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Fun with Agility

Jose Rodriguez and Ruffino are competing in Agility. The best part is how much fun they are having together as they improve. (See another photo on [page 28](#) and brag on [page 59](#).)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Donna Heishman	4/2	Vanita Ellis	4/20
Michele Hosey	4/2	Shari Price	4/21
Jose E. Rodriguez	4/6	Margaret Culbertson	4/27
Emily Baca	4/11	Casey Stewart	4/27
Barbara Elliott	4/12	Katriona Eggleston	4/28
Kendall Lake	4/19	Helena Haynes	4/28



A Very Happy Birthday To All!

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

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

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

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

Sunshine Fund Report

	FEBRUARY	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 31.00	\$ 95.00
Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 62.10
Net	\$ 31.00	\$ 32.90

APRIL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 11 @ 7 P.M.

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



**THEME:
FUN WITH YOUR DOGS**

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A Word from Our President



Why should I volunteer? That's a very important question that has so many answers.

I started thinking about this. In one respect it is kind of like the circle of life. Let's say you volunteer for one (or more) of the 4 events we have scheduled. You talk to someone at the event that becomes interested in the club. That person signs up for a class because of you! Then this person interacts with an instructor volunteer and 1-2 assistant volunteers. This person has now interacted with at least

4 members. If this person takes a second class, they have now networked with 6+ volunteers. Volunteers have shown this person how much fun training can be. And a bonus you and the 5 other members have brought the club \$200+ towards our taxes, utilities, lawn service, housekeeping, etc. the club needs to keep us going. YOU volunteers are the lifeline for our club. Without that first introduction out in public, this person may have never heard of us. If you as instructors and assistants weren't giving your time, the club would not be able to continue, you too are our lifeline. And this person that has now taken two classes, they now become members – and now they are out there volunteering at public events, instructing, and assisting – the circle of our club's life.

Of course, we cannot forget our volunteers that are on committees keeping the club running as far as administrative type work. You pay the bills, schedule the classes, keep drinks in the refrigerator, manage the lawn service, and all the other things that have to be done to keep us going.

But what we all get out of volunteering is so much more – to see that owner and dog finally get in sync, to tell someone their dog's problems are not that bad and can be re-trained, even meeting club members you haven't had the chance to know – making new friends.

Volunteering also crosses two things off your list:

1. To be a current, active member in good standing, each member is to volunteer every year.
2. Our mission statement includes helping the public with their dogs, volunteering accomplishes that as well.

So, thank you to those who give countless hours to our club. And those that haven't volunteered yet, that are shy, nervous, it's always good to do something that makes you a little uncomfortable, out of your comfort zone, to grow. It is very worth your time!

Your President,

Margaret Culbertson



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2023 Officers & Directors

- President - Margaret Culbertson
- Vice President - Ruth Miles
- Training Director - Lisa Wharton
- Secretary - Lisa Gonzales
- Treasurer - Pamela Joyce
- Member at Large - Marye Boyce
- Member at Large - Jan Bruner
- Member at Large - Michele Hosey
- Member at Large - Robin Vogel

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

2023 DT CDC Committees and Chairperson

We have two committees that need committee chairs:

Historian - this chair keeps up with newspaper clippings, events and other things pertaining to the club. If you like to scrapbook, this is the committee for you! Let Margaret Culbertson know if you are interested.

Promotional/Community Events/Advertising - Need a co-chair to help Nicole Litterio with finding, organizing, getting volunteers, set-up, take down of local events such as Meet the Breed, Doggie Days in Mesquite, Parades, Strut your Mutt, etc. This committee has 4-5 volunteers that can help but are not able to co-chair. Fun committee to be on!

Committee	2023 Chair	Emails
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Wall	Benita Zapata	bzapata21@yahoo.com
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DTCDC Committees Information



Legislative Liaison Committee

Chairperson: Stephanie Schoolcraft

The Legislative Liaison committee keeps members apprised of legal issues pertaining to our members and their dogs. This includes updates on changes to existing legislation or new bills or proposals that affect dog owners at both the state and federal levels as well as any changes to legislation affecting AKC, UKC, FCI, AWDF, etc.

This committee's work involves internet research of these legislative issues. Currently, I am the only person on this committee and would welcome members who are interested in joining this committee to help keep our members updated on important issues that affect us as DTCDC members. Anyone who is interested, please email me at stephschool@yahoo.com.

Historian

Chair: Open

The Historian collects articles, letters, photographs and newspaper clippings for inclusion in the Club scrapbook and website.

If you are interested, please contact President Margaret Culbertson at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com.

Library Committee:

Chair: Lisa Gonzales

The Library Committee consists of Lana Shuman, Stephanie Schoolcraft, Robin Vogel and Lisa Gonzales.

We try to meet monthly to work on the library and discuss new ideas.

Recently, we have organized the books by category and have added a lot of new breed specific books. We would love to hear from members with suggestions for more additions.

We will continue to work on and improve the inventory and share information with the club members regarding the great resources available to them.

If you have any ideas or questions for us, please email us at library@dallasdogtraining.org

We also welcome members who are interested in joining the library committee.

**We're looking for
volunteers!**



A Note from Your Training Director



“It’s supposed to be hard. If it wasn’t hard, everyone would do it. The hard... is what makes it great.”

~ Jimmy Dugan

Do we give up too soon? Do we set our goals too low? Do we underestimate what our dogs can achieve? Do we underestimate what we are capable of teaching our dogs? How many times have trainers said “I just want a green ribbon” and then are disappointed after getting that green ribbon because they know they didn’t really train as hard as possible. Those sits weren’t as quick or as straight as they would have liked. The dog lost focus because not enough practice time with distractions of people or noise. We train without expecting the best from our dogs or ourselves. We allow a crooked sit time after time rather than planning ahead and helping the dog perform a straight sit. We continue to aid the dog with lures, verbal or body cues rather than fading those aids and make the dog take responsibility for their part in the performance. We fail to spend time on the fundamentals until we have them perfected before moving on and then accuse the dog of being obstinate or stubborn. When in reality we haven’t provided clear instructions on what was expected.



Periodically it is wise to evaluate our training. If the desired improvement is not evident, we need to change something. Give thought to your training sessions. Keep a journal and track exercises done each session and the record the results. This will help you evaluate your progress. There are a multitude of training books and videos in the club library available to check out. You might not agree with everything you read or see, or the suggested training method might be irrelevant with your dog. However, the next time you instruct or assist a dog might be having a problem that something you saw or read would help them. Dog training has changed over the years and we as trainers can not stay static and never expand our knowledge base. You-tube is a good source of training videos. Go to a dog show or class without your dog to observe what other handlers are doing. Become a student of your dog and the competition events you participate.

Hard work doesn’t guarantee success but that’s what makes it challenging.

Happy Training!

Lisa Wharton, Training Director

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



Session 2 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for Session 2. Session 2 starts on February 27 and runs through April 8.

Below are also are the session dates for the 2023 calendar year.

Best Regards,

Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White, Krissy Heishman

2023 DTDCD Training Committee

Have a question? Contact the training committee at: training@dallasdogtraining.org

SESSION 2 - 2023							
Class	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Instructor	Assistant	
Beginner	Monday	6 - 7 p.m.	2/27/2023	4/3/2023	Benita Zapata	Shari Price, Nicole Desproges, Michelle Coffin, Madison Gover	
Puppy	Monday	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	2/27/2023	4/3/2023	David Elliott	Ruth Miles, Vicky Waits, Barbara Elliott, Kristal Hatcher	
Intermediate	Monday	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	2/27/2023	4/3/2023	Lisa Wharton	Shelley Carr	
Master Nosework*	Tuesday	1 - 4 p.m.	2/28/2023	4/4/2023	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgeann Hughes		
DTDCD Board Meeting	Tuesday	7 p.m.	3/7/2023	3/7/2023	Margaret Culbertson		
DTDCD General Meeting	Tuesday	7 p.m.	3/14/2023	3/14/2023	Margaret Culbertson		
DTDCD Club Training	Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	3/28/2023	3/28/2023	Training Committee		
Conformation Class**	Tuesday	6 - 7 p.m.	3/21/2023	3/28/2023	Jan Bruner	Pam White	
Open/Utility*	Wednesday	10 a.m. - Noon	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Mona O'Gorman	Darlene Schermerhorn	
Intermediate	Wednesday	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Pam White	Michele Hosey	
Beginner	Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Mim Aiken	Carie Turner, Sherry Worley; Sandra Iglesias	
Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	Wednesday	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Michele Hosey		
Beginner	Wednesday	6 - 7 p.m.	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Marye Boyce	Lisa Gonzales, Samantha Colvard, Steven Boyce	
Novice Polish	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	Marye Boyce	Steven Boyce, Kinnie Hardaway	
B Nose & B Obedience*	Thursday	2 - 3 p.m.	3/2/2023	4/6/2023	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgeann Hughes		
Rally Master*	Thursday	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	3/2/2023	4/6/2023	Sheryll Barker	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata	
Rally Novice	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.	3/2/2023	4/6/2023	Sheryll Barker	Kinnie Hardaway	
Rally Adv & Ex	Thursday	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	3/2/2023	4/6/2023	Sheryll Barker		
Beginner Open/Utility*	Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	3/2/2023	4/6/2023	Lisa Wharton	Melissa Chojnacki, Ruth Miles	
Open/Utility*	Friday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3/3/2023	4/7/2023	Mona O'Gorman	Darlene Schermerhorn	
Advance Nose Work	Friday	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	3/3/2023	4/7/2023	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgeann Hughes, Barbara DeLamar, Kadee Ingelhart		
Beg Nosework	Friday	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/3/2023	4/7/2023	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgeann Hughes, Barbara DeLamar, Kadee Ingelhart		
Miscellaneous	Saturday	available for optional training events					
Adv Open *	Sunday	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3/5/2023	4/16/2023	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
Adv Utility*	Sunday	12 - 1 p.m.	3/5/2023	4/16/2023	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		

* Invite only

** no class during club events

- no class 4/9/23 - Easter Sunday

Training Sessions and Start Date 2023

Session 1	-	start date	-	January 2	Session 4	-	start date	-	June 19
Session 2	-	start date	-	February 27	Session 5	-	start date	-	August 14
Session 3	-	start date	-	April 24	Session 6	-	start date	-	October 9



Session 3 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for Session 3. Session 3 starts on April 24 and runs through June 4.

