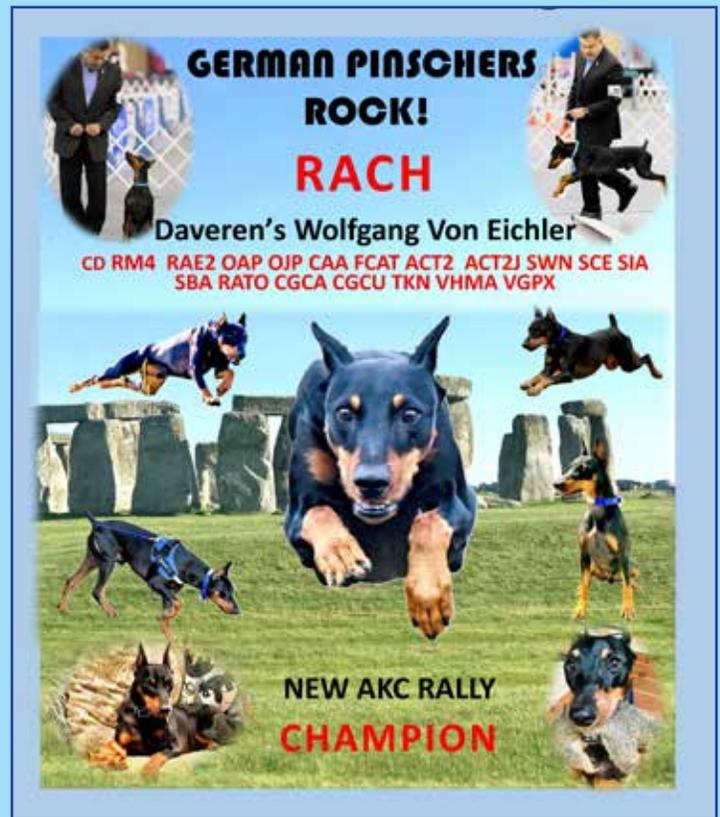
Sunday 1/13 Judge Jan Paulk

Best of Opposite and Best of Breed Owner Handler

Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir brag:



Ruffino earned 6 more legs towards his AKC Rally Master title and completed his 1st triple Q with a total score of 292 out of 300.



Eichler completed his 20th triple Q and earned the last 21 RACH points from Master needed for his AKC Rally Champion title. He is now, RACH Daveren's Wolfgang Von Eichler CD RM4 RAE2 OAP OJP CAA FCAT ACT2 ACT2J SWN SCE SIA SBA RATO CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA VGPX

Georgann Hughes brags:

Swish and I traveled to Tyler Dec. 29-31 for the East Texas Scentwork Club New Year's Bash AKC Scentwork trials and came through with a few nice qualifying runs plus a new Master Containers title. We earned 2 very nice Master Exterior legs, one quick enough for a 2nd place. We had a couple of very close runs that I could've read her better, so all in all she worked very well. We haven't trialed all that much lately, so I'm super happy with how well she's working, actually better by the 3rd day instead of regressing.

Super thanks to the club, Ann Bridges (Queen of Trial Secretaries), Judith Powell, Deb Holmes, Robin Visinsky, all other volunteers for their great work! Huge thanks to judges Richard Beezley, Ellen Heavner, and Julie Morton for their tireless efforts to challenge us with fair and fun searches. This is one of my favorite trial venues and clubs. Smooth and relaxed.

NNCH EN MHD BCRT Nothin' But Net SPOT-ON CGC TKN SWA SWEE SWIE SWCM "Swish"



Benita Zapata brags:

Raiden's Last Brags for 2023



Raiden attended her last AKC Scent Work trial in Wichita Falls on December 9-10.

She earned a 2nd place in Interior Master level. I am very proud of her Resiliency to work in an Agricultural Center venue with lots of competing odors. She had to walk the distance through loose and chunks of dirt to get to her search areas.

We both enjoyed spending time and taking pictures with club members and friends Kinnie H. with Piper and Marye B. with Johnny. Raiden will continue to train and earn her over all AKC Elite Title in 2024.

Raiden's UKC Brags in Alvarado



On January 12 Raiden earned a 1st place in Container Elite level. This leg will go towards her Elite Grand Champion Title EGCH. She also earned a 2nd place in Handler Discrimination level, and this leg goes towards her HDCH Handler Discrimination Champion Title. Another leg was earned on January 13 in Exterior

Elite, and this will go towards her EGCH Title. Happy Sniffing and Valentine's Day!

Madori and her fellow "tutors" visited Wilmer Library in December. They helped many children with their reading that day.

(Left to right) Terri Schurr's Saffron, Sandi Myers' Sammy and Robin Vogel's Madori.

Photo taken by Sandi Myers.



Jan Hitchborn brags:

Here are my weekend results from the UKC nosework trial hosted by Lonestar K9 Performance in Alvarado, Texas. It was a smooth-running trial even with the bitterly low temps. Thanks go to judges Darci Datta and Nancy Anderson.



Skye was in 10 runs of Superior exteriors to finish her Superior championship with two second places. She did Advance containers for my granddaughter Haylee earning a first and third and Haylee earned a High-in-Trial Junior Handler. Two advance interiors earned Skye a second and third. Then the highlights of weekend that I did not expect: four elite first place runs. She was entered in two exteriors on Saturday and during trial 2 you could hear the wind howling from line up area inside as the cold front decided to arrive right then and the judges joked I might blow away. She needed those two for her exterior Championship. Then Sunday in 16 degrees two elite vehicles and two more first place ribbons. She needed one for her Championship and we decided to stay for trial 2 and she ended up only qualifying in trial 2. Elite is 1-4 unknown number of hides to find and I must call finish when she tells me she is done. Her body language in this has gotten so strong and definite and I roll with it. The cold and wind worked in her favor as we were in and out quite rapidly. I had made the decision I was not going to second guess her if I had watched her covering all territory. It was a fascinating lesson watching her work the wind this way and that on the ground then back to a sniff in air and following it to ground to turn around

and run other way. She ended up earning her UKC Elite Championship title in addition to the Superior one. Advance and Novice runs to finish up and keep her in elite for Grand Champion legs. A territory I had never dreamed or thought about with this girl.



Oliver, Skye's younger half-brother by eight years is gaining his stride in the sport. He and I spent December working on his alert signal - nose on it and hold it until released and when he thinks I'm not fast enough he touches gently while holding. He definitely brought it to the trial. I also decided since he is so young, I was not going to rush him, but continue our basics, grow his confidence, and pay more attention to his body language in searching. I'll keep him in advance and novice working champion legs in those levels so I can juggle around what Skye needs. In containers novice he earned two second place ribbons and in interior novice a first and third all going toward champion legs. He was also in exterior advance to complete that level title with a fourth and third for his overall advance nosework title.



Thank you to Jean Villa for her time and effort in reviewing and editing. So appreciated. It gives me great peace of mind. ~ Lana