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# Whether in Nosework or Water Sports, Dogs Fill Our Lives with Joy



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Grayan Vargo
3/5	E'Lynne Elliott
3/7	Lorna Willhelm
3/8	Pamela Chrystal
3/12	Kat McClay
3/19	Kay Mashburn
3/21	Benita Zapata
3/23	Jan Bruner
3/24	Melissa Chojnacki
3/24	Pamela Joyce
3/25	Lisa Wharton
3/27	Marye Boyce
3/27	Jeff Young
3/28	Tamra Mason



### MARCH 11 @ 7 P.M.

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

### THEME: DT CDC JUNIOR HANDLERS

### 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

	JAN	YTD
<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>

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# A Word from Our President



Dear Members,

I hope your training is going well and you're making wonderful memories with your pups!

We are looking forward to our first event of the year on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at Fort Worth Botanic Garden. This is a great

opportunity to showcase our club, connect with the community, and enjoy a fun day. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet and would like to, please reach out to me or your Member at Large representative. We'd love to have you join us!

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden**  
**220 Botanic Garden Blvd.**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76107**

Your President,

**Ruth Miles**



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604 Crestside Dr,  
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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
<b>Vernon Miles</b>	469-853-8293	<a href="mailto:mainstreamplb@yahoo.com">mainstreamplb@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Building Maintenance</b> – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAC maintenance, etc.		
<b>Lynda Holman</b> <b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:lyholman@flash.net">lyholman@flash.net</a> <a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bylaws</b> – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
<b>Terri Schur</b>	214-641-8308	<a href="mailto:terrischurr@me.com">terrischurr@me.com</a>
<b>CGC</b> – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
<b>Tawny Schaffer</b>	214-769-8523	<a href="mailto:tgs@scaffertx.com">tgs@scaffertx.com</a>
<b>Commissary</b> – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
<b>Nicole Litterio</b> <b>Ruth Miles</b>	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	<a href="mailto:nlitter2@gmail.com">nlitter2@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:milesdtcdc@gmail.com">milesdtcdc@gmail.com</a>
<b>Community Events &amp; Distribution</b> – Promote DTCCDC's mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Database/Roster</b> – 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.		
<b>Available</b>		
<b>Legislative Liaison</b> – 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.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Library</b> – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
<b>Shelley Carr</b>	678-977-2294	<a href="mailto:slcarr63@hotmail.com">slcarr63@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Membership &amp; Volunteerism</b> – 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.		

<b>Lana Shuman</b>	214-244-0960	<a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a>
<b>PawPrint</b> – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Printing &amp; Promotional</b> - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		
<b>Lynda Holman</b> <b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:lyholman@flash.net">lyholman@flash.net</a> <a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Purchasing</b> – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
<b>Reagan Chojnacki</b>	919-810-5428	<a href="mailto:reaganchojnacki@gmail.com">reaganchojnacki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Registration/Registrar</b> – 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.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Show ‘N Go</b> – 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.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Social</b> – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apollomts.com">glen@apollomts.com</a>
<b>Social Media</b> – 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.		
<b>Marye Boyce</b>	732-354-9323	.
<b>Sunshine</b> – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Technology</b> – 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.		
<b>Felicia Ruhter</b>	214-536-2667	<a href="mailto:ruhtclan@swbell.net">ruhtclan@swbell.net</a>
<b>Telephone</b> – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
<b>Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price</b>		
<b>Treasury Review</b> – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

<b>Jan Hitchborn</b> <b>Benita Zapata</b>	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	<a href="mailto:2jsdoghaven@att.net">2jsdoghaven@att.net</a> <a href="mailto:bzapata21@yahoo.com">bzapata21@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Wall</b> – 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.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apolloomts.com">glen@apolloomts.com</a>
<b>Website</b> – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
<b>Mary Ann Magness</b>	405-535-9005	<a href="mailto:mm_farms@hotmail.com">mm_farms@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Training Committee</b> – Nominated by members and can change every year.		

# Train the Trainer Held February 25, 2025



The February 2025 Train the Trainer focused on how club members should manage fearful, aggressive and people/dog-reactive dogs in our classes. Several possible methods were presented, including food scattering, face-halters, a “look at it” game, and our bandana color coding usage. Instructors and assistants were reminded to

keep safety first and to not invade visiting dog’s personal space and avoiding dog bites as top priority. The training committee is a resource available for dogs which may have needs beyond what the volunteers can offer, and how some behaviors may need more sessions and practice commitments on the owner’s part.

See the articles that were discussed during the training starting on [page 23](#).



*Photos by Alexis Jankowski and Lisa Wharton*

# A Note from Your Training Director



I hope everyone is having fun training their dogs.

We have completed our 1<sup>st</sup> session for 2025 and, since AKC has now made the STAR Puppy a title, we have graduated our first class of titled puppies. For our beginner class graduates, we will have our CGC and Trick Dog Testing on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entries for CGC, CGCA, and all levels of Trick Dog are already listed on Eventbrite. We hope to see some of you at the club for this event.

For those of you who have dogs that have already completed the CGC, DTCDC is having our first community event of the year on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. If you are interested in being involved, please call Ruth Miles, to get on the schedule.

Our Train the Trainer for March is planned for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will focus on getting dogs to relax in class. This will include massage and mat training techniques. Anyone who is willing to instruct or assist in a class is encouraged to attend. Remember that teaching the actual exercises is only 10% of training your dog, while 90% is getting them in the right frame of mind to learn.

For those of you preparing to show in obedience, our next Show 'N Go is scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to prepare for a show and learn ring procedure. Entering your dog is a good way to get both of you ready for a real show situation. You can also learn by watching. A lot of experienced handlers train their dogs at Show 'N Gos. Consequently, when you act as a ring steward you have the opportunity to closely observe them training their dogs.

As we start our Session 2 classes, I would like everyone to be aware that the training committee and I are available to help with any difficult dogs (or handlers). Please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached by phone or text 405-535-9005.