We still need volunteers for this session. Please contact us if you are available.

Best Regards,

Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White, Krissy Heishman

2023 DTCCDC Training Committee

Have a question? Contact the training committee at: training@dallasdogtraining.org

2023 Session 3									
Class	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	Assistant	
Puppy	Monday	3 - 4 p.m.	4/24/2023	6/5/2023	Terri Schurr	Robin Vogel			
Beginner	Monday	6 - 7 p.m.	4/24/2023	6/5/2023	Kristal Hatcher	Lisa Gonzales, Shelly Carr, Miriam Inglehart			
Puppy	Monday	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	4/24/2023	6/5/2023	Jeff Young	Eric Coffin, Erin Castillo, Sergio Castillo, Holly Taylor			
Intermediate	Monday	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	4/24/2023	6/5/2023	Lisa Wharton	Jean Villa			
Master Nosework*	Tuesday	1 - 4 p.m.	4/25/2023	5/30/2023	Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata, Georgeann Hughes				
DTCCDC Board Meeting	Tuesday	7 p.m.	5/2/2023	5/2/2023	Margaret Culbertson				
DTCCDC Gen. Mtg	Tuesday	7 p.m.	5/9/2023	5/9/2023	Margaret Culbertson				
DTCCDC Club Training	Tuesday	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	4/25/2023	4/25/2023	Training Committee				
DTCCDC Club Training	Tuesday	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	5/30/2023	5/30/2023	Training Committee				
Conformation Class**	Tuesday	6 - 7 p.m.	4/18/2023	4/25/2023	Ken Hagmueller	Sandi Myers			
Conformation Class**	Tuesday	6 - 7 p.m.	5/16/2023	5/30/2023	Ken Hagmueller	Sandi Myers			
Open/Utility*	Wednesday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Mona O'Gorman				
Intermediate	Wednesday	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Cindy Sullivan	Pam White, Robbie Zeske			
Beginner	Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Carie Turner	Jean Robson, Kay Mashburn, Sherry Worley			
Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	Wednesday	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Michele Hosey				
Beginner	Wednesday	6 - 7 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Jorge Ayala	Kinnie Hardaway, Emily Baca, Vicki Jackson, Lisa Gonzales			
Puppy	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Mary Ann Magness	Kinnie Hardaway, Cathy Yaurhus, Kat Eggleston, Vicki Jackson			
Novice polish	Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	4/26/2023	5/31/2023	Mark Malone	Pam Joyce			
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Beginner Open/Utility*	Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	4/27/2023	6/1/2023	Lisa Wharton	Melissa Chojnacki, Ruth Miles			
Open/Utility*	Friday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	4/28/2023	6/2/2023	Mona O'Gorman				
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May 29 Memorial Day - no class		* Invite only	** no class during club events						

Information We Need to Know

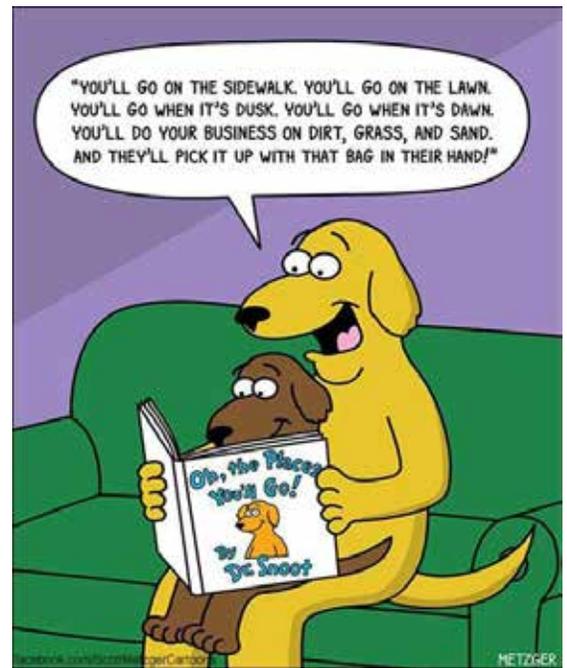
1.	<p>Lock Codes: Please contact Margaret Culbertson at (texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com) if you need the codes.</p>
2.	<p>Incident Reports: Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings: April Board Meeting will be held April 4 at 7 p.m. May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 2 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: April General Meeting is a hybrid held April 11 at 7 p.m. Register for the zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZMld-Cgqz-kqH9HKW2DIB9aTZwfDhZSwq681 May General Meeting will be held May 9 at 7 p.m.</p>
4.	<p>Fill out Class Registration Sheet for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a Zoom account for meetings. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Margaret Culbertson (texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com)</p>
6.	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for 4/15/2023. This is the 4/15/2023 Eventbrite link. (It is now active). You must register by noon on Friday, April 14 (or until we reach our limit) to participate. Upcoming Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 May 6 🐾 June 3 🐾 Aug. 19 🐾 Sept. 9 🐾 Oct. 21 🐾 Dec. 31 Contact Pam Chrystal @ valimar1@msn.com or Jan Bruner @ janb0323@gmail.com with questions. Also see the flyer on page 53.</p>
7.	<p>The club's Wi-Fi and password information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically. • Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name & password. <p>Contact: Donna Heishman, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p>FOR MEMBERS ONLY! The code for class registration is: peacelovetrain Classes are found at: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</p>
9.	<p>Submit items for PawPrint to Editor Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, maintenance chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: rv_miles@yahoo.com or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>

Information We Need to Know



<p>11.</p>	<p>Missed Class Policy</p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>First Responder Discount Policy</p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Sunshine Fund <u>March Birthdays Recognized!</u></p> <p>Our next monthly meeting is coming up Tuesday, March 14. We will be recognizing people who have birthdays in March. 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 elynnnew@gmail.com</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p>April Members Training</p> <p>Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2023 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>See you at the club for the April Members Training on April 27. Details pending. Watch your email inbox for information soon...</p> <p>See you there!</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p> 
<p>16.</p>	<p>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</p> <p>Need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p>Donna Heishman Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p>Margaret Culbertson</p>

Thank you, Robert Chojnacki, for seeing something that needed to be done and doing it. He hauled off that large pile of tree limbs and twigs that were in front of the club for a couple of weeks.



Active Membership Requirements:

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

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

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

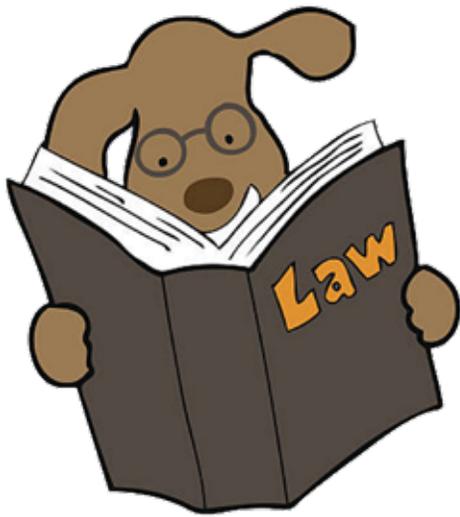
*From THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS COUNTY, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.
As Amended as of November 10, 2020. Article II, Section 1: Membership*



AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

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

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



Legislative Liaison Update

National, State and Local

Texas Bills Regulating Hobbyists

[House Bill 2238](#) was heard on March 22 in the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. And Senate Bill 876 was heard on March 28 in the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. Both bills were left pending in committee for now, but could still be scheduled for a vote in the coming weeks, so it is necessary to continue contacting the committees. A staff member from the AKC Government Relations team attended both hearings and testified against the bills.

AKC outreach efforts were successful as the sponsor State Representative Brad Buckley and State Senator Pete Flores received many calls in opposition to the bills. As a result, the sponsors have agreed to meet with AKC to discuss their concerns with the bills and

AKC has expressed their appreciation for their willingness to work with them. Currently, there is no need to continue to contact the sponsor’s office in opposition to this legislation.

If you would like to email their offices and thank them for agreeing to meet with AKC please send them to: Brad.Buckley@house.texas.gov and Pete.Flores@senate.texas.gov.

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Current Texas Kennel Law

In view of last month’s article (March 2023 PawPrint) about the possible changes to licensing thresholds for breeders in Texas, here is a summary of current Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) rules.

