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Grinch Visits DTCCDC (His Heart Grew Three Sizes)



The Grinch attended the Winter Social. Did you? (Pssst . . .

He even brought Max.)

See more photos and details on [page 32](#).

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3	Nicole Litterio	2/3	Diane Gossett
1/4	Vanessa Martinez	2/3	Glenda Johnson
1/6	Holly Taylor	2/4	Barbara DeLamar
1/10	Sharon Cole	2/7	Nancy Reeves
1/12	Becky Hill	2/9	Shin Miura
1/16	Joan Jung	2/10	Sherry Woods
1/16	Ruth Miles	2/14	Stephane Desproges
1/18	Judy McClelland-Sherman	2/14	Robin Vogel
1/19	Steve Weirs	2/24	Hope McQueen
1/21	Brandon Taggart	2/26	Ken Hagmueller
1/22	Carol Ford		
1/23	Kristina Heishman		
1/24	Debra Payne		
1/25	Maysel McGown		
1/26	Bryndon Franklin		



FEBRUARY 11 @ 7 P.M.

CLICK Here TO REGISTER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING USING ZOOM.

THEME: RAINBOW BRIDGE 2024

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 5. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.



Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase 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 a not-for-profit organization.

Sunshine Fund Report

	DEC	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 200	\$ 647.88
Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net	\$ 200	\$ 647.88

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A Word from Our President



Dear Members,
Happy New Year! As we kick off a new year, it's a great time to get involved with our club. We have a variety of committees that help keep everything running smoothly and we'd love for you to join us!

Take some time to look at our available committees and find one that suits your interest. Volunteering is a great way to connect with fellow members, contribute to the club and make a difference. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every effort helps our club thrive. If you're interested in learning more about a committee, please reach out to the chairperson listed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you all the best for a healthy happy New Year.

Your President,
Ruth Miles



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2023 Officers & Directors

- President - Ruth Miles
- Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki
- Training Director - Mary Ann Magness
- Secretary - Samantha Colvard
- Treasurer - Barbara Elliott
- Member at Large - Shelley Carr
- Member at Large - Kinnie Hardaway
- Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski
- Member at Large - Maysel McGown

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

DTCDC Volunteer Committees

Name	Phone	Email
Vernon Miles	469-853-8293	mainstreamplb@yahoo.com
Building Maintenance – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAC maintenance, etc.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heisman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Bylaws – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
Terri Schur	214-641-8308	terrishurr@me.com
CGC – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
Tawny Schaffer	214-769-8523	tgs@schaffertx.com
Commissary – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
Nicole Litterio Ruth Miles	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	nlitter2@gmail.com milesdtcdc@gmail.com
Community Events & Distribution – Promote DTCCDC’s mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Database/Roster – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
Available		
Legislative Liaison – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Library – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
Shelley Carr	678-977-2294	slcarr63@hotmail.com
Membership & Volunteerism – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		

Lana Shuman	214-244-0960	pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
PawPrint – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Printing & Promotional - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Purchasing – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
Reagan Chojnacki	919-810-5428	reaganchojnacki@gmail.com
Registration/Registrar – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Show ‘N Go – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Social – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Social Media – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Marye Boyce	732-354-9323	.
Sunshine – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Technology – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
Felicia Ruhter	214-536-2667	ruhtclan@swbell.net
Telephone – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price		
Treasury Review – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

Jan Hitchborn Benita Zapata	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	2jsdoghaven@att.net bzapata21@yahoo.com
Wall – Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Includes engraved wall plates and ordered by club members and assembly with supplied photo.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apolloomts.com
Website – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
Mary Ann Magness	405-535-9005	mm_farms@hotmail.com
Training Committee – Nominated by members and can change every year.		

Train the Trainer (January 28, 2025)



The Training Committee held their first Train the Trainer for 2025 on January 28. Training Director Mary Ann Magness invited recent instructors and assistants to attend the class that focused on skills they need to help community and club members with their puppies and beginner dogs. Mary Ann used a book in the DTCCDC Library entitled, *“When Pigs Fly,”* as her resource for the class. (This book is available in paperback and digital formats on Amazon.)



Eighteen (18) instructors and assistants participated. Mary Ann invited a dog from one of the club’s puppy classes and his owner to attend the session — Benson and Kelli are shown in the photos. Benson presented as reactive. Mary Ann also invited Ruth Miles to bring William to help in the training session as they discussed how to train a reactive dog. The photos at left illustrate the results of the training. Training Committee members David Elliott and Pam White were also present to help answer questions.

“These two pictures (at left) show best the before and after of the reactive dog training that was presented.”

~ Mary Ann Magness, training director

The photos were taken by Alexis Jankowski



Meet Your 2025 Board



Ruth Miles
President

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- Getting William to sit and stay while a guest comes into our house. William loves everyone and thinks they are there to see him, so naturally he wants to be the first to welcome them.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- To stay true to our club's mission, honoring our successful past and moving us forward together into a successful future.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- We needed help with a puppy Doberman.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- Spending time outdoors with family.



Melissa Chojnacki
Vice President

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- Because I got Gozer at a year and a half from someone who didn't train or socialize him, my favorite accomplishment was getting him over his dog reactivity.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- My primary goal for the club is to make sure it continues to thrive so that the members have an affordable place to train and to enjoy the camaraderie and support of people who also love dogs.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I joined the club after I met David and Cathy Yahraus at the pet expo in Dallas. I had moved to Texas from North Carolina and, wherever I live, my social circle is usually made up of dog people. After talking to them about the club I quickly realized I had just found my new circle.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- My favorite activity outside of the club is going to escape rooms with my family and friends.



Mary Ann Magness
Training Director

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- My greatest accomplishment with all my dogs was when MPosible Aussies earned Hall Of Fame Kennel status with United States Australian Shepherd Association (AKC parent club for Aussies) in 2021. At the time, less than 50 kennels in USASA history had earned this honor. This designation requires dogs that I bred to have accumulated many titles in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Performance, and Herding.
- My favorite accomplishment with one dog was when I took my first Aussie, Quinn, to a 3 day herding trial weekend and we not only got our herding started title in cattle, but we came home with the award for "Most Promising Started Dog" for the weekend. What made it even sweeter was the fact they told me I was wasting my money by entering a "Conformation dog" in a "Herding dog" trial.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- The goals for this club have been the same for 50 years. My goals are to help nurture a group of instructors who feel confident in carrying these goals into the future.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I met Greg & Robin Quintana at an Obedience show in Oklahoma. They later got an Aussie, Jax, from me and we became close (dog-in-laws). This was "their" club, so when I moved back to the DFW area, I began training at DTCCDC.

- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- I love training and showing my dogs, but I consider that to be "inside the club." My other love is flying. I got my private pilot's license at the age of 18. Nothing gives me the feeling of freedom and exhilaration that I get from leaving the earth behind and flying into a clear blue sky.



- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- My 2 dogs have come a long way since taking obedience classes.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- Keep working with community so they can work better with their dogs.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I wanted to be able to take my dogs everywhere and they be good citizens.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- We love to take the dogs hiking at Texas State Parks.



- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- Therapy dog with Bailey.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- To be the best treasurer during my term.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- To socialize my Max.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- Kite flying, bike riding, and weekend trips with Dave and the dogs.