Thank you,

**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](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

You may also contact other Training Committee members

**Lisa Wharton** [msdogmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msdogmom@sbcglobal.net)  
**Melissa Chojnacki** [chojnackimelissa2@gmail.com](mailto:chojnackimelissa2@gmail.com)  
**David Elliott** [rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net)  
**Pam White** [bogenstadt@aol.com](mailto:bogenstadt@aol.com)

# 2025 Session 2 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 2 which starts March 3 and runs through April 13. Please make yourself familiar with the dates of the upcoming sessions to see where you can teach or assist. 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](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M	Freestyle - canceled	2 - 3 p.m.	March 3 - April 7			
O	Novice Rally	1:15 - 2:15 pm	March 3 - April 7	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
N	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Carol Ford	Robin Vogel, Chris Swain, Lisa Gonzales	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Jeff Young	Kinnie Hardaway	Vicki Jackson
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Lisa Wharton		
T	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	March 4 - April 8	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Kinnie Hardaway		
U	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	March 4 and April 1	Ruth Miles		
E	DTCDC 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	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Mona O'Gorman		
E	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Michele Hosey	Kim Murphy	Cindy Sullivan
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Pam White	Dottie Smith	
	Trick Dog Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Michele Hosey		
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Brad Ralph	Shelley Carr, Greg Labert	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	David Elliott	Colleen Gurguis, Vernon Miles, Daniel Hill	
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Pam Chrystal	Emily Bacca	
T	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Karen Henry		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Reagan Chojnacki/Melissa Chojnacki		
F	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura Steven Boyce		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura Steven Boyce		
S	Adv Open*	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 9 - April 13	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	March 9 - April 13	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	*PREREQUISITE					
	**NO CLASS 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



# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – February 4, 2025

## Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Samantha Colvard, Barbara Elliott, Shelley Carr, Melissa Chojnacki, Mary Ann Magness, Maysel McGown, Alexis Jankowski
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:00 pm</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January's Board meeting General Meeting minutes were published in February's PawPrint, are there any corrections?</li> </ul>
Conclusion	no corrections, approved by consensus

### TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<p>Total Income: \$6,462.77</p> <p>Total Expenses: \$6,141.60</p> <p>Total: \$321.17</p> <p>Sunshine Club:</p> <p>Income: \$52.00</p> <p>Expense: \$0.00</p> <p>Total: \$52.00</p>
Conclusion	Received all membership dues. 7 lifetime, 91 individual, 73 family, 9 associate

**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3 – February 18<sup>th</sup> Add Marye Boyce to Training Committee</li> </ul>
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**SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson**

	Next SNG Feb 8,
Conclusion	

**MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr**

Discussion	None
Conclusion	

**MAINTENANCE – Vernon Miles**

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

**SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles**

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

**CGC – Terri Schur**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next CGC March 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking for a BM to assist in technical setup for board meetings</li> <li>Sam will learn to back up Barbara in technical setup</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**Purchasing – Lynda Holman Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are getting low on shirts and will be purchasing more (FYI)</li> </ul>
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"> <li>Do you have anything from your groups? N/A</li> </ul> <p>Once New Member list is completed, I will send out to MALs</p>
Conclusion	

**OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTCDC is sponsoring \$200 towards Obedience awards for the Spring Lone Star Obedience Trials. March 18 - 20</li> <li>• Lone Star Premium is published and DTCDC is listed on page 15.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per our Bylaws we completed our Annual Financial Review (Feb 1, 2025)</li> <li>• Conclusion: Nothing of material concern, all was reasonable and accurate.</li> <li>• Adding to calendar, Therapy Dog Testing, March 1, from 12 to 5pm</li> <li>• Proposed end of year Nosework awards</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard



# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting February 11, 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><b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online.</li> <li>• Make sure you have signed in</li> <li>• As always please keep reports and discussions concise</li> <li>• Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags.</li> <li>• Thank you to Lisa Wharton and Barbara Elliott for the snacks.</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	January's General Meeting minutes were published in the February PawPrint,
Conclusion	Are there any corrections? none, approved by consensus

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report presented</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>Total Income \$6,462.77                  Total Expenses \$6,141,60                  Total: \$321.17                  Sunshine Club                  Income \$52.00                  Expense \$                  Total: \$52.00</p>

**TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Session 2</li><li>• Train The Trainer – February 18<sup>th</sup> - Recognizing and working with reactive vs aggressive dogs – Book: Control Unleashed Reactive to Relaxed by Leslie McDevitt</li><li>• Train the Trainer changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</li><li>• Marye Boyce as a member of Training Committee – motion passed</li><li>• The committee requested volunteers to train and assist with classes for the year</li></ul>
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**SUNSHINE – Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February’s birthdays - read out loud</li><li>• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Winners: Dottie Smith</li></ul>

**PawPrint – Lana Shuman**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March’s PawPrint deadline: February 19th</li><li>• Theme: Highlight Junior Handlers</li><li>• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting.</li><li>• Traders Corner section is open</li><li>• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.</li></ul>
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**CGC - Terri Schur**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CGC testing March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am</li><li>• The committee requested volunteers to help with testing</li><li>• Alexis Jankowski; new CGC member</li></ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor/Assistance name tags at club</li></ul>
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**Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next dates for SNG</li> <li>• March 15, 2025</li> <li>• Volunteers and committee members needed</li> </ul>

**MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr**

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

**Wheel of Puppy Love winner – Michelle Moorman**

**Old Business**

Discussion	None
Conclusion	

**New Business**

Discussion	<p>Per our Bylaws we completed our Annual Review (thank you Barbara, Donna and Greg) on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusion: Nothing of material concern, all was reasonable and accurate.</li> </ul> <p>We have been invited to attend the Ft Worth Botanical Garden Dog Days Special Promo Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BG is starting a new membership upgrade which would allow members to bring their dogs every day to the Gardens. This would allow us to recommend our basic training from puppies to beginner to intermediate as well as CGC testing.</li> <li>• March 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 11:30am</li> <li>• Any DT CDC dog attending must have a title and remain on leash</li> <li>• We will have enough room to set up a small novice rally course</li> <li>• We do have our promo handouts with \$10 off coupons</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Approved by consensus