License Requirement

You must be licensed, if you meet both of the following conditions:

- You possess 11 or more adult female dogs and/or cats that are capable of reproduction
- Within one calendar year, you sell, exchange, or offer to sell or exchange at least 20 dogs and/or cats
- Each adult female animal in your possession that is capable of reproduction will be presumed to be used for breeding purposes, unless you can establish, based upon breeding records or other evidence, that the animal is not used for breeding.

Persons who operate without a license may be subject to enforcement actions, including administrative penalties and sanctions in an amount up to \$5,000 per day for each violation.

TDLR implemented new rules for 2023 about the inspections TDLR conducts for licensed dog breeders in the State of Texas.

The adopted rules provide default procedures for inspections TDLR is authorized to conduct. They provide that:

1. TDLR may perform inspections with or without advance notice to ensure compliance with statute or rule, or as a result of a complaint;
2. Inspections will be performed during the regular operating hours of the location being inspected;
3. Upon completion of an inspection, the license holder, applicant, or representative will be provided with the results of the inspection in writing;
4. TDLR may use alternative inspection methods, including the use of videoconference technology, instead of conducting an in-person inspection; and
5. A license holder, applicant, or other person must cooperate in the performance of an inspection. Different or more specific procedures may be provided in individual program rules.
6. Dog and cat breeders are regulated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, P.O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711, 1-800-803-9202, 512-463-6599, www.license.state.tx.us

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – March 7, 2023

Minutes

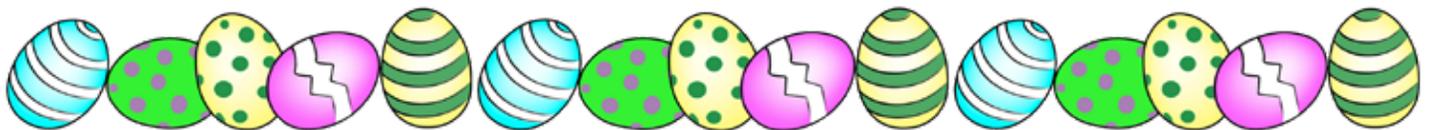
Meeting called by	Margaret Culbertson
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Margaret Culbertson
Note taker	Lisa Wharton
Attendees	At Club: Marye Boyce, Jan Bruner, Michelle Hosey, Robin Vogel, Lisa Wharton, Margaret Culbertson, Pam Joyce By Zoom: Mark Malone
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Margaret Culbertson	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Culbertson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

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

TREASURERS REPORT – Pam Joyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial information 						
Conclusion	<table> <tr> <td>Total Revenue</td> <td>7,881.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditures</td> <td>3,040.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net</td> <td>4,841.80</td> </tr> </table>	Total Revenue	7,881.94	Total Expenditures	3,040.14	Net	4,841.80
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TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 2 – classes underway • Session 3 – splitting puppies less than and over 6 months • Train the members – February: CGC Evaluator training • Train the members – March • Aggressive dog policy • Nosework study options for SNG
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session 3: splitting puppies less than and over 6 months to give more STAR puppy opportunity - Train the members: February 12 participants attended - Train the members: March fun night from January that was cancelled - Aggressive dog policy presented and will be published - Nosework SNG possibility – there are logistical issues that need to be resolved and scope would be limited

SHOW N GO – Jan Bruner

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show N Go – March 18 • Other dates April 15, May 6 • Vote on other dates – 6/3, no July, 8/19, 9/9, 10/21, no Nov, 12/30
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates approved

MEMBERSHIP - Ruth Miles by Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new applicants • Cancellation of February New Member Orientation
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All applicants approved

SUGGESTION BOX – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No suggestions in box
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MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Jan, Robin, Marye, Michele

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a report of a few people not hearing from their MALs
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New list provided to MALs with instructions to make contact

OLD BUSINESS -

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime membership • Committee chairs have been notified, awaiting response. Still need a Historian and Event/PR/Adv co-chair • Social is now Lisa Gonzalez and Samantha C • Event/PR/Adv co-chair – Nicole Litterio
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lapsed membership – discussed procedure • Use of club for Therapy test, should the test takers be paying a fee. • Event – Doggie Derby Days Saturday April 22. 9 a.m. set up, 10 – 2 p.m.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member will be voted on at general meeting to reinstate

- The therapy testing should use building without fee as it furthers club's mission in the public.
- Doggie Derby Days will be good opportunity for public exposure

By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM
Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Wharton

CALLING ALL OWNER HANDLERS

HOW TO BE COMPETITIVE AGAINST PRO HANDLERS

Get yourself a nice dog - a quality animal is always the first step in finding success in the show ring

Dress the part - professional attire is the first step

Train your dog - a well-trained show dog will help you be successful

Know your breed standard - being familiar with your breed standard will assist you in understanding how to present your breed

Know your dog's strengths and weaknesses - knowing your dog will help you showcase the dog's virtues and downplay the dog's shortcomings

Observe - watch your favorite dog/handler teams to

Be prepared - set yourself up for success by having everything you need at the dog show

Give yourself plenty of time - rushing creates anxiety and stress

Stick to the plan - don't try new things in the show ring

Advocate for your dog - always be prepared to do what is best for your dog

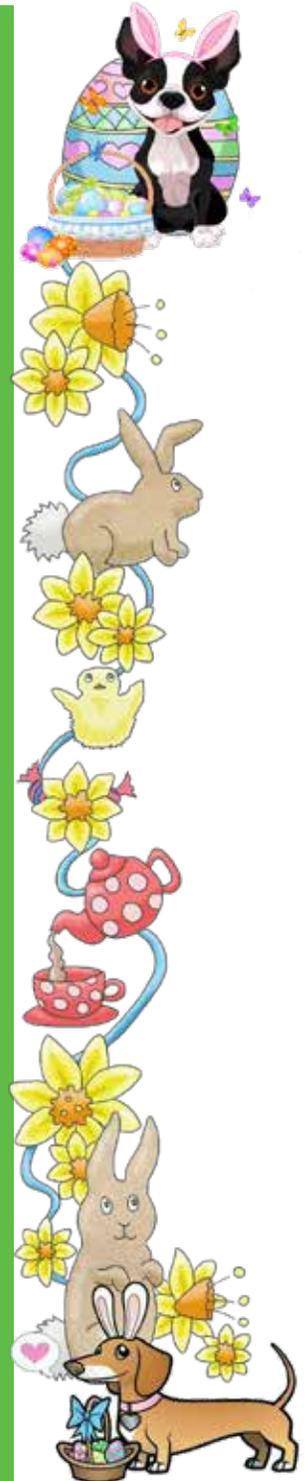
Remember,

YOU have the advantage with less dogs to show!

YOU have a right to be there!

You can do this!

www.showdogprepschool.com



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – March 14, 2023

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Margaret Culbertson
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Attendance Roster – Zoom & in person
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Margaret Culbertson 7 pm Thanks to everyone for being at the club and online Remind all speakers to be short and to come up to the “spot” We thank Lisa and Shelley for bringing snacks</p>

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the February General Membership meeting minutes
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General consensus approved

TREASURER’S REPORT – Pam Joyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report information for February
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SUNSHINE –Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Box needs donations • March Birthdays
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MEMBERSHIP – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new members all approved this month. • Jeri Martin (renewal) • Sergio and Erin Arciniega • Katriona Eggleston(Kat) • New Member Orientation in February was canceled
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PAW PRINT – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for the April Paw Print is March 22, 2023 Earlier is even better. • April theme is Fun with your dog in Spring. Fun games you play with your dog. • Suggestions for Paw Print Topics are encouraged. • Don't forget to send in brags, pictures (note if for front cover) to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org • May is Dog Moms month
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TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 2 • Session 3 starts April 24th. We still need volunteers for this session. • March membership training meeting – Fun with Your Dog March 28 at 7:30 p.m.
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PURCHASING – Margaret Culbertson for Lynda Holman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The custom ordered long sleeve shirts have arrived and are at the club. If you ordered any, they are ready for you to pick up. • Short sleeve and polo shirts are in stock in back storeroom. • Name tags in the kitchen in box for badges
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SHOW N GO – Jan Bruner

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 18th next Show N Go • April 15 is the next Show n Go • Volunteers are always needed. It is a good opportunity to see alternate training styles.
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EVENT/PR/ADVERTIZING – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doggie Derby Day – Saturday April 22 10-2 (9:00 setup). We need all type of volunteers. Location: Opal Lawrence Historical Park. 711 E Kearney St. Mesquite TX • We will have a booth, set up a small rally course for the public to try. • May have therapy dogs to let kids read to. • Dogs must have a title • SPCA Strutt Your Mutt April 15th Dallas Fair Park 8am to 11am • May (date unknown), a Saturday at the Pet Supply Plus in Waxahachie, sign up to attend • Notebook for members and dog shots/Make sure your records are up to date. • Thanks to all members that have stepped up and let us know of events around town • Need a co-chair to help Nicole Litterio as she is out of town a lot and cannot be at all events.
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TECHNOLOGY – Margaret Culbertson for Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need volunteers for both zoom and in person IT, using projector. Etc. Anyone that is interested in learning how to do these things is welcome. • Computer, router, VOIP, Nest thermostat help.
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INSTAGRAM – Abby Thomas

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instagram profile: Dogtrainingclubofdallascounty
	Will share photos of Dog of the Week, Training Tips and more

SOCIAL – Lisa Gonzales and Samantha Colvard

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

OLD BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	N/A
Conclusion	.