Shelley Carr
Member-at-Large

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- My favorite accomplishment with my dog is having a well rounded dog that is not scared of loud noises and can behave in public.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- My primary goal for the club is to make sure all the new members feel welcome and are well informed.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I joined the club to meet other people that love dogs as much as I do and to get involved in the dog world again.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- My favorite activity is my grandson!



Alexis Jankowski
Member-at-Large

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- My name is Alexis Jankowski and I have Italian Greyhounds, a rat terrier, a rat-chi mix, and a old heeler mix. My favorite accomplishments so far with my dogs are Golden Rea's grand championship (with three best of breeds over the second ranking dog on a national scale putting her in the national top forty...wait, this isn't the brags section!!) and Spider's beginning novice obedience title!
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- My primary goal for the club is to offer affordable sessions to the public to help teach people how to train and connect with their dogs. This will help keep pets in more homes and enrich the lives of people in our community!
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I joined this club because I have a lot of dogs to train. I want them to have rewarding and enriching lives and for me to enjoy them for as long as possible. The socialization and the other members' skills and knowledge have been invaluable and this club has helped me participate in more dog sports than I ever thought I would get into!
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- My favorite activity outside of the club would be studying. Either the Bible or for professional disciplines. I really enjoy growth and improvement, which is why dog sports are so important to me!



Kinnie Hardaway
Member-at-Large

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- My favorite accomplishment with Piper would be excelling in scentwork. I started it just for the heck of it but now we are having so much fun and growing together as a team. She is my best bud.
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- My primary goal for the club is get people really excited about training with their dogs. To learn there is a lot you can do with them.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I joined the club to learn how to train Piper. I've had dogs most of my life but they were just "dogs". When I got Piper, I knew I wanted something different. I didn't know that all these activities were out there like obedience, rally, trick dog and scentwork. I started out just learning how to heel, make her sit, etc.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- My favorite thing to do outside of the club is traveling and before I got Piper, it was photography. Now, Piper and Remy are my world. I never knew you could love a dog as much as I do my big girl.



Maysel McGown
Member-at-Large

- **What is your favorite accomplishment with your dog?**
- Getting her to her first Rally Competition this year (2025)! She qualified for two legs and the mistakes were MINE!!!
- **What is your primary goal for the club?**
- To celebrate another 50 years as an all volunteer club and to really urge our members to come out and join in the volunteering - it is the best way to meet the other members and learn all that this club has to offer.
- **Why did you join our club?**
- I joined in order to learn how to train my Doberman, Zara. I knew that she needed - and deserved - more training skills than I possessed so learning the process of and really, the theory behind training skills, was what motivated me.
- **What is your favorite activity outside of our club?**
- I love to travel (at home and abroad) and when the weather is below 100 degrees you will find me on the golf course.

A Note from Your Training Director



I hope everyone is having a good new year.

At this time of year, many of us have made new year's resolutions and most of us have thought about our plans and goals for the coming months. Have you?

Your training committee has established goals for the coming year, too. We are embracing the established objectives for DTCDC to provide classes and other educational opportunities for dog owners in our community. Over the years more people in this community and more of our members have become active in dog

sports. Our club has responded by adding classes for rally, scent work (nosework), trick dog and most recently free-style obedience (dancing with your dog).

Unfortunately, over these same years, many of our instructors have passed away, moved away or developed health issues that prevent them from instructing these classes. If our club is to continue to grow, prosper, and keep up with these changes we need to mentor and nurture our future instructors and assistants. To this end the training committee and I are working on a class for instructors. Until we have this class ready, I would love to see our current instructors and assistants at the monthly "Train the Trainer." Remember, the best teachers never stop being students and are always open to new ideas.

Have fun with your dogs,



Mary Ann Magness
Training Director

Mary Ann's cell: 405-535-9005 (For immediate attention: leave voice message or send a text.)
Email: training@dallasdogtraining.org

You may also contact other Training Committee members
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David Elliott rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net
Pam White bogenstadt@aol.com

2025 Session 1 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 1 which starts January 6 and runs through February 16. We are looking for volunteers to teach or assist in classes. We will have a successful year because of you.

Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White
2025 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	
MONDAY	Freestyle	2 - 3 p.m.	Jan. 6 - Feb. 10	Renee Raschio			
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	Jan. 6 - Feb. 10	Michelle Moorman	Felicia Ruthter	Dottie Smith	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Jan. 6 - Feb. 10	Terrueeni Schurr	Benita Zapata, Michelle Coffin, Sherry Wood, Michelle Moorman		
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Jan. 6 - Feb. 10	Lisa Wharton			
TUESDAY	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	Jan. 7 - Feb. 11	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Jan. 7 and Feb. 4	Ruth Miles			
	DTCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	Jan. 14 and Feb. 11	Ruth Miles			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	Jan. 21	Wendy McQuistin			
	Conformation Class**		Jan. 28	Jan Bruner			
WEDNESDAY	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	Feb. 18 and 25	Hope McQueen			
	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Mona O'Gorman			
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Michelle Hosey	Kim Murphy		
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Pam White	Pat Ingram	Kim Murphy	
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Michelle Hosey	Kim Murphy		
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Melissa Chonacki	Daniel Hill, Coleen Gurguis, Reagan Chojnacki		
THURSDAY	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Marye Boyce	Belinda Tantalo, Mary Hurley, Steven Boyce		
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Feb. 12	Pam Chrystal			
	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	Jan. 9 - Feb. 13	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	Jan. 9 - Feb. 13	Karen Henry	Lily Smith-Kirkley		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Jan. 9 - Feb. 13	Amy Whitmer			
	FRIDAY	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Jan. 10 - Feb. 14	Mona O'Gorman		
		Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Jan. 10 - Feb. 14	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura		
Beg Nosework		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Jan. 10 - Feb. 14	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura			
SATURDAY	Adv Open*	11 a.m - 12 p.m.	Jan. 12 - Feb. 16	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	Jan. 12 - Feb. 16	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			
*PREREQUISITE							
**NOCLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS							

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

- Session 1 January 6 to February 16
- Session 2 March 3 to April 13
- Session 3 April 28 to June 8 with June 9 makeup for Memorial Day
- Session 4 June 23 to August 1 with August 8 as makeup for July 4 holiday
- Session 5 August 18 to September 28 with September 29 makeup for Labor Day
- Session 6 October 6 to November 16

If anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to see presented at the T3 (Train the Trainer). Please feel free to submit them to the training committee at: training@dallasdogtraining.org



Upcoming Session 2:

Session 2 starts on March 3. If you are available to instruct or assist, please contact Mary Ann or a member of the training committee.

Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White
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training@dallasdogtraining.org

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	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 3 - April 7			
T	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	March 4 - April 8	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
U	DTCCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	March 4 and April 1	Ruth Miles		
E	DTCCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	March 11 and April 9	Ruth Miles		
S	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	March 18 and 25	Jan Bruner		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	April 15, 22, 29	Wendy McQuiston		
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9			
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
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	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 6 - April 10			
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*PREREQUISITE						
**NO CLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS						



Happy Valentines Day!