Snacks for March: Emily Baca and Barbara Elliott

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 7:37 pm




# Information We Need to Know



1.	<p><b>Lock Codes:</b> Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>) if you need the codes. We have <b>replaced the combination lock</b> on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the <b>code has NOT</b> changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
2.	<p><b>Incident Reports:</b> 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><b>Upcoming Board Meetings:</b> March Board Meeting will be held March 4 at 7 p.m. April Board Meeting will be held April 1 at 7 p.m. <b>Upcoming General Meetings:</b> March General Meeting will be held on March 11 at 7 p.m. April General Meeting will be held on April 8 at 7 p.m. Register for the March Zoom access at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEld-iprDItE9KhBE0DV0TDqdnkfjnHZ0_C">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEld-iprDItE9KhBE0DV0TDqdnkfjnHZ0_C</a></p>
4.	<p>Fill out <b>Class Registration Sheet</b> 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 <b>Zoom account for meetings</b>. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (<a href="mailto:donna@heishman.net">donna@heishman.net</a>) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>)</p>
6.	<p>The next <b>Show 'N Go</b> is scheduled for March 15. Registration is open at this <a href="#">link</a>. Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret. Future Show &amp; Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 4/12, 5/10 and 6/21 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at <a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a> with questions.</p>
7.	<p>The club's <b>Wi-Fi and password</b> information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically.</li> <li>• Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name &amp; password.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p><b>FOR MEMBERS ONLY!</b> The <b>code for class registration</b> is: <b>livetraintrial</b> Classes are found at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</a></p>
9.	<p>Submit items for <b>PawPrint</b> to Editor Lana Shuman at: <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, <b>maintenance</b> chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: <a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a> or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>

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<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Missed Class Policy</b></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><b>First Responder Discount Policy</b></p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b>Sunshine Fund</b></p> <p>March birthdays will be recognized at the March 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 <a href="mailto:elynnew@gmail.com">elynnew@gmail.com</a>.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p><b>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</b></p> <p>Topic: Getting Your Dogs to Relax in Class          Date: March 18, 2025          Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>This will include massage and mat training techniques.  <b>Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.</b></p>
<p>15.</p>	<p><b>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</b></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><b>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</b></p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.  <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>          Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please <b>DO NOT</b> turn the <b>AC/Heater</b> 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>



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18.	<p>I want to remind everyone that our <b>Facebook</b> 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>	
19.	<p><b>Leash Reminder</b></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>	
20.	<p><b>Gate Configuration</b></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 1041 964 1478"></div> <div data-bbox="993 1041 1429 1478"></div> <p>Let's utilize this setup to help make our classes safer for everyone.</p> <p>Happy Training, <i>Training Committee</i></p>	
21.	<p><b>Rabies Certificates</b></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>	
22.	<p><b>Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease</b></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>	

# DTCDC Junior Handlers



*The club currently has two junior handlers who are showing their dogs and doing very well. We asked them to share some things about themselves and their goals. The wonderful thing about these two young ladies is how active they have been in the club by attending classes, teaching and/or assisting in classes and volunteering for the PawPrint.*

*Because of their commitment to DTCDC they were each given Board Appreciation Awards at the Winter Social last December.*

Below, left to right: Kadee Inglehart, junior handler; Ruth Miles, club president; and Renee Raschio, junior handler. Kadee and Renee are holding their board appreciation awards presented at the Winter Social in December.



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## Kadee Inglehart

Kadee has been very active in the club, as a student. Her involvement didn't stop there, she has gone on to assist in rally classes. She also has helped by taking class photos for the PawPrint.

# One Paw at a Time: My Journey into Dog Sports with Sully

By Kadee Lei Inglehart



I discovered my passion for dog training and dog sports when I became part of the Inglehart family after being adopted in 2022. Before joining this family, I had never even heard of AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club), let alone what a Border Collie was. In fact, I never knew that people and dogs competed in sports like Nose work, Rally, Obedience, Conformation, Dock diving, etc.

I got into dog sports because of my mom, she's been involved in them for a long time. The first time I watched her working with our Border Collie, Sully, in Rally, I saw something incredible. They moved together as one. Sully didn't just listen because he had to, he listened because he loved it. To him, it wasn't just training; it was a game, a bond, a language of trust between them.

Growing up, I had a few dogs, mostly Pitbull mixes, Rottweiler mixes, Chihuahua mixes, and Shih Tzu mixes. But none of them were like the dogs I have now. The difference? Training.

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Coming into this family opened my eyes to a whole new world, one where dogs are trained, purposefully bred, and given opportunities to reach their full potential. And because of that, I've been

able to grow as a handler, a trainer, and a dog owner in ways I never imagined.

For the past three years, I've been a junior handler in both AKC and UKC. I compete in Nose Work, Conformation, Dock diving, and Rally. My main competition partner is Sully, and I handle him in both Nose Work and Rally. My mom used to be his handler, but eventually, I took over. People often say that Border Collies are the smartest dogs, and after working with Sully, I completely believe it. They are incredible, fast learners, problem solvers, and fiercely loyal partners.

From the moment I met Sully, I knew he was special. We bonded instantly, and from that moment on, we were inseparable. Neither of us knew anything about Nose Work when we started, but we learned together. We took the beginner's class so many times before we finally passed, but each time, we learned something new. I learned to trust my dog. He learned to trust me. And together, we became a team. Now, I can confidently say that we are unstoppable!

Of course, we wouldn't be where we are today without the amazing people who have supported us throughout our journey. At DTCDC, we are more than just competitors, we are a family.

I plan to keep competing with Sully for as long as I can. Maybe one day, I'll get another Border Collie to train and compete with. Who knows? Maybe Sully will teach him how to be a "proper" Border Collie, how to work, how to listen, and of course, how to dig for grubs in the backyard because let's face it, Border Collies love getting dirty!

The truth is, I don't know what the future holds, for me, for Sully, or for our journey together. But what I do know is that whatever comes next, we'll face it side by side, one step or one paw at a time, because that's what true partners do.



The dogs I have now understand commands, they listen... well, most of them do, and they work with me in ways I never experienced before. Before joining this family, I had only ever seen a purebred dog three times in my life. Now, I see them all the time! The reason for that? Where I grew up, most of the breeders weren't breeding with a purpose. Many of the litters were accidental and unplanned, the result of accidental pairings rather than intentional breeding for health, temperament, or working ability. Purebred dogs were rare in my town, and the idea of dogs being carefully bred for specific jobs, sports, or even companionship was something I had never really thought about.

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## Renee Raschio

Renee has participated in many activities at the club besides taking classes. She has been the primary instructor in the new course Freestyle Dance and for Rally classes. Renee also volunteered to help with the Paw-Print, she has written several articles and also helped with proof-reading.