NEW BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We want to thank Bob Chojnacki for picking up brush that had been sitting for three months and hauling it off.
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Snacks for March: Ruth Miles and Pamela Joyce

Adjourn the meeting to brags at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gonzales

DOG SOCIALIZATION

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T!



IT IS NOT:

- Playing with other dogs
- Meeting all people
- Going to dog parks
- Going to dog-friendly patios, restaurants, and stores
- Greeting dogs on leash



IT IS:

- Exposure to different sights, smells, and noises
- Exposure to different body handling (cooperative care)
- Being neutral around people, dogs, and kids!
- Maintaining focus in highly distracting environments
- Building positive associations with all of the above!



IT IS EXCITING! We have 4 upcoming public events. It's been 9 months since the public has seen the Dog Training Club of Dallas County in action. We are hitting the road with a bang! We are updating our booth, updating our handout, coming up with fun interactive demos – so now all we need is YOU!

If you didn't sign up at the last general membership meeting or text me that you can help – PLEASE read the information below and respond to me if you can help (text 214-926-4273 or email texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com)...the more the merrier!

Remember that your dog must have a title to represent the club - basically any title except the S.T.A.R. Puppy Certificate. That doesn't mean you cannot come without your dog to answer questions and talk to interested people – or you can be a participant with your dog, you just can not represent the club.

EVENT 1: SPCA Strut Your Mutt

Date:	April 15
Location:	Dallas Fair Park [Outside] Margaret is touring this venue April 6 th
Schedule:	
6 a.m.	(OMG!) Set up
7 a.m.	Event Registration
8 – 11 a.m.	5k Run/Walk
11 a.m.	Tear Down

The race to end animal cruelty.

<https://spca.org/support-us/events/strut-your-mutt/#/form>

Details:

- We will have a booth. They are roping off an area for demos in a grassy area so we can demo with jumps.
- Need some of you early risers for the 6 a.m. set up.
- We need members without dogs and members with dogs to chat with visitors.
- We need members with dogs willing to do demos. You can plan your own (or a group) demo. We want things that are exciting to an audience such as amazing utility exercises, rally, trick dogs, etc. Of course, we will do called heeling exercises and what's time with our dogs without a few timed stays!
- Need some people that can stay to tear down.



EVENT 2: Doggie Derby Day, Mesquite, Texas

Date:	Saturday, April 22
Schedule:	
9 a.m.	Set up
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Activities
Location:	Opal Lawrence Historical Park [Outside] 701-711 E. Kearney St. Mesquite, TX 75149

Margaret toured this venue March 18th.

Details:

- This Opal Lawrence Historical Park is very pretty. The grass is lush and green. There are approximately 6 historical buildings to see. It's well worth the few hours of your time to volunteer and to see these old buildings.
- We will have a booth and plenty of space for demos on nice grass. Our booth placement is right in the center of the activity. Besides demos we want to set up an interactive easy rally course for visitors to try with one-on-one help from DTCDC members. With all the beautiful trees, a little area with a therapy dog or two for the young visitors to read to, would be a fun, different type of demonstration.
- We need members without dogs and members with dogs to chat with visitors.
- We need members w/dogs willing to do demos. You can plan your own (or a group) demo. We want things that are exciting to an audience such as amazing utility exercises, rally, trick dogs etc.
- We need members with therapy dogs to be read to. We need members that are familiar with rally signs to guide visitors through the short course.



EVENT 3: Strut Your Mutt – Waxahachie [Outside]

Date:	May 13 (Just added to the list)
Location:	Getzendander Park 400 S Grand Ave Waxahachie, TX 75165
Schedule:	
7a.m.	Set Up
8 a.m.	Event Registration
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	5k Run
12 p.m.	Tear Down

The race to end animal cruelty.

Details:

- We will have a booth. They are roping off an area for demos in a grassy area so we can demo with jumps.
- Need some of you early risers for the 6 a.m. set up.
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- We need members with dogs willing to do demos. You can plan your own (or a group) demo. We want things that are exciting to an audience such as amazing utility exercises, rally, trick dogs, etc. Of course, we will do called heeling exercises and what's time with our dogs without a few timed stays!
- Need some people that can stay to tear down.



EVENT 4: Pet Supply Plus Waxahachie [Inside]

Date:	May 6 th
Location:	791 N Hwy 77 Suite 205 Waxahachie, TX 75165
Schedule:	
9 a.m.	Set Up
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Demos and Chatting
2:30 p.m.	Tear Down

Details:

There is a new franchise owner. David Elliot and his Great Dane were there shopping. The franchise owner was very impressed with how well-behaved the dog was which led to a discussion about our club. Franchise owner wants us to set up in the back of his store and show the customers well-trained dogs. He will advertise about our coming so hopefully there will be a lot of foot/paw traffic.



FURTHER NOTES:

Margaret has contacted Tri-City Animal Shelter in Cedar Hill to see what's going on in their world. The Volunteer coordinator is on maternity leave until March 28th but she hopes we can get involved with them again.

If you hear of some event we should be in attendance, please let Margaret know. We do need 30-45 days advance notice to pull it together.





February 28, 2023

CGC Evaluator Information Training



A dozen club members ventured out Tuesday night to learn about becoming CGC Evaluators and eventually help the club instruct Puppy Classes. Ruth Miles and Shelley Carr graciously volunteered to provide people treats – it was a tasty feast for all. Thank you, Ruth and Shelley.

Terri Schurr, CGC Committee Chair, and the Training Committee members (David Elliott, Melissa Chojnacki, Pam White, and Krissy Heishman) presented the steps involved to become a CGC evaluator. They presented not only the rules and regulations but practical applications from their own experiences.

David Elliott and Maggie volunteered to be test dog, Terri Schurr and Gidgett were the distraction team, and Pam White administered the mock CGC test. Pam then lead a Q&A session regarding parts of the test and the precision in which each station was performed by David and Maggie. Fortunately, a few planned mishaps created the opportunity to demonstrate how an evaluator should handle situations if the test were real.

I hope those in attendance received enough information and feel equipped to take the next step by submitting their application to AKC Canine College to become a CGC Evaluator. I'm so proud of the job Terri, David, Melissa, Pam and Krissy did making their presentations. Thank you to everyone present for giving your evening to learn about an area you can help further the mission of this club to help dogs become obedient members of families and our society.

Lisa Wharton, Training Director







March 28, 2023

Club Fun and Games Night

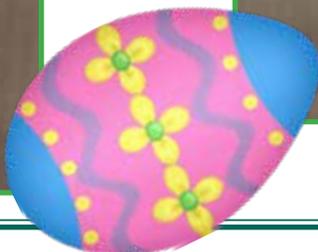
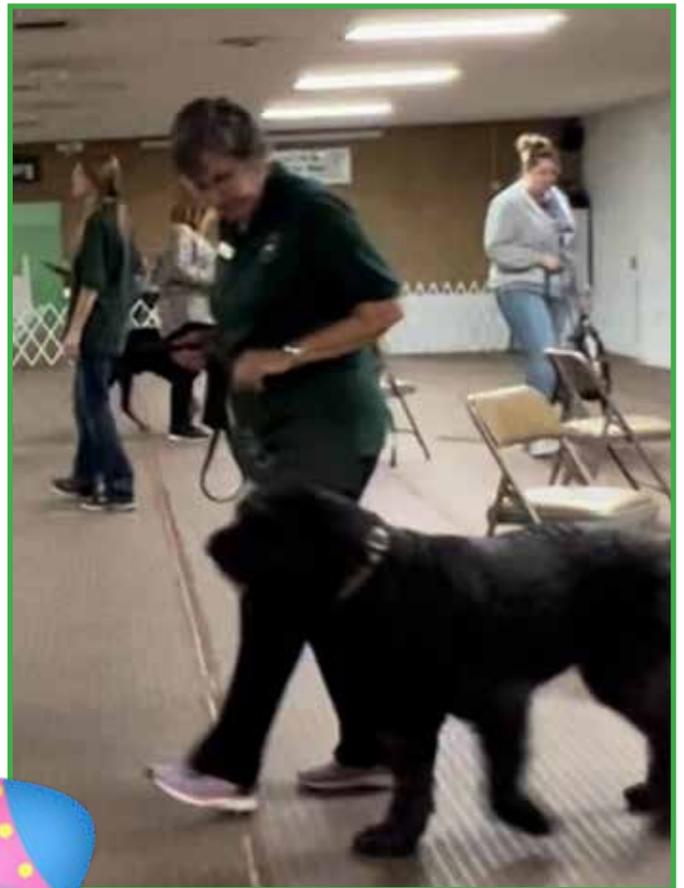
The member night of fun and games is in the books. We learned that catching treats is harder than is sounds but four teams did manage the feat. The winners were: Emily Baca Carr, Ruth Miles, Sherry Worley and Carie Turner. Pam White led the group in a bit of dancing with your dog, during which Sandi Myers had Sammy rolling across the floor which was so cute. We had a break for the handlers to catch their breath and eat snacks. There was a game of musical chairs, which had an increased level of obedience tasks rather than just a sit to pass through to the next level. Bob Chojnacki provided excellent tasks that added an obedience component to the game rather than just fighting for chairs. The final two participants were so close, but Ruth Miles/William team was victorious. There was a fastest recall contest one by Emily Carr. The last game was Simon Says. The still undefeated club winner is Sandi Myers. I'm not sure how many YEARS she has held the title, but I think we should just say that she OWNS that game.