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – January 7, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Samantha Colvard, Shelley Carr, Kinnie Hardeman, Barbara Elliott, Maryanne Magness, Alexis Jankowski, Maysel McGown, Melissa Chojnacki Online: Lynda Holman, Mark Malone
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ruth Miles called the meeting to order 7:06 pm ● Guiding Principles ● Snacks

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Novembers Board meeting General Meeting were published in December’s PawPrint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	If there are no corrections, approved by consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<p>Total Income: \$5,574.40 Total Expenses: \$4,846.16 Total: \$728.24</p> <p>Sunshine Club: Income: \$200.00 Expense: \$192.36 Total: \$7.14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PO Box fees are due in February, ● Please work on getting General Liability Ins price quotes.
Conclusion	

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1 Dates Jan 6, 2025 – Feb 16, 2025• Working on Train the Trainer• Working on getting volunteers
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SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates for SNG – Feb 8, March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 21
Conclusion	Approved by consensus.

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	None
Conclusion	

MAINTENANCE – Vernon Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing this month
Conclusion	

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

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

CGC – Terri Schur

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next CGC March 1st
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to announce
Conclusion	

Social Committee - Lisa Gonzales and Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like it to be on record – Our Social Committee did a wonderful job on our winter awards banquet
Conclusion	

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – Kinnie Hardaway A-G, Alexis Jankowski H-Mason, Shelley Carr Mc-R, Maysel McGown S-Z

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you have anything from your groups?• Need to send out dues reminders to groups
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DTCCDC is sponsoring \$200 towards Obedience awards for the Spring Lone Star Obedience Trials. Barbara has mailed the check.• Francis is our contact person with Lone Star and will email us a premium once it's available. Trial Dates are April 18,19,20th
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board agrees to extend membership dues, must be received by Jan 30th• Mail dues by 1/22/25 and received by club by 1/31/25• Marye Boyce has volunteered to chair the Sunshine Committee
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard



Sound familiar?

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting January 14, 2025

Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	See Sign in Sheet and Zoom Attendance
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online. • As always please keep reports and discussions concise • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. • Thank you to Mathew Magness and Susan Whitaker for the snacks. • Ruth - Give awards for members not at the Awards Ceremony.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	Novembers General Meeting minutes were published in the December PawPrint,
Conclusion	Are there any corrections? none, approved by consensus

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report presented
Conclusion	<p>Total Income \$5,574.40 Total Expenses \$4,846.16 Total: \$728.24 Sunshine Club Income \$200.00 Expense \$192.36 Total: \$7.14</p>

TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 • Train The Trainer – 4th Tuesday of the month-class to teach trainers and assistants • The committee requested volunteers to train and assist with classes for the year
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SUNSHINE – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January birthdays - read out loud• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raffle Winners: Lilla Finger, Melissa Chojnacki, Benita Zapata

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February’s PawPrint deadline:• Theme: Rainbow Bridge• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting.• Traders Corner section is open• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.

CGC - Terri Schur

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CGC testing March 1st• The committee requested volunteers to help with testing
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering.
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Purchasing – Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insulated cups have been delivered

Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next dates for SNG• Feb 8, March 15, April 12, May10, June 21• Margaret – volunteers and committee members needed

Social Committee - Lisa Gonzales/Samantha Colvard

Discussion	Thank you to Lisa and team for an amazing event
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MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Conclusion	

Old Business

Discussion	DTCDC is sponsoring \$200.00 towards obedience awards for the AKC Lone Star Obedience and Rally Trial. The trial is April 18 th through 20 th , 2025
Conclusion	

New Business

Discussion	Board has voted to extend membership dues, if mailed, please mail by January 22nd or must be received at the club by January 31st
Conclusion	

Snacks for February: Lisa Wharton and Barbara Elliott

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 7:36 pm

Dog People

“Sometimes it’s your dog that sees it before anyone else does,” I said. “When you’re worn out, when the world’s too loud, and you’re hanging on by a thread—you turn around, and there he is, looking at you like you’re still everything. No questions asked, no need to explain.”

I paused, running my hand through my hair. “He doesn’t try to fix it or offer cheap advice. He just sticks by you, breathing slow and steady, like he’s waiting for you to notice you’re not alone. And somehow, that’s the thing that pulls you back. Not some grand speech, just the quiet truth that, to him, you still matter.”

I exhaled a shaky breath. “Sometimes it’s your dog that saves you from yourself. Because everyone else might leave, or judge, or get too busy. But he never does. He can’t say a word, yet he speaks louder than anyone, reminding you that there’s still something worth staying for.”



CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing



CGC, CGCA & Trick Dog Testing:

Saturday, March 1

Where: Held at the DTCDC Training Facility

Who: Dog teams who are eligible for the CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog Tests

Price: \$25.00 per entry

Watch your email for more details from Terri Schurr



Eventbrite link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/test-centers-249409>

We need 4 to 5 volunteers to help with the tests on March 1. We also need an AKC evaluator to assist.

Contact Terri Schurr at terrischurr@me.com to volunteer or ask questions.



Information We Need to Know



<p>1.</p>	<p>Lock Codes: Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com) if you need the codes. We have replaced the combination lock on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the code has NOT changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<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>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings: February Board Meeting will be held Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. March Board Meeting will be held March 4 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: February General Meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. March General Meeting will be held on March 11 at 7 p.m. Register for the February Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdeyqqj8qHNb2fY2CbDSFwBR1C8pe430p</p>
<p>4.</p>	<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>
<p>5.</p>	<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>
<p>6.</p>	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for Feb. 8. Registration is open at this link. Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret. Future Show & Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 3/15, 4/12, 5/10 and 6/21 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com with questions.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<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>
<p>8.</p>	<p>FOR MEMBERS ONLY! The code for class registration is: livetraintrial Classes are found at: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Submit items for PawPrint to Editor Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<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 (T3) Sessions</p> <p>Topic: TBD Date: February 18, 2025 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>This year T3 sessions will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. Watch your email for information on the upcoming sessions.</p> <p>Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind.</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>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings. 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



<p>18.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Please use the group email to discuss club business and issues.</p> <p>Use the FB page to promote the club and its activities, events, training tips - positive items that we want the public to know.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p><i>Ruth Miles</i></p>	
<p>19.</p>	<p>Leash Reminder</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.</p> <p><i>Training Committee</i></p>	
<p>20.</p>	<p>Gate Configuration</p> <p>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:</p> <div data-bbox="532 1039 966 1480"></div> <div data-bbox="993 1039 1429 1480"></div> <p>Let's utilize this setup to help make our classes safer for everyone.</p> <p>Happy Training, <i>Training Committee</i></p>	
<p>21.</p>	<p>Rabies Certificates</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>22.</p>	<p>Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease</p> <p>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.</p>	

Across the Rainbow Bridge

In fields of gold, where rainbows bend,
We walk together, my faithful friend.
Your gentle pawprints mark the way,
But now it's time for you to stray.

Through tear-filled eyes, I see you go,
To where the golden rivers flow.
A bridge of light, a path so clear,
Where pain and age no longer sear.

Though my heart breaks, I'll let you fly,
To chase the stars across the sky.
For in that realm, you'll find your peace,
Where all your pains and worries cease.

So run, dear friend, run free and wild,
In lands where dreams and love compile.
Though you depart, our bond remains,
In whispered echoes, soft refrains.

Goodbye, sweet soul, my cherished guide,
Across the rainbow bridge, you glide.
Until we meet again one day,
In fields of gold, we'll find our way.