# My Journey in Dog Training and Competing

By Renee Raschio



I started my show and training journey eleven years ago in 4-H. Through 4-H I learned not only how to train, but also how to teach others. Five years ago, I expanded into showing in AKC and UKC. That leads me to today, where I own a successful grooming business, and am working on developing a training business.

I initially developed my interest in showing dogs by reading about the possibility of higher levels of training and showing dogs in a library book. After much convincing, my mother allowed me to start participating in the local 4-H Dog Project. That initial experience is what truly started me down my current path. When we moved to Texas in 2015, I was disappointed to discover there was no local dog project. I made it my goal to start a project even though my only the knowledge of training had come

Renee and her first dog Kona.

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from training my first dog in basic obedience. Over time, I started taking private lessons in addition to consuming as much information about training that I could find online. Through this my skills slowly started to increase. I expanded into showing in AKC Rally, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, and Conformation in 2020, and in 2023, I also started showing in Heelwork to Music and Musical Freestyle. In 2024, I was excited to win the WCFO Junior National Champion title for Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music. While in 2022, I competed at the AKC Junior Classic in Orlando and won Triple Q both days. This experience inspired me to get a smaller dog that would be faster and therefore more competitive in Rally that dog is Dax my current show prospect.

My current goals include winning the US Junior Champion title for both Heelwork to Music and Musical Freestyle again this year and winning the Adult National Champion title in the next couple of years. One of my future goals is to compete at the Crufts International Freestyle Heelwork to Music competition, along with earning lots of OTCHs and RACHs.



Above: Renee with Kona

Below: Renee and Evie in Orlando for AKC Nationals



# The Socialization Myth: Are We Forcing Our Dogs to Fail?



*This article was read at the T3 by Michele Hosey.*

Society has made a drastic shift in how we expect our dogs to behave. Once valued and bred via genetic selection for their working abilities, independence, and loyalty to their family units, today's pet dogs are increasingly pressured to be overly social, to a degree they were never bred for. From dog parks to daycare centers, playgroups to leashed greetings, the modern dog

is constantly placed in situations where forced socialization is the norm. But at what cost?

## The Illusion of Social Success

Many owners mistake initial excitement for friendliness. A wagging tail, bouncy movements, and curiosity might seem like signs of a happy, well-socialized dog. But underneath, there's often an internal conflict brewing—fear, uncertainty, and overstimulation. Just like people, dogs can experience excitement and fear at the same time. When those conflicting emotions reach a tipping point, the response can be instinctive and defensive—growling, snapping, lunging, or worse.

Fortunately, dogs and their owners who have been professionally trained are equipped to handle these scenarios. They have invested in their dogs' education, ensuring they can navigate interactions appropriately and avoid unnecessary conflict. The real danger lies in those who don't—owners who allow their dogs to invade the space of others without understanding body language, boundaries, or proper public etiquette. These situations create high-risk encounters, leading to fights and injuries that could have been prevented with education and awareness.

## The Consequences of Forced Interaction

Dog fights happen in a matter of seconds, and they can be devastating—not only for the dogs but also for the people trying to break them up. Many well-meaning pet owners lack the experience or reflexes to pre-

vent or de-escalate conflict. Worse yet, a single bad interaction can shape a dog's behavior for life, making them more fearful or defensive in future encounters.

And what happens when dog-related incidents rise? Restrictions follow.

- More breed bans
- More leash laws
- More areas where dogs are no longer welcome

If we continue down this path—forcing dogs into uncomfortable social situations without respecting their natural instincts—we may find ourselves with fewer freedoms as dog owners.

## A Call for Change: Respect Over Expectation

So how do we stop this trend? How do we shift our expectations before it's too late?

1. Respect Personal Space – Just as we wouldn't force a stranger into an unwanted hug, we shouldn't assume every dog wants to interact with others. A dog ignoring another dog is not "anti-social"—it's natural.
2. Ditch the "All Dogs Must Play" Mentality – Some dogs enjoy canine companionship, but many prefer to stick with their own humans. That's okay.
3. Listen to What Your Dog is Telling You – If your dog is uncomfortable, allow them the space to disengage. Learn body language from an experienced professional dog trainer.
4. Advocate for Responsible Breeding – Breeders should consider temperament and adaptability when producing future generations, especially given the unrealistic social demands society now places on dogs.

## The Future of Dog Ownership

If we don't start bending our expectations, there will be a breaking point. Whether it's through stricter laws, increased liability, or a rise in behavioral issues, the signs are already there.

The question is: Will we listen?

*Posted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America*

# “He Just Wants to Say ‘Hi’”

by Suzanne Clothier



*Mary Ann Magness prepares to introduce Pam White who read this article at the T3 in February.*

Sitting quietly on the mall bench beside my husband, I was minding my own business when the man approached. I glanced up as the man sat next to me. He was a bit close for my comfort, so I edged a little closer to my husband who, busy reading a book, ignored me. Still feeling a bit uncomfort-

able with the strange man so close, I then turned my head slightly away from him, politely indicating I was not interested in any interaction. To my horror, the man leaned over me and began licking my neck while rudely groping me.

When I screamed and pushed him away, my trouble really began. My husband angrily threw me to the ground, yelling at me “Why did you do that? He was only trying to be friendly and say hi! What a touchy witch you are! You’re going to have to learn to behave better in public.”

People all around us stared and shook their heads sadly. I heard a few murmuring that they thought my husband should do something about my behavior; some even mentioned that he shouldn’t have such a violent woman out in public until I’d been trained better. As my husband dragged me to the car, I noticed that the man who had groped me had gone a bit further down the mall and was doing the same thing to other women.

This is a silly scenario, isn’t it? First, anyone who knows me knows that I would never be in a mall except under considerable duress. More seriously, no rational human being would consider my response to the man’s rudeness as inappropriate or vicious. By invading my personal space, the man crossed the lines of decent, civilized behavior; my response would be considered quite justified.

That my husband might punish me for responding to such rudeness by screaming and pushing the offender away is perhaps the most ridiculous aspect of this scenario. If he were to act in this way, there would be no doubt in the minds of even the most casual observers that his ego was of far greater importance than my safety or comfort, and that he was sorely lacking even rudimentary empathy for how I might be feeling in this situation.