Thank you to all who made it to the club last night and shared in the games. It provided a night of silliness and laughs. Thank you to Pam White and Melissa Chojnacki for making the night happen. Vernon Miles thank you for recording the night in pictures.



Lisa Wharton, Training Director







Coverdog

Photo shoot



Another photo of Ruffino and Jose Rodriguez from their awesome agility run. Go, Team Ruffino!



Coverdog

Photo shoot



Kadee Inglehart and El competed in Junior Handlers conformation at the ASDR show on March 11. Although they didn't place, they worked great together and received lots of praise from the judge. Her parents, Miriam and Stephen, were so proud of them!



Coverdog

Photo shoot



Kadee Inglehart and El competing in Junior Handlers at the ASDR show on March 11.





Looking for fun things to do with your dog? You've come to the right place! If there's one thing for sure, it's that there's never a dull day when you have a dog in your life. But sometimes it's fun to try something new, and there are many ways you can enjoy time with your canine companion!

1. Go on a walking tour of a city

One of the best ways to explore a new city is by foot, and a savvy guide can show you and your dog the secret local spots you might otherwise overlook.

2. Go for a run or jog together

Parks and towns are not just for walking, so lace up, leash up and hit the ground running with your pooch by your side. It's easy to get started as a lone pair, or visit your local FREE park run to join in the fun with other runners and furry friends. Please be wary of the weather and do not take your dog out in hot weather.

3. Explore a National or State Park

Planning a day out exploring the countryside? Take your dog with you! There are numerous national and Texas State Parks that contain some of our most breath-taking and treasured landscapes, and offer endless opportunities for quality time with your canine companion.



4. Meet friends for canine playdates

Does your dog have some dog friends? Invite them over to your house or to the park for some playtime! This way, you'll get the chance to catch up with your friends too – and you'll have one tired dog at the end of the day. Becoming a dog owner is a great way to meet new friends too.



5. Play games at the park

A visit to the park is sure to get your dog's tail wagging! You can play Frisbee, tug or war, fetch, follow the leader, hide and seek – and much more. Not only do games boost communication between you and your pooch, they also help to train your dog in a fun way!

6. Go on a dog friendly holiday

As pet-friendly holiday options continue to grow, it's easier than ever before to take your pet on holiday with you!



7. Go to the beach at a lake or the Gulf of Mexico

A day out to the coast is sure to make a happy dog, so why not enjoy a day at the beach and let your dog sniff, run and frolic in the sand, as well as splash in the sea! It's definitely a fun, active and inexpensive way to spend the day.



8. Go swimming or splashing

Head over to your local lake or dog friendly swimming pool or splash fountain at your local city park and enjoy a day of swimming or getting wet with your dog.

9. Go to agility, trick or obedience lessons

Teach your dog some new tricks by going to official obedience and agility classes. If your dog gets really good, you could even take part in an agility competition! (Just ask Jose!)

10. Enter a dog show

If you own a purebred dog, dog showing is a popular canine activity and is a great way to show others why your dog is the best in the world. Those same shows give you the opportunity to compete in Conformation, Rally, Obedience and often these days other activities such as Barn Hunt or Fast CAT.

11. Have a photo shoot with your dog

Boost your photography skills with the help of your dog as the main star! Collect the pictures, get them printed and create a keepsake for all the happy memories you create with your dog.

12. Make your dog a social media star

Now you have lots of lovely photos, you could create a social media account for your dog to share your best pictures with your friends and family.

13. Take your dog to work with you

If your workplace is dog friendly, why not bring your four-legged friend into the office for the day? Many scientific studies have concluded the presence of pets can substantially reduce a person's stress level in the workplace. Even better – you could have a chat with your workplace about taking part in Take Your Dog to Work Day! Take Your Dog to Work Day is an annual nationwide event that raises money for charities dedicated to making a difference to the welfare of dogs. Don't forget to give your dog a flashy new job title too – hello, Barking Manager!

14. Start a blog about your dog

In the digital age, what better way to document the memories you make with your dog than to start a blog? You could write about all the adventures you go on together, review pet products, share the latest news in the world of dogs, post about all your favourite dog friendly activities and days out, showcase the best pictures of your dog – and much more!

15. Give your dog a massage

Your dog probably loves it when you pet them and rub their belly – but have you considered giving your dog a massage too? Massage can help to reduce stress and anxiety, promote well being and strengthen the bond between you and your dog.





16. Become a Therapy Dog volunteer (Ask David Elliott and Mark Malone)

Volunteering can be one of the most rewarding things to do with your dog. You know how much joy and happiness your dog brings to your life, so why not get your dog trained and certified Therapy Dog? Together, you could visit schools, hospitals or nursing homes to provide comfort and companionship to young, sick or elderly people.



17. Draw or paint your dog's picture

Sitting down with a paintbrush and paper is a lovely way to pass the time with your dog, and a pet portrait is an excellent way to honour your fur baby! Plus – you don't need to be Picasso to do a great job!

18. Create the perfect garden

Green thumbs everywhere can enjoy some outdoor time with their dog, whilst building up the perfect garden at the same time.

19. Give paddle boarding a try

Stand up paddle boarding with your dog can be great fun. Experience this new and exciting activity in the great outdoors with your furry best friend!

20. Sit and watch the sunrise or sunset

There's nothing more tranquil than sitting back and watching the sunrise, so head out for an early morning walk with your dog and say hello to a new day together.

21. Organize a camping trip

Camping holidays are great, because many campsites allow you to bring your dog along to join in the fun. With beautiful landscapes to discover and plenty of outdoor space to explore, sniff and run around in – your dog will love it!

22. Go shopping at a pet store

Treats, toys, grooming products, beds – a pet store is the perfect place to treat your dog to something new! Take them along to get their approval first hand before buying.

23. Go to a dog friendly pub, café or restaurant

There are hundreds of dog friendly pubs, cafes and restaurants around Texas, who will be happy to welcome you and your furry friend for lunch/drinks.

24. Go to an outdoor event

Head over to your local community websites and have a look at what dog friendly events are taking place. Think outdoor movies, fairs, village fetes, farmers markets, parades, dog friendly festivals, car boot sales – and many more!

25. Play with nature's seasonal offerings

One of the easiest things to do with your dog is make use of what the seasons have to offer. Sprinklers, puddles, snow – every season offers something new and exciting for your dog to play in!





26. Go geocaching

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt where players follow global positioning satellite (GPS) coordinates listed on the geocaching Web site in search of a cache (items hidden away for later). Geocaching has grown in popularity on the outdoor activity scene, and your dog can easily tag along! Find out more about geocaching

27. Go on a road trip to a new town or city

The world is your oyster and goes way beyond your local towns and villages. Hit the road with your canine companion and see what a new place can offer you! Before you go, make sure you look into what local dog friendly days out and activities are available so you spend your time wisely.

28. Ride on a boat, canoe or kayak ride (Bill Heishman has taken Sparky in his Kayak)

There is lots to explore at your local lake, so why not take to the water and enjoy the scenic views with your dog? They will be captain of the kayak in no time!



29. Visit a farm (Prepare for Farm Dog Certification)

Bring your dog along to explore your local farm and see the chickens, cows and pigs!

30. Practice clicker training

Clicker training involves using a small ticker device that produces a distinct sound, in order to train your dog to associate reward with specific good behavior.

31. Go for a picnic

Whether it's at the local park, beach or even in your backyard – one of the most Springy things to do with your dog is relaxing with an afternoon picnic!

32. Throw your dog a party

Is your dog's birthday coming up? Celebrate in style by throwing a birthday bash for them! You can invite your fellow dog owners and their pups, come up with party games, have some fun and even make a cake (if you eliminate the sugar and use doggie friendly ingredients.)



33. Do some dog-themed baking

You don't need an excuse to spoil your dog, so why not make some homemade pup-cakes or fun doggie treats? Just make sure that if you're baking for your dog, that you follow dog friendly recipes and use ingredients that are safe for canine consumption

34. Improve your canine knowledge

If you're passionate about dog welfare, have you considered going back to college and studying a qualification? From grooming and CPR, to dog walking and canine behavior – there are lots of short courses you could try. You never know, you could end up starting a new career working with dogs!

35. Read with your dog

There's nothing better than curling up in a comfy chair with a good book and immersing yourself into a new world, and it's one of the simplest things to do with your dog.



36. Watch a TV show or film together

A rainy day wouldn't be completed without a few hours spent snuggled up on the sofa, watching your favorite movies. What's more – the dog themed films and shows available on Netflix are endless!

37. Organize an event for charity

Organizing a dog-themed charity event is a great way for you to spend time with your pet as well as do something good for your community. You could organize a charity dog walk, make and sell your own doggie treats, host your own fun dog competition – and much more.

38. Visit the veterinarian

Not all dogs enjoy heading to the vets, but it's really important they get regular check ups to ensure they remain happy and healthy. You can make the experience more fun by building up comfort with social calls if needed, and head out for some fun activities and walks afterwards.

39. Go to the dog groomers

Treat your dog to a pamper at your local dog grooming such as at Petco or PetSmart or Pet Supplies Plus.