Crossing the Rainbow Bridge



John and Sherry Warren

Karadale Angel of the Abbey BN RA

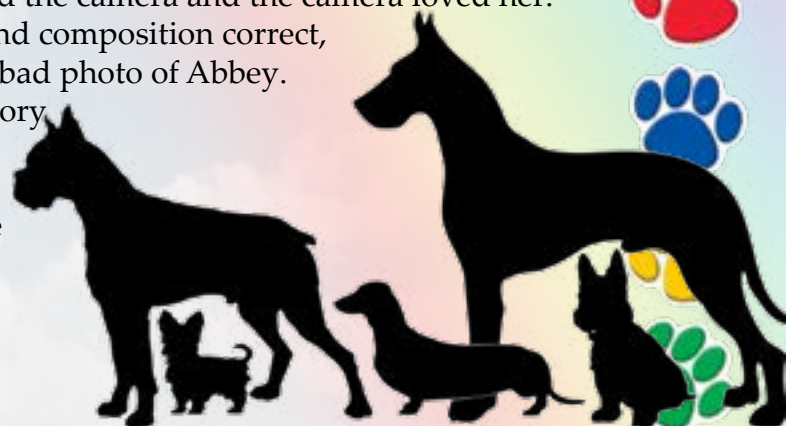
August 17, 2008 - March 5, 2024



Abbey joined our family in November 2008 about 3 months after we had unexpectedly lost our very last toy poodle. She flew home with me from Florida and started her new life with our two standard poodles. The three of them coexisted quite well and, of course, Abbey thought she was just as big as them and expected that she could do everything they did. As a puppy, Abbey was more interested in playing than in eating. Each evening when I came home, I had to get a squeaky toy and play with her for around 10 to 15 minutes before she would eat her meal. This carried over into her adult life with her playing with her special meal time squeaky toy before each evening meal. Abbey was a very interactive poodle and enjoyed training, earning Beginner Novice and Rally Advanced titles. She was a natural retriever and loved to retrieve almost any toy. I trained her to fetch a small dumbbell very soon after she was home with us and she loved to fetch that dumbbell all throughout her life. Ball fetch and retrieve was always one of her favorite outside games.

We were very fortunate that Abbey enjoyed overall good health throughout her life. However, towards the end of 2024 I could tell that she begun to slow down quite a lot but still had a good quality of life. Unfortunately, she developed kidney failure in late February 2024 and was in acute failure by the time symptoms appeared. I had hoped that Abbey would slip away peacefully in her sleep to spare us another gut wrenching last trip to our vet. But this was not to be and, as it is our sacred duty to provide this last rite to our dear pets, we tearfully said goodbye to Abbey on March 5th of last year.

Abbey was a small poodle with a big personality. Her loss has left a big hole in our home. Abbey was very photogenic and loved posing for the camera. She loved the camera and the camera loved her. As long as I had the focus and composition correct, it was hard for me to take a bad photo of Abbey. These photos are now the story and memories of her life with us and allow Sherry and I to relive all the joy she brought to us.



Sheryll Barker

Windcrest King of Hearts

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“Daniel”

May 14, 2011 – April 18, 2024



Daniel competed in Rally through the Rally Excellent title, in Obedience through his Companion Dog Excellent title, and in UKC Nosework, earning his Novice Containers title.

But his greatest joy in life was being a therapy dog. Daniel served as a therapy dog for 11 years. He was registered with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and also volunteered in the Baylor AAT program (2013-2019). He made 650 visits.

Daniel did it all! He visited hospitals (Dallas VA, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Methodist Dallas, several Medical City hospitals, Baylor Irving and Dallas), did true AAT at adult and child rehab centers (Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation, Baylor’s Our Children’s House system) , visited

nursing homes and adult day cares, visited schools (both crisis response visits and reading programs), attended counseling sessions at the Dallas Child Advocacy Center and private practices, visited with kids and their mothers at Genesis abuse shelter, walked in several walk-a-thons, entertained people at Dallas County Covid vaccination clinics, and made numerous stress relief visits to colleges and universities.

He began his career at the Dallas VA. It could be a tough place to visit. On his first visit, we walked into the aftermath of a fight, complete with Police and patients in handcuffs. As we walked in, he looked at me as if to say: “If you say it’s okay, it’s okay!” and proceeded to refocus the rest of the patients. After a few years, the Psych





Unit got a new Medical Director who did not like dogs but allowed our visits to continue. A few months into his tenure, I thanked him for allowing us to continue. His response: "I love what you do for our residents; they are always on their best behavior on the days that you are here." The Salvation Army shelter also has a homeless veterans unit. One day we were coming to visit, and as we walked towards the front door, it was clear that we were walking through the aftermath of a fight. The combatants were restrained by police and as we walked by, one of them yelled to me: "Isn't that the dog that visits the VA?" "Yes" He turned and looked at the police officer: "Sir, I don't have time for this, I have to go visit my dog!" The entire group broke out in laughter.

After all of the years that Daniel spent with veterans, he responded strongly to them. I could identify veterans in public by the way that Daniel reacted

to them. Probably one of his most impactful behaviors happened at our house during Covid. We had a roofer, also a Marine veteran, suffer a PTSD break at our house. He sat on our porch swing in a semi-catatonic state. After allowing him some time to recover, my husband sent our dogs out to visit him. Daniel immediately sensed the problem and proceeded to put on a clinic of how to be a PTSD Service Dog! Daniel sat in front of the man and pushed into him until the man focused on Daniel. Every time that the man's attention started to drift, Daniel



pushed, barked, and insisted that the man focus on him. I was astonished! Daniel has never been trained to be a PTSD service dog, but after all of his exposure to veterans, he just did it! After several minutes, the man got up and thanked Daniel. As soon as he left our house, the man enrolled in a VA traumatic brain injury program. Our veteran sent my husband a large number of texts thanking us. He said that he never could envision how a dog could help PTSD until Daniel showed him, and, the last that we heard, he had signed up to receive a service dog placement.

Daniel also volunteered in Baylor's Our Children's House rehab centers where he assisted Physical and Occupation-





al Therapists by working with their clients. He retrieved for patients and walked calmly beside wheelchairs, walkers, and with anyone struggling to walk. He learned colors (black, white, yellow, and blue) and shapes (square, triangle, and circle) and sizes (Which one is largest? Which one is smallest?). Daniel helped teach special children these basics.

We were at most of the area's colleges and universities. Dallas College reorganized in 2021 and asked for weekly visits to help relieve the stress. For several months, Daniel made weekly visits to several of the Dallas College campuses.

Daniel was one of several dogs that responded to a high school shooting at a nearby community. The school reported that the high school returned to normal after the visit.

During the pandemic, we were forced to pivot as to when and where we could visit. Many hospitals began asking for staff visits to bring joy to their beleaguered employees.

We also visited at Dallas County Covid Clinics.

Daniel had infinite patience for children and puppies. He delighted in children interacting with him, the more the merrier. The next picture was taken at the Ronald McDonald House – Fort Worth.



You can see how happy Daniel was being brushed by a group of children.

Daniel very much had a "specials" personality. He had a big, over-the-top personality, loved to perform, and he loved cameras!

In 2021, Daniel earned AKC's Therapy Dog Supreme title, which recognizes 600 therapy dog visits.

Daniel's last gift to us was to happily raise and mentor Theodore. From the day that Theo entered the house, Daniel and Theo were inseparable.

There was never any conflict between the two, and their bond helped

Theo mature

before Daniel left us.

We are deeply grateful to have had him for just under 13 years.



Mona O’Gorman

Gabbi

March 17, 2020 to December 20, 2024.



