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Ace, Ready for Nationals



Jan Bruner's Ace earned 2 QQQ's towards his RACH2 plus more points at the Fort Worth Kennel Club Dog Show Rally Trials March 23-24.

(See how well others in the club did on [page 51](#).)

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Donna Heishman	4/2
Michele Hosey	4/2
Jose E. Rodriguez	4/6
Karen Raschio	4/9
Emily Baca	4/11
Barbara Elliott	4/12
Vanita Ellis	4/20
Shari Price	4/21
Margaret Culbertson	4/27
Helena Haynes	4/28
Kat Eggleston	4/28



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 9

@ 7 P.M.



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

THEME: ACUPUNCTURE

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	\$30.00	\$78.00
Expenditures	(0)	(0)
Net	\$30.00	\$78.00

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A Word from Our President



Welcome Spring!
Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and new beginnings. It's a season that represents hope and optimism. We have an exciting lineup of events and activities planned for you and your participation is greatly appreciated. Please

refer to this PawPrint for more details.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of connecting with fellow members, share experiences and continue creating the training club you want. Additionally, I want to remind you that your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us. If you have ideas for how we can improve or if there are specific events or initiatives you would like to see, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Your President,

Ruth Miles



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2023 Officers & Directors

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

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman
Mark Malone
Maurine Pearson

The objectives of the Club shall be:

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

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

A Note from Your Training Director



Happy Training!

Lisa Wharton,
Training Director

6 PUPPY TIPS
FOR EARLY TRAINING SUCCESS

Tip 1: Be ready to supervise your puppy when they are awake. Watch them like a hawk at all times!

Tip 2: Puppy training works best when you start early. The 8 to 12 week period is critical.

Tip 3: Teach your puppy the basic commands like sit, drop, stay and come, but focus on one at a time.

Tip 4: Your voice and touch are powerful rewards. Use them positively (so you don't rely on treats).

Tip 5: Positive reinforcement or treats works best when training your puppy. Don't yell or punish.

Tip 6: Train for regular short sessions throughout the day for 5-10 minutes so you have their attention!

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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 which starts on February 26 and runs through April 7. We are currently looking for volunteers for the 2024 Session 3. If you are available, please contact the Training Committee.

Best Regards,

Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White
2024 DTCCDC Training Committee

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

M	Class	Time	Start/End	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	Assistant
M O N D A Y	Puppy	3 - 4 p.m.	2/26 - 4/1	Cancelled			
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	2/26 - 4/1	Sherry Worley	Kristal Hatcher, Lisa Gonzales, John Reeves		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	2/26 - 4/1	Jeff Young	Tawany Schaffer, Holly Taylor, Brandon Taggart		
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	2/26 - 4/1	Lisa Wharton	Maysel McGown		
T U E S D A Y	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	2/27 - 4/2	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	DTCCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	3/5 & 4/2	Ruth Miles			
	DTCCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	3/12 & 4/9	Ruth Miles			
	DTCCDC Club Training	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/27	Training Committee			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	2/27	Ken Hagmueller			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	3/19 - 3/26	Ken Hagmueller			
W E D N E S D A Y	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Mona O'Gorman			
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Pam White	Felicia Ruhter, Cindy Sullivan, Lily smith-Kirtley		
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Pam White	John Warren, Michelle Hosey, Carol Ford		
	Trick Dog Nov & Int	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Michele Hosey			
T H U R S D A Y	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Michelle Moorman	Shelley Carr, Kinnie hardaway		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Mary Ann Magness	Stephanie Schoolcraft, Benita Zapata		
	Novice polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	2/28 - 4/3	Melissa Chojnacki		Amy Whitmer	
	B Nose & B Obedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	2/29 - 4/4	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	Rally Master*	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	2/29 - 4/4	Chris Swain			
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	2/29 - 4/4	Sheryll Barker	Barbara Elliott		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	2/29 - 4/4	Sheryll Barker	Michelle Moorman		
	Beginner Open/Utility*	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	29 - 4/4				
F R I D A Y	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3/1 - 4/5	Mona O'Gorman			
	Advance Nose Work	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	3/1 - 4/5	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/1 - 4/5	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
S U N D A Y	Adv Open *	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3/3 - 4/7	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	3/3 - 4/7	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			

* prerequisite ** no class during club events

Session 3 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for Session 3 which starts on April 22 through June 2. We are currently looking for volunteers for the Session 3. If you are available, please contact the Training Committee.



Best Regards,
 Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White
 2024 DTDC Training Committee

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

Session 3 Planned Classes

Class	Day	Time	Start/End Date
Puppy	Monday	3 - 4 pm	April 22nd - June 3rd, 2024***
Beginner	Monday	6 - 7 pm	April 22nd - June 3rd, 2024***
Puppy	Monday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	April 22nd - June 3rd, 2024***
Intermediate	Monday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	April 22nd - June 3rd, 2024***
Master Nosework*	Tuesday	1 - 4 pm	April 23rd - May 28th, 2024
Conformation Class**	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	April 23rd & 30th, May 21st & 28th, 2024
Open/Utility*	Wednesday	10 am - 12 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Intermediate	Wednesday	12:15 - 1:15pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Beginner	Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	Wednesday	2:45 - 3:45 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Beginner	Wednesday	6-7 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Puppy	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
Novice polish	Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	April 24th - May 29th, 2024
B Nose & B Obedience*	Thursday	2 - 3 pm	April 25th - May 30th, 2024
Rally Master*	Thursday	3:15-4:30	April 25th - May 30th, 2024
Rally Novice	Thursday	6 - 7 pm	April 25th - May 30th, 2024
Rally Adv & Ex	Thursday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	April 25th - May 30th, 2024
Beginner Open/Utility*	Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	April 25th - May 30th, 2024
Open/Utility*	Friday	10 am - 12 pm	April 26th - May 31st, 2024
Advance Nose Work	Friday	6:15 - 7:15 pm	April 26th - May 31st, 2024
Beg Nosework	Friday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	April 26th - May 31st, 2024
Adv Open *	Sunday	11 am - 12pm	April 28th - June 2nd, 2024
Adv Utility*	Sunday	1 - 2 pm	April 28th - June 2nd, 2024