40. Play flyball

Any dog who likes to chase a ball will take to flyball naturally – the relay race requires a dog to race over four hurdles, catch a tennis ball that has been released from a spring-loaded launcher, and then race back over the hurdles again. It's a great way for your dog to burn up excess energy.

41. Have a go at Nosework (Ask Jan Hitchborn, Benita Zapata and Georgann Hughes)

Nose Work is an up-and-coming canine sport which is suitable for all kinds of dogs, including dogs with disabilities or behavioral problems. Similar to search and rescue work carried out by professional detection dogs, this sport involves the dog seeking out and finding different scents hidden in various environments, both indoors and outside. Teams are made up of one dog and one handler, which means nosework is a great way to bond with your dog.



42. Boost your trick training (Ask Michele Hosey)

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Teaching tricks is a great way to spend time with your dog. You can teach anything from the "basics" – sit, down, stay, wait, coming when called and walking on a loose leash – to more advanced and unusual tricks such as leg weaving, roll over and walking backwards.



43. Canicross

Canicross is the sport of cross-country running with dogs. The human drives the dog by directing them from behind with voice commands. Canicross is not only is a great method to get a human and a canine fit but works the dog's mind and allows them to use their brain in a work mode. Taking part in dog sports usually means you and your dog get to socialize with likeminded people but even if it's just you and your dog, you will be strengthening your bond with your dog which is very rewarding and great fun too. <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/canicross-goes-beyond-running-with-dogs/>



44. Try Doga

Doga is a *human* yoga practice that helps support the natural bond we have with our dogs.

45. Take a nap with your dog

Having a nap with your dog will help to ease stress and anxiety. Plus – there's no one in the world that your dog loves more than you, so that little bit of extra snuggle time will make their day!

46. Play interactive games

Interactive games such as treat and puzzle games provide mental stimulation for your dog and can help cut down on problem behaviors such as excessive chewing or barking.



47. Attend a breed specific meet up

Breed-specific dog meetups offer dogs and their owners fun and camaraderie. Plus – the shared experience of owning the same breed of dog will offer lots of common ground to build on!

48. Enroll in a dog activity group

There are lots of different activity groups that you could get involved in, including walking and dog playgroups. Don't worry if your dog is new to the scene, as the majority of groups will welcome newbies! Not only is this a great way to meet new dog owners, but your furry friend will get to interact with other dogs too. Or participate in one of the club's upcoming events. (See [page 19](#).)

And finally...

49. Appreciate your dog

Be thankful that you have your dog by your side, because they will love you unconditionally, make you laugh with their goofy habits, and most importantly – remind you to find joy in the simple things.



Abbey Thomas' and her dog Chiki's favorite spring break tradition is to go for a hike at Cedar Ridge Nature Preserve. Chiki thinks that all benches and conveniently placed stumps are photo ops (she posed herself on them!)



Marilyn Hopkins shared that Daisy and Sarge enjoy their favorite activity - chasing balls!



FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR DOG



Mary Ann Magness shared these photos of some of her dogs having fun...



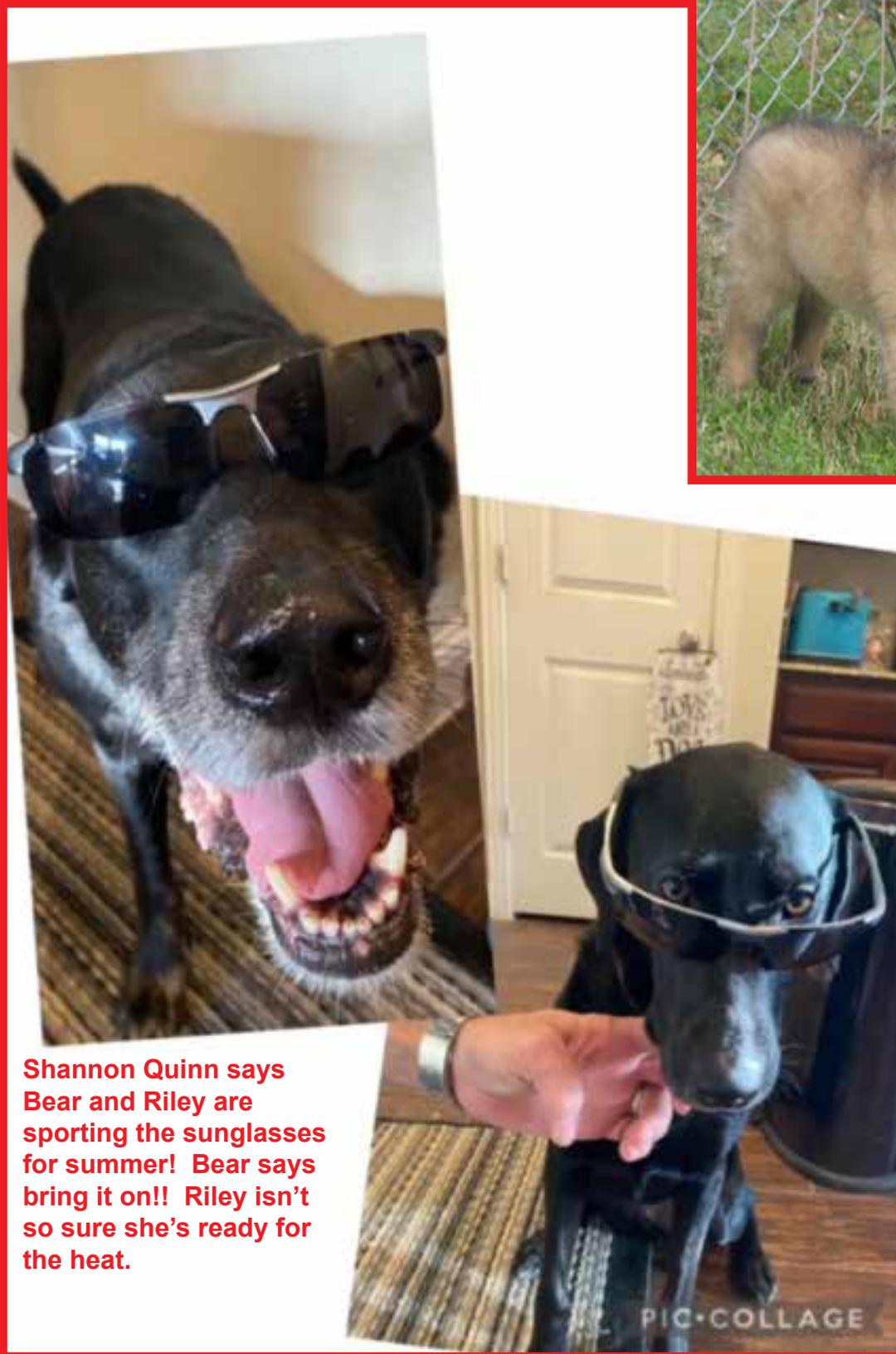


Sully's absolute favorite activity is frisbee and it is a sport that Stephen and Kadee Inglehart enjoy together. Practicing with the DFW Disc Dog Club is a treat that all three look forward to says Miriam.





Mona O’Gorman shared this photo of her little Jake at about three months. “He was such wonderful boy.”



Shannon Quinn says Bear and Riley are sporting the sunglasses for summer! Bear says bring it on!! Riley isn’t so sure she’s ready for the heat.



I asked for Therapy Dog photos and received so many, I decided to use them all. One was used in the “Fun Things to Do with Your Dog” article (can you find it?), the rest of them are here... Enjoy!



Lynda Holman shared this photo of a young girl reading to Therapy Dog Mr. Magoo at the Duncanville Library.

Therapy Dogs

Barbara Elliott shared this photo of David and Bailey greeting weary travelers at DFW National Airport.





Therapy Dogs



Robin Vogel shared this photo of Dori and Sandi Myer's Sammy waiting for the children to show up at the library.



Midori says, "Tail Waggin' Tutors are always up for a good story."

Gabe is visiting with his friends.





Sandi Myers says Sammy was invited to participate in the D Magazine Excellence In Nursing night of awards. He was asked to be a part of the Methodist Healthcare System booth.

Therapy Dogs



Sheryll Barker shared these photos (above and right) of her versatile therapy dogs.





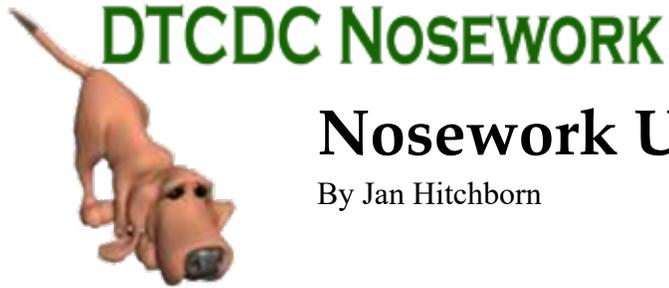
2023 AKC Rally & Obedience National Championships

*Wilmington, Ohio
June 16 - 17, 18 - 19*



- 2023 AKC National Obedience Championship will be held at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio. Sunday & Monday, June 18-19, 2023 Those invited have to be in the top 10% of their breed Tabulated by OTCH points.
- Sheryl Archer - Flyer is invited
- Kay Scott - Ben is invited
- Sylvia Nuzzolilo - Drake and Brynna are invited.
- Jane Palmer - Loki is invited.