In Aug 2021 Gabbi came to live with us. Gabbi was a Border Collie. She was a rescue and apparently, she was returned after COVID. Gabbi was a beautiful BC, and she loved people. At first, she wasn’t happy with dogs or people but with time she learned that the world wasn’t out to get her. She earned her TKI, CGC, AKC-CD, AKC-RA, ASCA-CD, ASCA-RN. She was a challenge but as time went on, she was improving. I do miss her.



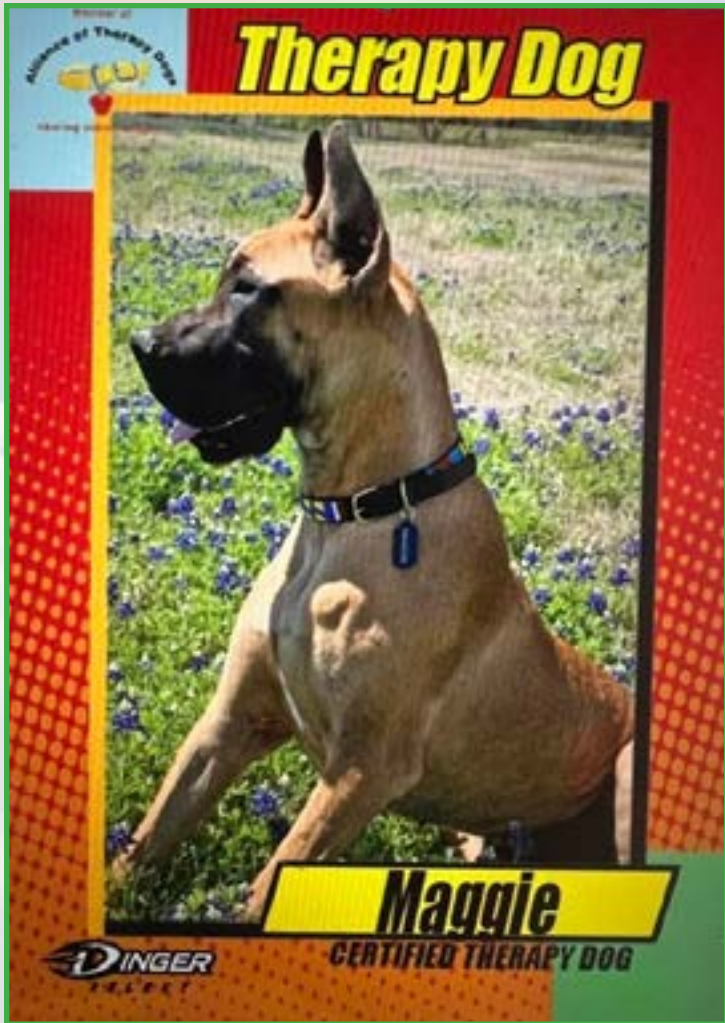
David and Barbara Elliott

Madame Magdalena Maximas

CGCA CGCU TKN VHMP

6/28/21 to 01/06/24

Though Maggie's life was short, Maggie brought great joy to people wherever she visited.



WINTER SOCIAL 2024

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS



The social started with prayer by David Elliott and then it was time to eat!

The photo above shows our social committee members: Co-Chairs Samantha Colvard and Lisa Gonzales, and committee members Shannon Quinn and Chris Swain. All the decorations, set up, menu decisions were planned by these fine ladies. Members who helped decorate: Lisa and Robert Gonzales; Samantha Colvard; Chris Swain; Kristal Hatcher; Ruth and Vernon Miles; Shannon and Scott Quinn; Maysel McGown; and David Elliott.

The menu consisted of a number of soups, chicken, charcuterie boards and desserts and side dishes brought by club members.





Above photos: Left to right - Carol Wright and Carol Ford; Stella Moore; and Vicki Jackson and Mona O'Gorman

President Ruth Miles welcomed members and their guests and started the annual awards program and announcements. She also recognized the Social Committee members. (See photo on the previous page.)

Ruth recognized the 2024 Board:

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

Ruth recognized the 2025 Board:

- **President - Ruth Miles**
 - **Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki**
 - **Training Director - Mary Ann Magness**
 - **Secretary - Samantha Colvard**
 - **Treasurer - Barbara Elliott**
 - **Board Members at-Large: Shelley Carr, Kinnie Hardaway, Alexis Jankowski, Maysel McGown**
- Lisa Wharton, 2024 Training Director,**



recognized 2024 Training Committee and all 2024 Instructors and Assistants that were present.

2024 Training Committee:

- Melissa Chojnacki
- David Elliott
- Pam White



Mary Ann Magness, 2025 Training Director, introduced the 2025 Training Committee.

2025 Training Committee:

- Melissa Chojnacki
- David Elliott
- Lisa Wharton
- Pam White



Ruth presented 2025 Board Appreciation Awards:

- Reagan Chojnacki
- Michelle Moorman
- Kadee Inglehart
- Rane Raschio
- Margaret Culbertson

(Margaret's was presented at the January general meeting.)



Ruth presented Most Active New Member Award to Maysel McGown



Lisa Wharton, 2024 Training Director, presented: Most Improved Rally Score (Not awarded yet)

Highest Average Rally Score to Amy Witmer and Jane Palmer



Lisa also presented the following awards: Most Improved Obedience Score Vicki Jackson (at January Meeting)



Highest Average Obedience Score to Vicki Jackson (January Meeting) and Pat Ingram (Social)



Mark Malone, Therapy Dogs Committee Chair, presented Therapy Dog Spirit Award to Shari Price & Ozzy (See write-up on page 39)



Ruth Miles, 2023 Sportsmanship Award Recipient, presented the 2024 Sportsmanship Award to Kinnie Hardaway at the January General Meeting



Ruth makes presentations of a 2024 Lifetime Membership Service Award and Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque to:

- Glen O’Gorman
- Mark Malone
- Stella Moore
- Benita Zapata (January Meeting)



The auction was next with Auctioneer David Elliott and his Auction Crew

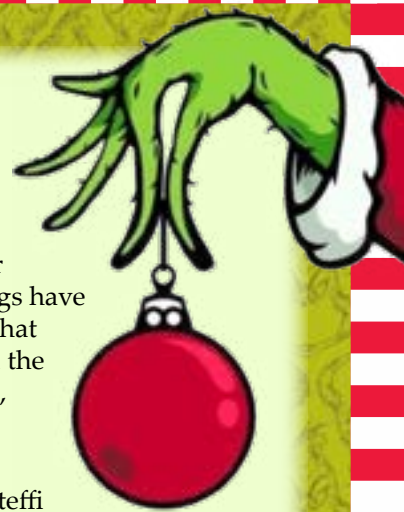


The amount raised by Auction was \$1,799!





2024 Spirit Award



The Spirit Award is named to honor Charlotte Strom's Sheltie Spirit. Charlotte was a pioneer for our club in therapy work. 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. 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, Gabe and Mr. Magoo.

I would like to recognize several Spirit Award winners that are in attendance tonight. Stella Moore with Vandy & Echo, David Elliot & Mickey and I was very fortunate to have Sasha, Steffi and Sheba as my therapy partners.

Ridiculous – This team has gone on a ridiculous number of visits to all kinds of facilities. That's a lot of baths and a lot of miles. It almost seems that they spend more time visiting than at home.

Ambassadors – They are great ambassadors for our club. We all should be very proud to have them represent us out in the community.