Fortunately for me, this scenario is completely imaginary. Unfortunately for many dogs, it is a very real scenario that is repeated far too often. Inevitably, as the owners who have allowed their dogs to act rudely retreat from the situation, there are comments made about “that aggressive dog” (meaning the dog whose space had been invaded) and the classic comment, usually said in hurt tones, “He only wanted to say hi!”

Years ago, a friend of mine in Texas placed a Greyhound with a supposedly knowledgeable person in the Northeast. This person gives seminars all over the world on the care and training of animals, so my friend felt comfortable placing this wonderful hound with her. Less than one week later, my friend received an hysterical call in which the supposed expert was threatening to have this Greyhound put to sleep for being aggressive. Since I was the closest resource, my Texan friend asked me to see what I could do, making it clear that this was one of the best Greyhounds that she had ever rescued - he had demonstrated incredible tolerance for all other dogs and animals.



When I spoke with the new owner, I asked what was going on. Her response was sadly classic: "Well, Champ is quite aggressive. For example, he'll just be laying on the dog bed and my two Golden Retrievers come over to say 'hi' and then he just attacks them. It's awful!"

My first tip off that the Greyhound was totally blameless was her comment that the Golden Retrievers were just coming over to say "hi." Generally speaking, dogs who live together don't walk over to each other to repeatedly say hello, no more than every time you walk in a room you walk over to a family member and say hello by getting right into their face.

Further questioning revealed that the body posture of the two Golden Retrievers while saying "hi" was very upright, ears forward, tails up and wagging very slowly - a confrontational stance, not a greeting. The Greyhound would often initially turn his head away, but when the two Golden Retrievers began sniffing at him and poking him, he would growl softly. Then, as they persisted, the hound would finally leap up with a roar. Despite her hysterical descriptions of the "fights," I was able to get her to define the amount of damage done by the Greyhound: none.

As we talked on, the picture came in more clearly: the two Golden Retrievers were quite spoiled, pushy with other dogs, and decidedly not happy with this new dog in their household. The woman

cheerfully admitted that the two Golden Retrievers were not too well trained and that she sometimes had trouble controlling them around other animals, but "they were so sweet, and there isn't an aggressive bone in their bodies!" she told me.

The Greyhound, on the other hand, she viewed as a fierce, aggressive and dangerous animal who she now had muzzled at all times. I thought for a bit about trying to educate this woman about dog behavior, but decided the kindest thing to do for this hound was to just go and rescue him. So I did, and by the time I'd driven home with this incredible dog, he'd been renamed Beckett and he stayed with me for almost two years until I placed him with a friend who adores him. As for his "aggression," I never saw a hint of it in any situation.

While there are many frustrating aspects of being a dog trainer, one of the most disturbing scenarios is the situation where a dog is acting appropriately but nonetheless is punished (in the name of "training") by humans who do not understand what constitutes normal canine behavior and responses.

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# Hurricane, The Most Decorated Dog In U.S. History Who Stopped WH Intruder, Has Passed Away

by One America News Staff Abril Elfi



**H**urricane the K-9, the most decorated dog in United States history, has died at 15-years-old.

On Monday, his handler, Marshall Mirarchi, announced the passing of Hurricane.

“As much as we knew this time was coming, there was no way to prepare. We miss him so much. A huge hole that can never be replaced,” he said.

As a former Special Operations Canine for the U.S. Secret Service, Hurricane became the nation’s most decorated dog for taking down a White House intruder on October 22nd, 2014, when former President Barack Obama and his family were inside.

After the intruder climbed over the fence of the White House complex, he was met by a Secret Service dog. After the intruder fought that dog off, he was met by Hurricane who wrestled him to the ground. Due to Hurricane’s quick actions, Secret Service agents were able to apprehend the intruder who came within 100 yards of the First Couple.

He was then retired two years later in 2016 due to the injuries he sustained during the heroic attack. According to Mirarchi, the intruder “beat Hurricane really bad — but Hurricane did not give up.” The fence jumper left Hurricane with damaged hips and swelling in his legs.

Hurricane received numerous honors, which included the United States Secret Service Award

for Merit, the Department of Homeland Security Award for Valor, the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) Order of Merit, and the American Medical Center Top Dog.

The Belgian Malinois also made history as the first dog to receive the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal, which earned him a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Hurricane and Mirarchi were also awarded the Secretary's Award for Valor by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson for their efforts in protecting the Obama family.

On February 11th, 2025, Southwest Airlines honored Hurricane before his passing and flew him back to Washington D.C. on its Freedom One Plane.

In honor of Hurricane, the non-profit Hurricane's Heroes stated that they will continue to raise funds to cover the medical expenses of retired K-9 heroes.

"Our nonprofit which is Hurricane's legacy is more important to us now than ever before," said Mirarchi.

<https://www.oann.com/newsroom/hurricane-the-most-decorated-dog-in-u-s-history-who-stopped-wh-intruder-has-passed-away/>



**The photos on the cover this month were provided by Jerri Martin and David & Barbara Elliott.**

(Left) Jerri Martin's Lacey is in a detective search for practice finding odor in a very intense environment.

(Right) Barbara Elliott says, "Bruce loves to get into the shower. He loves getting under the water then drinks it. This picture of him was taken when I was letting the water warm up. I turned around to get my towel and Bruce snuck in." I guess he loves water sports!



## Training Tip:

# How To Teach Your Dog To Calmly Sit So You Can Attach Their Leash To Go Outside



Does your dog have the wiggles when it's time to put on their leash to go for a walk?

This is a common problem. It can make attaching your dog's leash challenging. The good news is, it's an easy problem to solve.

Start off by training your dog to "sit" and "stay" by the front door. Only ask for a short stay. Praise your dog after they do this each time. Don't try to attach a leash when doing this. Do it several times a day, for a few days.

Then ask your dog to "sit" and "stay" by the door, and attach the leash. Don't attach the leash unless they're sitting. If you start to attach the leash, and they stand up, pull your hand holding the clip back, and stand up fully. Ask them to

sit once more, and try to attach the leash again. Do this repeatedly until they stay sitting while you're attaching the leash. Do this every time you're taking them outside.

Your dog will learn that they can't go out the door until they remain calm enough for the leash to be attached. Then, every time you want to take them for a walk, ask them to sit before you attach the leash.