- The 2023 Rally National Championship will be held at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington Ohio, Friday & Saturday, June 16 - 17, 2023
- Darlene Schermerhorn - Stormy is invited in Novice.
- Jan Bruner - Ace is invited in Championship Class and Happy in Advanced Rally.
- Mona O’Gorman - Gerry is invited in Advanced and Riki in Excellent.
- Mary Ann Magness - Chance and Jack are invited in Novice and Fellow in Excellent.



Nosework Update

By Jan Hitchborn



In advanced class recently, we worked on master and elite UKC container searches while discussing walking patterns and hides that can now be side by side or next to a food distraction also in a similar container. We are working the classes above any level they are currently trialing in and getting them familiar with what is down the road. It also makes their current trialing levels easier (we hope) for them, and gives the handler confidence, knowing they can nail a high level element. In the elite level an unknown human can be sitting or standing in the search field. The “distraction” must not acknowledge the dog. The dog can sniff but needs to move on. In the photo below we put the hide at

the feet of the human. I had this scenario presented at a class. My granddaughter was chosen to be the distraction. I knew Logan would ignore her but thought we would be toast with Skye. He surprised me and showed me once and for all that searching more important. We are proud to report every advanced dog in class that night totally ignored the human. The photos on this page are of Melissa and Gozer. (I have a neighbor with a Cane Corso who cannot believe this breed can do this.)



DTCDC NOSEWORK



Here is Courtney and her pup Joey in their second ever nosework class. Joey is locating the “hide” and is starting to discern the difference between hot and cold scent while Courtney is learning to read her dog. All breeds can do nosework.

Here’s Trump in advanced showing Peggy he will hold until released leaving no doubt about finding the hide.



DTCDC NOSEWORK



These last photos are of new member Sergio Arciniega and Parker in beginner class. The more advanced folks in beginners worked novice and advanced UKC containers and then a small novice search scenario - the beach with a few coolers and rolled towels and buckets. Parker's job was to discriminate between multiple hot and cold wooden boxes. He is not quite there at finding the scents in different objects yet, but we still work him at checking unfamiliar items and watching how dog searches, etc., so he also checked out the beach scene. Parker is all in on nosework and thinks it is so much fun.



HUGE thanks to Miriam Inglehart for the photos - she has a new phone - Samsung I believe, with an awesome camera. I am sure we will be getting more photos from her!! We also had two visitors to the beginner class - Lisa Wharton and Pam White.



Novice Polish Session 2 Photos

provided by Kinnie Hardaway



Novice Polish Session 2 Photos

provided by Rutch Miles



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

This month's trick is "Sit Pretty" from Pumpkin.care. It requires a strong core, so give your pal ample time to build up those back and ab muscles!

Happy training!

Michele Hosey

Teaching "Sit Pretty"



“Sit pretty” is a trick that starts off with your dog in a regular sitting position, then ends with their front legs raised up. Because not all dogs have the same physique, practicing this trick may take several tries until they’re comfortable and confident.

First, ask your dog to sit. Then, raise your treat slightly over their head while extending your arm for them to use for support. As they rise, they will likely lean on you to situate themselves into the “sit pretty” position, which is when you can reward them. Try this a couple of more times, eventually removing your arm so that they can balance on their own. Attach your verbal cue to the trick.

DTCDC LIBRARY

NEWS

Library News

1. The library committee has an email now. It is library@dallasdogtraining.org
2. If you have an interest in a specific breed that we don't have any books or DVDs for yet, please let us know so we can work at getting them.
3. Also, if you have any books that would benefit the club that you no longer want, we would gladly accept donations to the library. We have some new breed specific books that will be added to the database soon so watch for them!
4. Book returns are easier now. Please leave them on the shelf labeled returns in the brown library cabinet and we will re-shelve the books for you. Remember, we also have a white cabinet with many more books in the closet near the front door.
5. We now have children's books to put in the sitting area, along with some Paw Patrol coloring books, so the younger kids waiting on parents taking classes can read or color. We hope it will help encourage their interest in dogs and reading. The children's books were donated by a couple of anonymous donors who wanted to help out and we are thankful for that. The coloring books were also donated by another member. **THESE ARE TO BE LEFT IN THE BUILDING AND ARE NOT FOR CHECKOUT.**

Thank you!

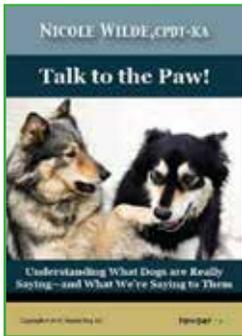
Lisa Gonzales, Chairperson



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Recommended Resources:

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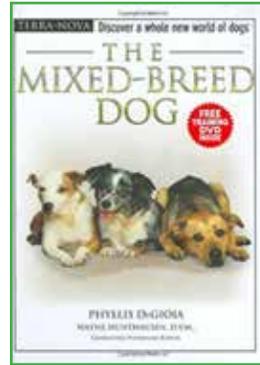
Title: Talk to the Paw! (DVD)

Author: Nicole Wilde

This DVD is 5 hours of information from the latest research on canine body language and communication in addition to how human body language and vocalizations can have a huge impact on a dog's behavior. You will see how even

your smallest gesture can affect the way dogs react, both in training and in everyday interactions. Best of all, you will learn how to use that knowledge to gain cooperation and trust. The lecture also includes an extensive collection of fascinating photos and video footage. By viewing real-time slow-motion playback, you'll improve your observational skills and discover subtle, lightning-quick signals that otherwise might have been missed - even if you're a professional trainer.

Category: Breed



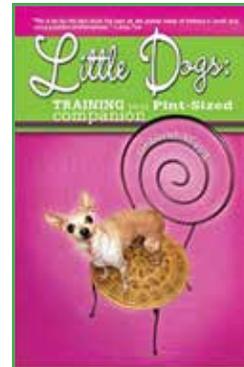
Title: The Mixed Breed Dog

Author: Phyllis DeGioia

The Mixed-Breed Dog covers all aspects of choosing and living with any mixed-breed dog, from behavioral traits of rescues to identifying a dog's breed mix based on temperament and physical characteristics. The book comes with a bonus DVD that features

socialization, safety, and training advice from a professional dog trainer.

Category: Competition/Sports



Title: Little Dogs: Training Your Pint-Sized Companion

Author: Deborah Wood

Deborah Wood details how to safely and gently train your little dog, communicate effectively, deal with problem behaviors, and participate in size-appropriate games and activities.



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, Stephanie Schoolcraft or Lana Shuman



SHOW & GO



SATURDAY APRIL 15th
Dog Training Club of Dallas County
604 Crestside Dr. ~ Duncanville, TX 75137
Pre-Entries Only
Limited to 8 hours of ring time



Classes Offered: ★ Utility ★ Grad Open ★ Open ★
★ Grad Nov ★ Novice ★ Beg Nov ★



PRE-ENTRIES: \$9.00 first five minutes
1.00 each additional minute
(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)



Doors open at 7:30 A.M.
Any Entry May Do Group Stay Exercise

Pre-Entry at "Events" on DTCDC website
Link active @ 6am on 3/31/22: [DTCDC Show & Go](#)

Pre-entries close at noon the Friday, April 14th or when limit reached
Emails with run-thru order will be sent



UPCOMING DATES
May 6th June 3rd August 19th



Directions: Driving South on 67- take Danieldale Rd exit
Stay on access road - Turn Right at first street (S Alexander Ave)
Turn Right at next street (Crestside Dr). Clubhouse is the first drive on the right.
White building with black paw prints across the front.



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Left to right: Erin Castillo, Sergio Arciniega and Katriona Eggleston

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Birthdate:	12/22
Dog Call Name:	Maddie
Breed:	Golden Retriever
Full name:	Maddie Rae Arciniega
Name:	Erin Castillo
City:	Mansfield
Dog Call Name:	Parker
Breed:	Golden Retriever
Dog's Full Name:	Grace n Dogwood Hunk of Burnin' Love
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City:	Dallas
Cellphone:	940-597-1318
Email:	katriona.eggleston@gmail.com
Birthdate:	4/28
Dog Call Name:	Riya
Breed:	Labrador Retriever
Dog Full Name:	Unleashed Chiquita Bananarama
Name:	Danny Eggleston
City:	Dallas
Cellphone:	940-206-5345
Birthdate:	9/16
Call Name:	Huckleberry
Breed:	German Shepherd



Special thanks to Ruth Miles for taking the photo.

DTCDC

Bulletin Board

MAY GENERAL MEETING

MAY 9

7 P.M.



MAY PAWPRINT

THEME: DOG MOM'S DAY, MAY 14

This issue is dedicated to honoring the dog moms in our club. Dog Moms show us pictures of you and your dog babies.