This is about to get ugly! I would say to get the women and children out, but then there would only be six people left in the building. Grinchy – blame it on Lisa as this is her theme. Not Wharton, as she gets in enough trouble on her own. Gonzales.

Grinchy – This team is the absolute worst therapy team I have ever seen. Their hearts are three times smaller than normal. When they enter a hospital, it looks like The Indianapolis 500 as all the patients race towards the exits in their wheelchairs. There are walkers and crutches flying everywhere. It gets worse. The state of Texas is closing all the nursing homes they have visited. It gets worse. The AKC, UKC, ASCA, FBI and CIA found out that this team is a member of our club. They are going to shut us down. Our 50th year is going to be our last year. We are POL. This is a family show, I couldn't use the normal term. They are going to rescind all our titles. (Ruth, what are you laughing about. You are going to have to explain this to William. You and Vern will be the ones living in the doghouse.) NOT – Wake up Dorothy, it was just a dream. This is one of the absolute best therapy teams. Their hearts are five times bigger than normal. They are super popular at hospitals. Their visits to nursing homes are greatly appreciated by patients, family and staff. They have been recognized for their hours of service with various honors.

Gentle – This gentle giant is a huge favorite with the kids, especially when in costume. They really

Immeasurable – This team has an immeasurable effect on everyone they visit. All the places are super grateful that they are there and can't wait for them to return.

Outstanding – They do an outstanding job at the usual places like hospitals and nursing homes, but they have also made visits to hospice facilities and to individuals in their homes.

Schools – They have expanded their visits to schools, where they really make a difference in teaching children about volunteer work. This will create a new generation of volunteers.

Hours – This team's visits typically last 3 hours. That amount of time can be very stressful for some dogs, but this one handles it with ease.

Years – This team is being honored for 2024, but they have been making therapy visits for years. They seem to add more and more venues to their resume each year.

RAGGIOSHY - Ridiculous-Ambassador-Grinchy (Not)-Gentle-Immeasurable-Outstanding-Schools-Hours-Years. Will the proud owner of Raggioshy please come up and accept your award? Don't be shy. Ok, maybe we need to review the letters as they have been rearranged to hide the identity of our recipient.

SHARIOGGY – Close but we're still not quite there. I need help with a couple of letters. Is there a Dorothy who can click their heels three times? Donna is the perfect choice.

Thanks, the G's are now Z's and we have The Wizard of Ozzy!

Please help me congratulate the 2024 Spirit Award Recipients: Shari Price & Ozzy.

TRADER'S CORNER

LOOKING FOR:

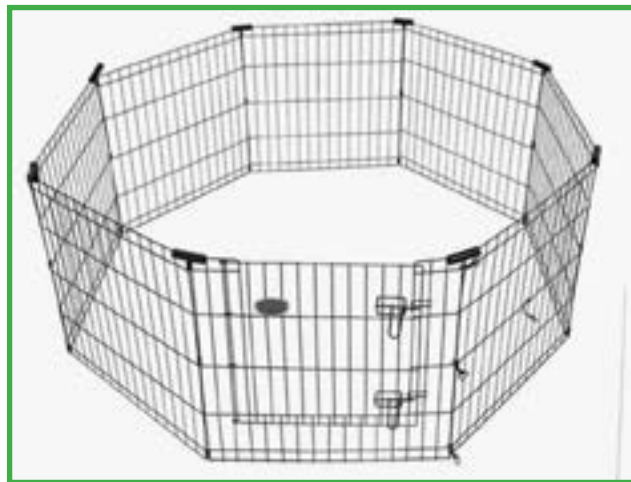
Does anyone in our club have an xpen they want to sell or get rid of?

Details: L, XL or XXL

Name: Kinnie Hardaway

Phone: 903-515-1807

Email: mykin50@gmail.com



Do you have an unused item you would like to sell, trade or give away? Or are you looking for a specific, hard to find item. Here is your opportunity to share those with your club. Here are the guidelines approved by the DTCCDC board for submissions to the Trader's Corner:

- Dog related items only
- Members only allowed to post
- Members must facilitate discussion or agreements on items in private (It is not club business)
- PawPrint is not responsible for trading disputes
- No postings for live animals
- Posting will run in one (1) edition of the PawPrint, then it will need to be resubmitted for additional postings
- No perishable items
- Items can be for trade, sell or free or can be something you are looking for
- Include your name, phone number and email address
- Be concise in your listing and include a photo
- Send to: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

We hope this will serve as a help to you. Questions? pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

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XLARGE DOG BED FOR SALE

I bought this Orthopedic bed for Piper but she didn't like it. She wouldn't even try it. I bought it from PetSmart.

Size: 48 inches x 38 inches

Price: \$40.00

Name: Kinnie Hardaway

Phone: 903-515-1807

Email: mykin50@gmail.com

Cover removable and machine washable. Gray color. TOP PAW brand,



Looking for volunteers to be on the Show 'N Go Committee...



After reviewing the tasks to put on this fun event, we have realized we need many members. It's the saying of "many hands make light work." The Show 'N Go is an important event each month (or so). It is a very clear way to show that The Dog Training Club of Dallas County is supporting members and the public in the obedience ring. This also fulfills part of our mission statement.

I will stay on as the Show 'N Go chair but I need committee members!

You might be ready for a change in the way you volunteer. Maybe you cannot commit to teaching/assisting in the evenings after work. Here is a great way to fulfill your requirement to be a member in good standing by being on this committee.

Benefits to volunteering for the Show 'N Go

1. It's on a Saturday.
2. You are there for 8 hours so not a lot of driving back and forth every week.
3. It is during the day so that night time driving isn't a problem.
4. You get to meet non-members and members you might not normally see.
5. You get to see some of the seasoned dog show people train their dogs and their different techniques.

There are three very different administration positions that we need 2 - 4 people to sign up for. We ask that each person be able to attend at least 3 Show 'N Go's a year. We will still ask for Judge/Run Thru and Steward volunteers. You will be taught the ropes for one of the positions listed below - no one will be thrown into this without training.

Position 1 requirements:

- Help set up and tear down.
- Help stewards and judges as needed.
- Fill in if needed.
- Familiar with dog obedience shows.
- Able to help answer questions.
- Able to keep the Show 'N Go going at a good pace.

Position 2 requirements

- Help set up and tear down.
- Help stewards and judges as needed.
- Knowledgeable in Excel or Google Sheets so as to run the shared Google Sheet during the Show 'N Go.
- Must have a laptop.
- Will run clock for ring times.

Any questions? Interested? Please contact me!!

Margaret Culbertson

texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com

214-926-4273

Dog Training Club
of Dallas County, Inc.

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50 Years

Dog Training Excellence
1974-2024

604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show 'N Go

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

Pre-Entries Only

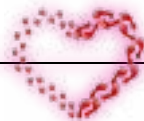
Limited to 6 hours of ring time



Classes Offered:	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
Details:	\$9.00 first five minutes \$1.00 each additional minute (5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum) Start time depends on number of entries Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
Pre-Entry Details:	“Events” on DT CDC website: dallasdogtraining.org Link: DT CDC Show & Go Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, January 24 Entries close @ Noon Thursday, February 6 (or when limit is reached) Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, February 5 Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, February 7
Upcoming Dates:	3/15, 4/12, 5/10 and 6/21
Questions:	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



*No bitches in season allowed at the
DT CDC building*



DTCDC LIBRARY

Recommended Resources:

Note: The Library has a few books that have been checked out for over a year and are not on the shelf. If you all have time to look around, see if you have one, please bring it back if you are done with them. Only noticed some because others are interested in reading them too.
Thank you!