Pictured are four dogs I trained to sit at the front door to wait for their parents to attach their leashes. These four were wild and rambunctious, and in perpetual motion. Their house didn't have a yard, so they had to be walked. Their parents had a terrible time trying to get all their leashes attached. I trained them so that their parents could go up to each one and attach a leash, drop the leash, move to the next one and attach a leash, etc..., and they wouldn't move until all the leashes were attached, and they were given the command to get up to leave. If this wild bunch could be trained to do this, so can your dog.

Wishing you and your dog wonderful walks!

~ Lisa

Dog Training With Lisa

<https://www.facebook.com/DogTrainingWithLisa/>

*Lisa Lavendar was a dear friend of Jan Bajovich. She is a professional dog trainer.*

# TRADER'S CORNER

**Space on this page is reserved for club members who are wanting to trade, sell or purchase dog training items.**

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 DTDCDC 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](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)

We hope this will serve as a help to you. Questions? [pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)

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# Show 'N Go

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 6 hours of ring time



<b>Classes Offered:</b>	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
<b>Details:</b>	\$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
<b>Pre-Entry Details:</b>	“Events” on DT CDC website: <a href="http://dallasdogtraining.org">dallasdogtraining.org</a> Link: <a href="#">DT CDC Show &amp; Go</a> Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, February 28 Entries close @ Noon Thursday, March 13 (or when limit is reached) Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, March 12 Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, March 14
<b>Upcoming Dates:</b>	4/12, 5/10 and 6/21
<b>Questions:</b>	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 <a href="mailto:Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a>



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





These 2 cuties are Chris Swain's Pomeranians Alula (black) and Chloe at Nosework classes on Valentine's Day! They are appropriately attired for the celebration.



Robin Vogel with Midori and Sandi Myers with Sammy were on duty as Tailwaggin' Tutors at the DeSoto library to read with the children. While they were there, Midori asked Sammy to be her Valentine, he said YES!



(Left) At the February meeting, Sheryll Barker and Theodore received the 2024 Award for Highest Average Rally Score. The award was presented to her by Lisa Wharton, the 2024 training director.

(Below) This photo shows the award boxes Sheryll and her dogs have received over the years - Theo in 2024, Daniel in 2016 and Emma in 2020-2021. Congratulations to Sheryll and her dogs!



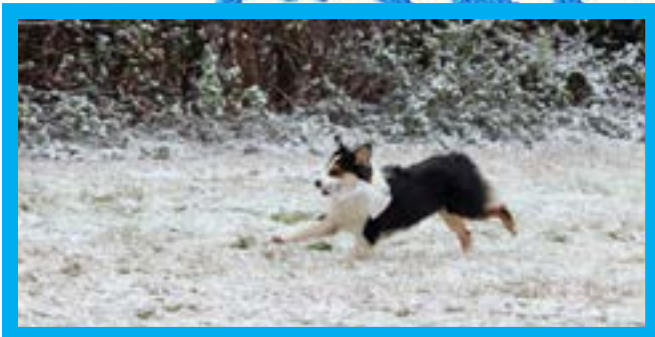




At the February general meeting Michelle Moorman was the winner of the Wheel of Puppy Love. She received a Visa gift card to get something for her sweet dog.



Holly Taylor's dog Hadley (below and left) and Lana Shuman's dog Fiona (above) enjoy the snow!



## Wednesday Afternoon Beginner



Pam White was the instructor of the Wednesday Afternoon Beginner class. These teams excelled in the class:

- Kim Murphy & Buck
- Debbie Kavassi & Carly
- Michele Hosey & Rafa
- Terry Popham & Aja
- Carie Turner & Match (not pictured)



## Monday Evening Puppy Class

Session 1 AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, Monday Evening was instructed by Terri Schurr with Benita Zapata and Michelle Coffin assisting.

All puppies titled and graduated with Honors.

Front row:

Thornell ( and son) Lewis and Simba; Brett Schaffer and Geneva (Neva); Rachel (and husband) Chapman and Millie; Robin Vogel and Micah; Debra Markwardt and Keeper and Jody Woods and Zev.

Back row:

Terri Schurr, Benita Zapata and Michelle Coffin.



## Wednesday Afternoon Intermediate Class



The following students from the Wednesday afternoon Intermediate class earned CGC or CGCA titles:

- Jan Bruner and Dazzle
- Colleen Curgis and Isla
- Dottie Smith and Callie
- Carie Turner and Elsa



## Wednesday Tricks Class



These students from the Wednesday Tricks Class earned titles:

- William Hosey & Dobby, TKI
- Kim Murphy & Pepper, TKI

# DTCDC LIBRARY

## Recommended Resources:

### When Pigs Fly! Training Success with Impossible Dogs

by Jane Killion



A fresh, exciting, and thought-provoking way to look at your dog with new eyes and understanding. While there is some basic training in the book, seasoned trainers should take this book seriously. If you have tried other training books and been unsuccessful in seeing progress with your supposedly "difficult" dog, When Pigs Fly is the book for you.

This book was used for the Train the Trainer (T3) session in January.

### Control Unleashed: Reactive to Relaxed

by Leslie McDevitt



Learn how to turn stress to confidence and distraction to focus using methods that are 110% positive. Leslie McDevitt's versatile Control Unleashed program is designed to help "dogs with issues" learn how to relax, focus, and work off-leash reliably in either stimulating or stressful situations. Whether you're training a challenging dog on your own, an instructor trying to figure out how to help dogs in your classes, or an instructor who wants to design a special program just for stressed out

dogs, this book is for you. Who needs Control Unleashed? Dogs that are uncomfortable or unable to work off lead around other dogs Dog that are easily distracted and have difficulty concentrating Dogs that are reactive or easily aroused Dogs that are anxious or stressed and shut down Dog that are unable to control their impulses when excited This training program can change your dog's life!

**Note:** The Library has a few books that have been checked out for over a year. Please look to see if you have one, please return it so others can read it. Thank you!

This month's books are recommended by our Training Committee.

### No Bad Dogs: The Woodhouse Way

by Barbara Woodhouse



There are no bad dogs, Barbara Woodhouse believes -- only inexperienced owners. She ought to know: in thirty years she has personally trained 17,000 dogs and their owners in her weekend courses, teaching perfect obedience to basic commands in only six and a half hours.