DUE DATE: Sat., April 22 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

JUNE	DTCDC UKC STARS
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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



APRIL 2023 DOG CALENDAR:

- National Greyhound Adoption Month
- National Heartworm Awareness Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month
- Active Dog Month
- National Canine Fitness Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- April 1: International Bull Terrier Day
- April 1: Every Day is Tag Day
- April 1-7: International Pooper Scooper Week
- April 2-8: National Raw Feeding Week
- April 4: World Stray Animals Day
- April 8: National Dog Fight Awareness Day
- April 8-15: Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 9-15: Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week
- April 9-15: National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 10: National Hug Your Dog Day
- April 11: National Pet Day
- April 11: Dog Therapy Appreciation Day
- April 16-22: Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week
- April 17-23: National Pet ID Week
- April 18: Pet Owner's Independence Day.
- This holiday encourages pet lovers to take the day off from work and send their cat (or dog) in their place!
- April 19: National Dog Parent Appreciation Day
- This day celebrates that inseparable bond between humans and their pets
- April 21: Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
- April 22: National Beagle Day
- April 22: Pet Tech CPR Day
- April 23: Lost Dog Awareness Day
- April 26: National Kids and Pets Day
- April 26: International Guide Dog Day
- April 27: National Little Pampered Dog Day
- April 29: World Veterinary Day
- April 30: National Pet Parents Day
- April 30: Adopt a Shelter Pet Day
- April 30: National Therapy Animal Day



There are scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for them, please contact a DTDCDC 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 first their first year of membership in the club. Please let Margaret Culbertson know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. Further details will be available soon. Monies for the fun 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.





Barbara Elliott brags:



David Elliott and Bailey visited Crescent Hospital in Lancaster on March 15 as a therapy dog. She posed with the visiting Leprechaun. Huge wags go to Bailey for being the BEST therapy dog she can be!

Benita Zapata brags:



On Saturday March 18 Raiden was at the Nor-Tex Scent Work Club trials in Roanoke. She had an amazing exterior master level search. Raiden had a 4th place win and received a judge's choice medal award. She also earned a 1st place in master containers.





On Sunday the 19th Raiden had another amazing master level interior search with a 4th place win. Raiden had a good time at the Hawaiian Falls Water Park and earned some legs toward her AKC Scent Work Elite element titles.

(At left)

Raiden doing what she loves to do. Taking pictures with her placement ribbons and judges choice award in Scent Work. Thanks to the Nor-Tex Scent Work Club for hosting the trials.

Jan Bruner brags:



Goal#1 Reached! Ace earned his first herding title (Herding Test, pending AKC approval) on March 5 and I will be submitting paperwork for his Border Collie Versatility award once the BCSA new website is up! Now on to earning an advanced herding title and his advanced versatility!

The Herding tests and trials were put on by the Red River Herding Club of Texas and held at Alamar Farms in Van Alstyne.



On Saturday March 26 at the FW Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show, Dazzle won her class, then went Winners Bitch and BOBOH for a 4 pt major!

Jane Palmer brags:



We had a great time at Love & Laughter ASC in Cleveland, TX. Loki earned some more points towards his Rally Championship. Icha earned 2 qualifying scores towards her RNXC title. It rained in Cleveland which just made my dogs dirty with red mud. Ugh!

Steve Weir and Jose Rodriguez brag:



We entered a couple of AKC Agility events in January & February to practice in trial environments. Eichler (left) earned his ACT1, ACT2, ACT2J, NAP and 2 legs towards his NJP with 6 novice first place finishes & 4 perfect scores. Ruffino ([cover](#) and [page 28](#)) earned his ACT2J & legs towards course tests & Novice Jumpers with 1 first place finish. While he did not earn as many titles & ribbons as Eichler, we had the most fun. He improved every run; we completed every course; and I am very proud of him. They both



gained confidence & speed running outdoors & on soft barn dirt. Their sit stays, waits and recalls were flawless in the middle of all the noise, smells, running, climbing, jumping & change of direction. We're enjoying the exercise and time spent together.

Kendall Lake brags:



JuneBug (GCHS Lochinver Jennifer Juniper) with her handler team of Jennifer and David Harper was awarded a Terrier Group 3 at the Fort Worth show Saturday. The judge was terrier specialist Mr. Wood Wornall. JuneBug was competing in a ring of top ranked terriers. As her breeder and owner, it has been a fun journey watching her mature into a very nice representation of her Cairn Terrier breed standard. (She ended 2022 #3 all-breed)



Kinnie Hardaway brags:



Piper and I titled this weekend in Rally Novice A.

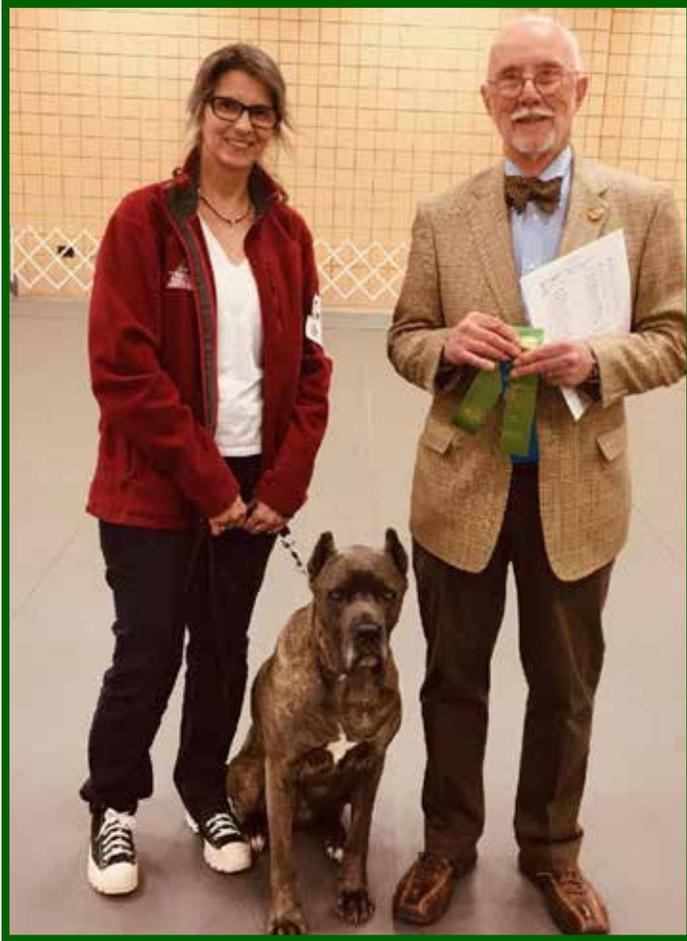
Mary Ann Magness brags:



Eric (above), CH MPossible Easy Rider CGC TKN, got his CGC & TKN titles at the Kerrville show March 12 weekend.

Gal, MPossible Regalo De Vida RN, got her Rally Novice title at Fort Worth show.

Melissa Chojnacki brags:

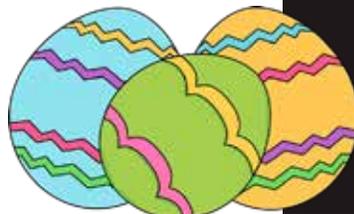


Gozer took first place in Rally Novice B on Saturday at the Fort Worth Show, which was the last leg he needed for his Rally Novice title.

Abbey Thomas brags:



Chiki earned the first two qualifying legs towards her novice rally title.



Michele Hosey brags:



Rafa won Best of Breed and Best of Miscellaneous! His first show! Big thanks to club members who have helped us: Pam, Jan, Sandi, and Ken!



Miriam, Stephen and Kadee Inglehart brags:



Tristan completed her requirements with Alliance of Therapy Dogs and will start her visits in April to the Bedford library where kids will read to her. We look forward to bringing the joy of a very sweet collie to those in need.



The collies attended the ASDR show on March 11. Tris, El, and Sully passed their herding Instinct Test ,Although they didn't placed, they worked great together and received lots of praise from the judge. We were so proud of them! (Kadee competed in Junior Handler competition. See her photos on [pages 29-30.](#))



DTCDC members took the Fort Worth Kennel Club show by force.

Sandi Myers and Ken Hagmueller brag:



Sammy was entered at the Dachshund Club of America Host Shows and National Specialty Shows, March 21 - 25, 2023 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. On Tuesday he ran in Beginner Novice B, earning a 195 1/2 & First Place. Also, on Tuesday he showed in Rally Intermediate getting a 99 and First Place. On Wednesday he made the judge's first cut (approximately Top 20) in Conformation with 40 champions/ 101 longhaireds entered.

Then on Thursday was the DCA National Rally Trial. Sammy earned another 99 and First Place. Then on Friday at the DCA National Obedience Trial Sammy earned a 199 in Beginner Novice B. Sammy also won the Best Male Longhaired Dual Champion class in Conformation.

Rami kicked off our DCA week by earning a Judge's Award of Merit from the Best of Variety class at the Dallas Fort Worth Dachshund Club Specialty. At the DCA National Specialty, Rami made it through 2 cuts in BOV.



Sammy also showed well in Conformation at the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty winning best male Longhaired Dual Champion and a Judge's Award of Merit in the Best of Variety competition. Official photos soon. He also made it through the first cut of BOV specials at the DCA Host show.

Taylor placed 3rd in a good sized 12-18 months class at the DFWDC Specialty. She placed 4th in the same big class at the DCA host show. She was 2nd place in that class at the DCA Puppy Sweepstakes and placed 2nd at the DCA National Specialty show.

Taylor was used as the representative of the Miniature Longhaired in the DCA Judge's Education hands-on portion of the Judge's Seminar. They only use 1 of each size and coat.



DTCDC Rally Competitors at the Fort Worth Kennel Club Show.

Chris Swain brags:



Charlie scored 98 in a large Advance B class and 97 with 2nd Place in Advance A class. Both Rally classes were Saturday in Fort Worth. Not bad for not being in the ring since September 2022.