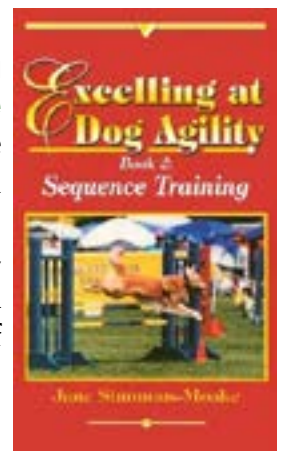
Bearded Collie, The Complete (1992)

This book traces the history of the Bearded Collie from its rugged origins to its role in present day society, including some material on the struggles of establishing the breed in its formative years.

Excelling at Dog Agility, Sequence Training (2000) Jane Moake

Teaches you how to sequence smoothly from one obstacle to the next, to reach your dog's highest potential for speed and accuracy.

- Helps you develop a consistent set of cues for communicating with your dog on the Agility course. As a result, your dog will understand your directives in an instant, even at the highest of speeds and the greatest of distances.
- Provides detailed lesson plans for Beginner,



Crate Training (2005)

This title provides easy-to-follow, thorough instructions on how to safely, humanely, and effectively crate train a dog.

Give Your Puppy A Choice DVD Grisha Stewart

Modern Socialization & Behavior Training
by Grisha Stewart



A complete list of the library's current holdings is listed on the DTCDC 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?

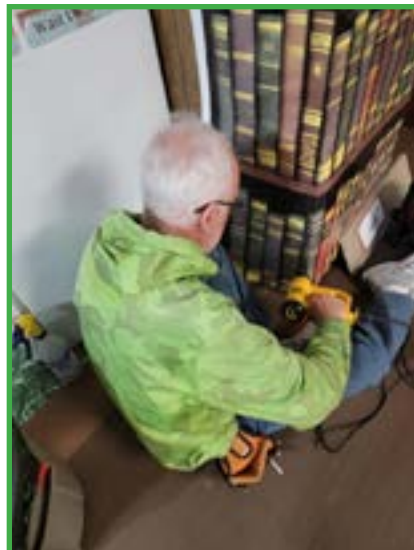
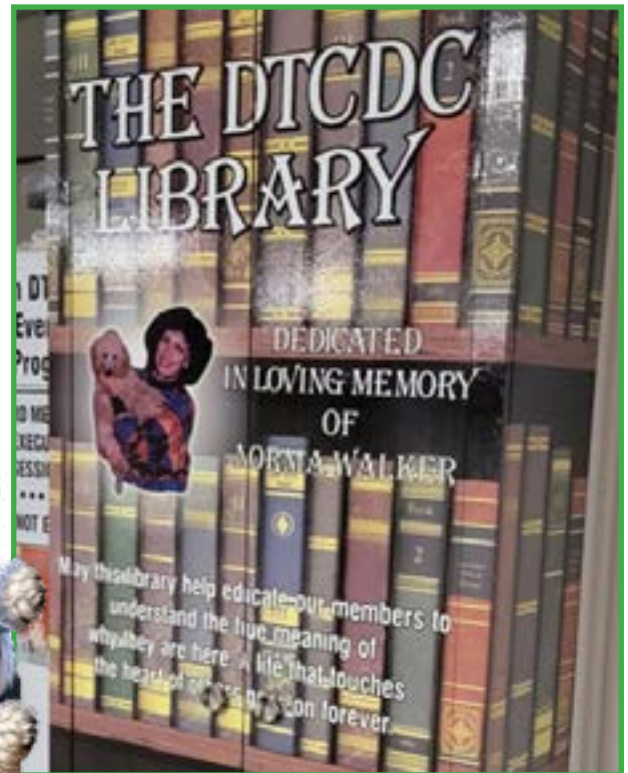
Contact: Lisa Gonzales, Robin Vogel
or Lana Shuman



Library Cabinet Wrap Installed



One of the projects the library committee undertook during our 50th anniversary year was upgrading the appearance of the library cabinet in the training room. Donna and Bill Heishman offered to assist by taking the information, photo and design ideas and finetuning them to create the new wrapped door we see today. The time to create the design, produce the wrap and install it were donated by the Heishmans. Thank you so much, Donna and Bill, for the great work and time you put into this project. We have a lot of great training resources and now members will be able to see clearly where they are. By the way, when the library was created it was dedicated to Lynda Holman's mother Norma Walker, one of the club's founding members.



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here's a trick from *The Big Book of Tricks for the Best Dog Ever* by Larry Kay and Christy Peroni.

Happy training!

Michele Hosey



Belly Up

1. From a “down” position, lure from your dog’s nose across his shoulders to his spine.
2. Mark and reward for each inch of progress toward the finished pose.
3. When he gets there, mark and name it ” belly up.”
4. As he remains in position, deliver treats, one by one.
5. If he starts to roll, gently use your hand to help him balance.
6. Say the name of the trick earlier and earlier until it becomes the verbal cue that starts your dog’s action.
7. Shape your luring motion into the visual cue.





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**FEBRUARY
GENERAL MEETING**

FEBRUARY 11 @ 7 P.M.



MARCH PAWPRINT

THEME: CELEBRATING JUNIOR HANDLERS

DUE DATE: Wed., Feb. 19, (or earlier)

MARCH THEME: We will be honoring our junior handlers. How did they get involved in dog training? What are their goals?

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES

MARCH	JUNIOR HANDLERS
APRIL	TBD
MAY	TBD

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

FEBRUARY 2025 DOG CALENDAR:

- Dog Training Education Month
- Spay/Neuter Awareness Month
- Pet Dental Health Month
- Responsible Pet Owners Month
- National Prevent a Litter Month
- Unchain a Dog Month
- Second week in February: Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week.
- February 9-11: Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show.
- February 14: Pet Theft Awareness Day
- Third week in February: National Justice for Animals Week
- February 20: Love Your Pet Day
- February 22: Walking the Dog Day
- February 23: International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- February 28: World Spay 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 and the current President know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship, monies 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.





DTCDC Bulletin Board

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*



happy valentines



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.

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AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

In case of an emergency and you need to use it:

- First thing you need to do is get someone to call 911 using the club landline phone located in the small storage room.
- The instructions for it's use are inside the box the AED is located in.



Ring caught the motion of a stray dog behind the building on our property. It has been seen several times. As previously mentioned, be careful. Keep your dogs on a leash.



This is being provided for your information only.



Tri-City Animal Shelter posted on their website (<https://www.cedarhilltx.com/66/Animal-Shelter>) that they are low on dry kibble and could use donations. They use Purina One and Kirkland brand as their primary brands.

DTCDC used to be very active with Tri-City before 2020.

You can drop them off at their location:

1150 E Pleasant Run Road
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Phone: 972-293-7387

If it is easier, they also posted Amazon and Chewy wish lists:

Chewy Wishlist: https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter_b71563199

Amazon Wishlist: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/317CPQGX-PSNVQ>

Thank you to Margaret Culbertson and Sheryll Barker for the above information.