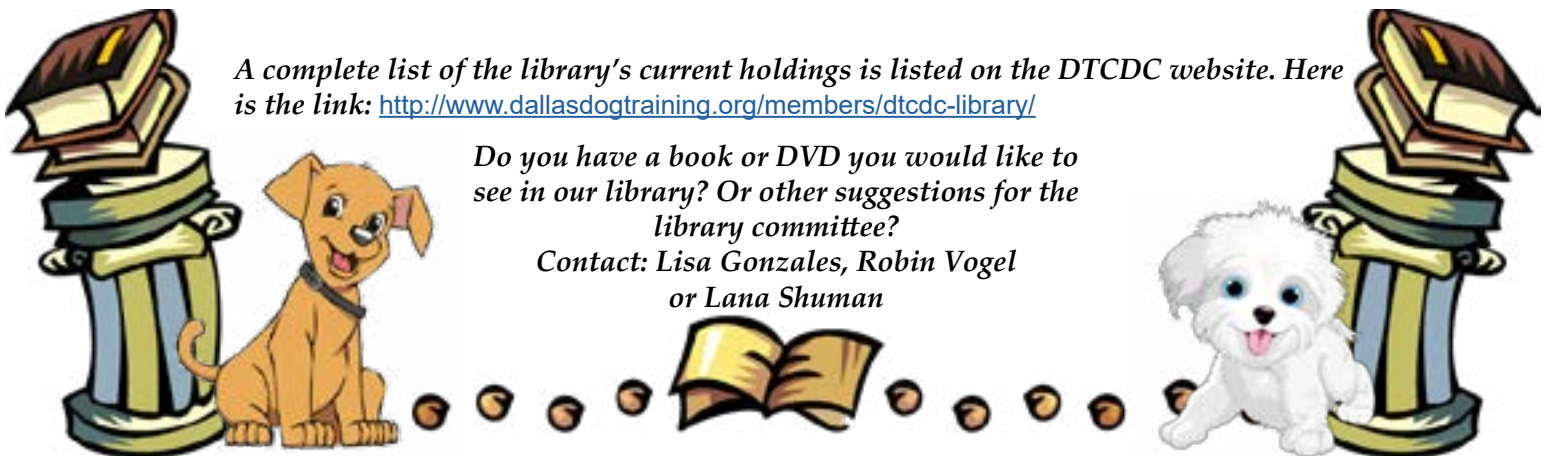
In this irresistible book, you will learn simple, effective techniques as well as the infectious, positive attitude that will enable you to make

the most unruly or nervous dog happily obedient. No Bad Dogs will leave every dog owner with both the skills and the indispensable attitude of love, firmness, and enthusiasm that gets results.

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



# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

*This article isn't exactly about tricks, but it has an interesting premise on what words you need to teach your dog and why. Here are some "tricks" that could make a huge rewards!*

## The Only Seven Words Your Dog Needs to Know

I've been helping people train their dogs for many years. When someone is new to training there is a lot to learn, which means I've heard some questions pretty routinely.

One of the common ones is, "What should I say?"

This question comes up when people want to stop the dog from displaying an undesirable behavior, but they aren't certain what to say. If the dog spots a squirrel and tries to chase it. or darts for the edge of the yard to bark at a passerby, not only do people struggle knowing what to do, but they don't know what to say either.

When a dog is behaving poorly, it can be easy to get flustered. Some folks end up frantically stringing a bunch of words together, "Stop it, NO, leave it, come here!" Generally all of those words don't do any good, and it is quite possible the dog thinks their human is standing on the sideline cheerleading!

The good news is, it doesn't take a lot of training to live at ease with a dog. A few key commands can do the trick to have your dog behave in most situations. For pet owners, here is my recommended list of words you should teach your dog: Come, Sit, Down, Heel, Out, and Quiet.

You will be able to successfully live with your dog and manage most situations that pop up with those six skills. For the average pet, that is all you need. Really, that's it.

If you clearly define each of those words, you can use them individually or paired together to solve problems. Just be certain that the behavior associated with each of those words is made very clear to the dog. Wishy-washy follow through will not get you a well trained dog.



**Definition of the six critical dog training skills:**

**Come:** Dog returns to you and remains in close enough proximity that you can reach down and touch them. They remain next to you until you tell them otherwise.

**Sit:** Dog plants butt on the ground and doesn't get up until you tell them otherwise.

**Down:** Dog puts belly to the ground and doesn't get up until you tell them otherwise.

**Heel:** Dog remains at your side. (Left side is traditional, but you can choose the right if you prefer.) They remain there until you tell them otherwise.

**Out:** Dog releases what is in his/her mouth.

**Quiet:** Dog stops vocalizing.

Why would this be all you need? Think about common problems that come up and see if one, or a combination, of these behaviors would solve the issue?

Dog runs out an open door? Call him to Come. Next time tell him to Sit before you open the door.

Dog jumps on the visitor coming into your home? Tell him to Down before you let the visitor enter.

Dog grabs a sock out of the laundry basket? Tell him to Come, then Out.

Dog is at the fenceline barking at the neighbor? Use this sequence: Come, then Down, followed by Quiet.

Dog wants to drag you over to visit another dog or toward a piece of garbage laying in the street when you are out on a walk? Tell him to Heel.

Keeping it simple means it is easier for you to know what to do in the moment. It is also easier for the dog. Dogs don't generalize well, so teaching a clearly defined meaning with a one or two word cue makes it easier for them to learn.



If you want to teach your dog a lot more than that, fantastic!! Dogs are capable of having a very large vocabulary of words they understand. It just takes time and lots of practice. If you have the time, go for it! For everyone else, communication built on those fundamentals will serve you well.

**There is one last thing**, thus the need for seven words. You need a word that lets your dog know when he's all done. He's free to go, the recess bell has rung and he's at liberty. It isn't a skill, but rather a release from the skill he's been previously asked to do. If you don't teach a release cue, then the dog gets to decide when he's all done, and you probably won't be so happy with the result of your training.

**Free, All Done, At Ease, Break, That'll Do**...pick what you like. Just be sure to bring it into your training from the get go so your dog knows he's not on indefinite lockdown. He can move as soon as he hears the magic word from you.

Happy Training!