JUST 4 FUN



Your Dog Loves You when it

<p>Follows you everywhere</p>	<p>Wags its tail</p>
<p>Jumps on you</p>	<p>Licks your face</p>
<p>Makes eye contact</p>	<p>Shows you its belly</p>
<p>Sleeps next to you</p>	<p>Yawns when you yawn</p>





Vicki Jackson brags:



Jackson finished her UKC Elite Nosework title. She also earned DTCCDC's 2024 Most Improved Obedience Score AND Highest Average Obedience Score. (You can see Vicki receiving the Obedience awards in the Winter Social section of this newsletter.)



Sheryl Barker brags:



Theodore earned his Therapy Dog title (THD). Theodore finished his Beginner Novice at Nolan River KC January 3-5 with scores of 197.5, 197.5, and 196.

Shannon Quinn brags:



Riley earned her Scentwork Novice interior and Novice exterior titles Jan 11 at the UKC trial in Alvarado. Her sniffer never stops!



Mona O’Gorman brags:

Introducing Highland Forever Yours Faithfully. Shetland Sheepdog, Tri. July 27, 2024.

When I lost Gabbi my children Tracy, Lori, Glen and best friend Darlene Schmerhorn decided I needed a puppy to keep me busy. LOL. I got Percy from Liz Yoder the well-known breeder who I have known for years. He does keep me and the gang busy. He is in training right now with Joan Jung, and at the club. He is with me on Wednesday mornings, and Beginners. I am hoping when the weather warms up he will go and play agility. He is so much fun. My old Aussie Ziva and Percy have a great time playing.



Maysel McGown brags:

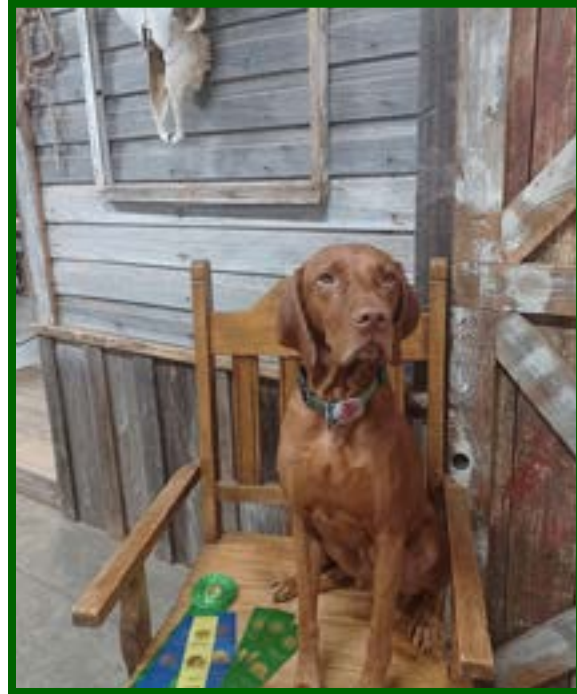


Zara competed in her first Novice Rally and qualified in both classes, placing 4th in our second class. I made the major mistakes; hers were minor. Show ring nerves!! She also ran Fastcat. Fri. Sat and Sunday and we came home with 9 ribbons - all in all a great first show week-end. And a big thank you to the members who helped me out; Carol, Shari and Teresa were outstanding!!

She was named for Babe Didrikson Zaharias, an incredible female athlete (from Texas) during the late 30's into the 50's - a sports legend!. As a golfer many of my pets have taken on golf related names; the two Dachshunds, Divot and Bogey; Putter the cat, and Birdie the parakeet. I thought it was fitting that my Zara, in some way, paid a nod to that great lady.



Belinda Tantalo brags:



Max earned his Novice B title at the Glen Rose show, with placements all three days, and scores of 192.5 and 194.5 in two of the three! I'm super proud at how well he did and look forward to Open training and trialing.



And the previous month, he completed qualifying legs in Advanced Scent Work (SWA) at the trials in Tyler. It's just going to get harder but we are up for the challenge!

Benita Zapata brags:

Raiden's last 2024 AKC nose work completion trial was in the Hill Country in Bandera, Texas. She earned a Detective leg with a 4th place win among 20 Detective level teams. Her areas to search included an interior with a full furnished log cabin and porch. The exterior areas were a long asphalt walkway and into a gated large pool with water area. She got to take her brag picture by a John Deere tractor and lots of hay. I am very proud of Raiden for earning her last leg of the year. One of Raiden's goals for 2025 is to earn her AKC Detective Title. In Wichita Falls Raiden competed among 20 teams. She earned a Detective leg under Judge Caroline Oldham on December 15-2024. Her detective interior area was a large band hall the size of a gym.



Alexis Jankowski brags:



Golden Rea has had quite the year and racked up plenty of letters to her name! In Conroe, she earned Select on Saturday and *BEST OF BREED* on Monday for a total of 10 points to finish out her Grand Champion title! Our greatest wins yet and a very emotional way to close out her AKC conformation career.

I never thought my little girl would have been able to bring our amateur selves to the groups three times! More than that, her breed wins over the second ranking dog in the country earned her a national ranking! Sure, it's the 40th spot, but we made the list!!! I would have never guessed it!!

She also tried rally, which we NQ'd, but the judge offered very encouraging words for us. Her fronts and finishes were very nice even though everything else wasn't! She also successfully earned her ATT temperament title. She is now: GCH CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea Of Sunshine DCAT CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITS



Spider completed his final leg for his Beginning Novice (BN) title!!! He needs more work on his heeling before we go back in and start for his PCD and CD, but he's gotten so much better all thanks to our work at the club!! He is now a TEN title dog: Stone Desert's Tearing It Up Spider

BN RN CAA DCAT CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITS FTN



Anakin, my baby boy, earned his BCAT at Glen Rose! He is now officially Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC BCAT CGCA CGCU TKN ATT



Not only did Treasure also earn her BCAT, which is her very first title, but she has had promising starts in nose work! She had a second place score (19.43 seconds) in UKC novice interior in Fort Worth and a third place score (a little over 15 seconds) in AKC novice interior in Tyler! She

has been impressing me with her skills!!

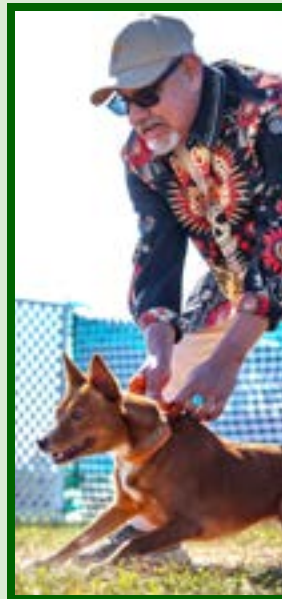
Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir brag:



German Pinscher, Eichler, earned his Rally Choice title with several placements & perfect scores in the 10 required qualifying trials at the Azle Rally trials in December.



Peruvian Inca Orchid, Ruffino, earned his Rally Advanced Excellent also with several placements & perfect scores in the 20 required qualifying trials.



Ruffino ranked #1 Peruvian Inca Orchid Medium in AKC 2024 Fast CAT for the 6th consecutive year.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB		Peruvian Inca Orchid		12" up to less than 18"		GET RANKING
Today's Date: January 4, 2025						
Ranking for Peruvian Inca Orchid						
Rank	Dog Name	Sex	MPH	HC 1.5		
1	Bokate'Bit Twisted Don Cuzho's Ruffino	Dog	28.00			
Perroado RM RAE SC NJP CAX FCAT3 ACT2 ACT2J SCN SIN SBN RATS CGCA CGCU TKN VIMA						