<https://robinmacfarlane.com/the-only-seven-words-your-dog-needs-to-know/#:~:text=A%20few%20key%20commands%20can,up%20with%20those%20six%20skills.>



**DTDCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 11 @ 7 P.M.**



**MARCH 2025 DOG CALENDAR:**

- **Poison Prevention Awareness Month.**
- **March 2-8: Professional Pet Sitters Week.**
- **March 14-21: Pet Theft Awareness Week**
- **March 16-22: National Animal Poison Prevention Week:**
- **March 24-30: Tick Bite Prevention Week.**
- **March 1: National Welsh Corgi Day.**
- **March 3: International Tripawd Awareness Day.**
- **March 6-9: Crufts. The world's largest dog show is held in Birmingham, England.**
- **March 8: International Akita Day.**
- **March 13: K-9 Veterans Day.**
- **March 14: Pet Theft Awareness Day.**
- **March 20: National Westie Day.**
- **March 20: Dogs in Yellow 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.**

**APRIL PAWPRINT**

**THEME: PUPPIES**

**DUE DATE: Wed., March 19, (or earlier)**

**MARCH THEME: Training tips for getting started with your new puppy.**

**UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES**

APRIL	Puppies
MAY	Fun Spring Photos of Your Dog(s)
JUNE	Jan Hitchborn and Logan - Nosework

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](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)



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 St. Patrick's Day!



## 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.

**DTCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**

## 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 its use are inside the box the AED is located in.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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](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.





**Jan Hitchborn brags:**

Logan received an invitation to the UKC 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Premier being held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, starting on June 12, 2025 to compete in the national competition for UKC Nosework. Logan is the only dog in our club with his Grand Championship UKC Nosework title. Logan is currently retired (He has done it all!), so he won't be competing. Victor Borrás, one of the founders of the nosework program here at our club, made the following comment when he saw Jan's post on Facebook:

"This is certainly an achievement and an honor that is well-deserved. It was a very rare occurrence when I was able to pick a location in a search scenario that Logan couldn't find. He's earned his retirement fun."

Victor one of Logan's first instructors and continued training with him thru pandemic. Victor went on to be a UKC Nosework judge. Victor is now a licensed professional in drug enforcement canine handler.

**2024 Nosework HALL OF FAME**  
**INVITATIONAL COMPETITION**

We are pleased to invite you to join us at the United Kennel Club's 32nd Annual Premier. By honoring the owner of a Nosework Grand Champion (NWSG), a Nosework Champion (NWSCh), or an elite Nosework SWS dog, we would like to invite your dog to participate in our 2024 Nosework Hall of Fame Invitational Competition. For 2024 Premier, all dogs that have earned the NWSG, NWSCh, or SWS title have been invited. This honor makes the hard work and search of the dog the guide to his owner and provides a unique honor about earning the competition, and embark forward to competing!

**LOCATION**  
 Address: County Expo Center and Hangar, 3000 Lee St., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001  
 Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Sat) or 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Sun) on the 1st and 2nd floors of the building. For more information, please contact the event staff at the venue.

**WINNERS' CIRCLE**  
 Following the conclusion of all competitions on Thursday, June 12, 2025, the winning dog and handler will be presented in the ring. After the ceremony, the winning dog and handler will be presented in the ring. After the ceremony, the winning dog and handler will be presented in the ring. After the ceremony, the winning dog and handler will be presented in the ring.

**ENTRIES**  
 Entry Fee: \$100.00 (includes all materials and supplies for the dog and handler).  
 Payment: Cash or check payable to the event staff.

**PRIZES**  
 The winning dog and handler will receive a trophy and a certificate of achievement. The winning dog and handler will also receive a cash prize of \$1,000.00.

**CONTACT**  
 For more information, please contact the event staff at the venue.



**Karen Henry brags:**

The Henry hounds have had a very successful February so far!!



Not to be outdone, Gambler earned his first leg towards his NAP title with a 1st place.

Such good little dachshunds!!

Calle started things off by earning a 1st place in Preferred Novice Jumpers to complete her NJP title. She also has a leftover brag from the DFW Dachshund Club field trials in December, where she earned 4th place in the Open Bitch stake.

**Alexis Jankowski brags:**

I have some fun brags to include!

At the United Dog Owners Group (UDOG) UKC dog show, my dogs brought in three titles!



Journey earned 1st place in Preferred Open Standard to complete her OAP title.



Anakin earned his UKC Championship! He is now: UKC CH Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC BCAT CGCA CGCU STR TKN ATT FITB



Golden Rea also earned her UKC Championship becoming a dual champion! She is now: GCH CH UKC CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine DCAT CGCA CGCU STR TKN ATT FITS

She is now: NI Spur Creek's Treasured Velvet at Stone Desert BCAT STR FITB!



Lastly, Odie was very impressive during his very first nosework trial with a first place in containers against 8 other dogs with a 13:94 second find!

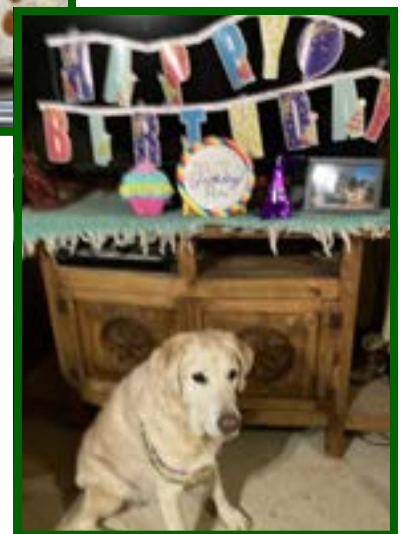


Treasure earned her very first Nosework title! She earned a leg in interior (1:09 minutes / 5th place of 9), exterior (11:25 seconds / 2nd place of 10), and vehicles (13:40 seconds / 2nd place of 9)! Two second place rankings in Novice A!!

**Benita Zapata brags:**



Raiden celebrated her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and enjoyed her cake. Her birthday was February 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Danika Taylor brags:**



R2-D2 has a brag. She earned her IGP1 certification under international FCI judges Gerardo Heredia (head judge) and Rene Benavides Vom Bergkonig (apprentice judge), taking first place at level one. For those that don't know what IGP is, it is an international sport that requires the dog to score 70% or higher in three phases: tracking, obedience, and protection. R2 is only the second bouvier female to earn this title in the last 25 years.

**Jan Bruner brags:**

Dazzle earned her CGCA title on 2/12 at Intermediate class final day! Now on to rally! See photo on [page 35](#).