* prerequisite

** no class during club events

*** no class on Memorial Day - Monday, May 27th

Information We Need to Know



1.	<p>Lock Codes: Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com) if you need the codes. We have replaced the combination lock on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the code has NOT changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
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 2 at 7 p.m. May Board Meeting will be held May 7 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: April General Meeting is a hybrid held April 9 at 7 p.m. May General meeting is a hybrid held on May 13 at 7 p.m. Register for the April Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-ygpzlsG9QsqMOP3d_waKiPUcd6tGEz</p>
4.	<p>Fill out Class Registration Sheet for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a Zoom account for meetings. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com)</p>
6.	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for April 13. Registration opened March 29 at 6 a.m. at this link. Future Show & Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 June 1 🐾 July 6 Contact Marilyn Hopkins by phone at (469) 236-4736 or email at hopkinsmarilyn2@gmail.com with questions. Margaret Culbertson and Ruth Miles are also contacts. See the flyer on page 42.</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: livetraintrial 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



11. Missed Class Policy
 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.
 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.

12. First Responder Discount Policy
 First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.

13. Sunshine Fund
 December and January birthdays will be recognized at the January meeting.
 If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact E'Lynne Elliott at elynnew@gmail.com.



14. Train the Trainers Sessions
 Topic: "It's Show Time!"
 Date: April 23, 2024
 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Registration will open soon for the train the trainer on April 23. How to register for shows? What do you take to shows? And what is appropriate show etiquette? More details will be provided soon! Watch your email.



15. Return Equipment to Original Storage Location
 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.



16. Help Wanted by Technology Committee
 We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.
[Donna Heishman](#)
 Technology Committee

17. 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.
Margaret Culbertson

Information We Need to Know



18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

Ruth Miles

19.

Leash Reminder

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

Lisa Wharton

20.

Gate Configuration

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



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

Happy Training,

Lisa Wharton

21.

Rabies Certificates

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

22.

Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease

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

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – March 5, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	In Person Michelle Hosey, Lisa Wharton, Jan Bruner, Ruth Miles, Shelley Carr, Melissa Chojnaki, Lisa Gonzales, Marye Boyce, Barbara Elliott Zoom Mark Malone
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order 7:09pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February’s board meeting minutes have been published in Pawprint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by Consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Club Total income	648.24
	Total expenses	1,207.04
	Total	-558.80
	<u>Sunshine</u>	
	Total income	30.00
	Total expenses	0
	Total	30.00
Conclusion	The audit for last year is complete and all correct.	

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train the Trainer March 26, 7:30 p.m. Therapy dog test date-March 30, 2024 Nosework Try It – Possible date June 13, working on details
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNG schedule.4/13, 6/1 and 7/6
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Social and 50th anniversary party will be held at the same time.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 22 1pm-4pm. The club will be open to the public the last hour

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One new member to vote on at the GM • One previous member moving to Associate at GM
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharon Cole-approved for GM vote - Anna Laureano – a lapsed membership but wants to change to associate membership. She needs to fill out an application, get voted in at GM. - Natalie Long-wait for her to contact us

MAINTENANCE - Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AED Cabinet has been installed.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

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

EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strut Your Mutt is scheduled for April 13th 8 to 11 • Opal Lawrance Doggie Derby Days April 21st 10a-1p • Nicole has shared that there is Dog Days events Ft Worth Botanical Garden. 500.00 per group/3 events. (Spring and Fall events) • Get silver shade cloth to put with tents, to make outdoor events cooler.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FW events – Spring is already busy but consider the Fall dates. Look for more information from them.

50th Anniversary – Shannon Quinn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Anniversary • Jane Palmer has hand quilted and donated a quilt for the 50th anniversary.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee should decide price for quilt raffle and advertise

CGC – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was Saturday February 24 all went well • No date set for next CGC
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you contacted your groups? • Anything to share from members?
Conclusion	<p>Nothing from members at large Need to start contacting them all to make them aware of the 50th anniversary celebration</p>


OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	•
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>189 members renewed new 20% for quorum is 37.</i>• <i>We need to send out non-renewal letters to all members that did not renew for the 2024 year.</i>• <i>I will get with Lisa G about sending out letters</i>
Conclusion	•

By consensus, meeting adjourned at 8:03pm
Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Gonzales



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

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – March 12, 2024

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Attendance Roster –
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth Miles 7:02 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present online and at club. • Please keep reports and discussions short • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. • Thank you for snacks – Jan Bruner

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	February general meeting minutes were published in the March Pawprint
Conclusion	If no corrections, approved by consensus-approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report 																					
Conclusion	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Club Total income</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">648.24</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,207.04</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-558.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><u>Sunshine</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Club Total income	648.24		Total expenses	1,207.04		Total	-558.80		<u>Sunshine</u>			Total income	30.00		Total expenses	0		Total	30.00	
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TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapy dog testing March 30, 2024 • June 13th Try-it night for nosework 6-9pm with Caroline Oldham • No Females in season at club • Make sure to fill out the vaccination forms <p>Train the Trainer Tues March 26th, 7:30 pm. What you need to make ready for a show.</p>
Conclusion	<p>.2 Instructors for session 3, need assistants, Spiral bound rally book missing, please be looking for it. Have a photocopy of your dogs rabies certificate available at all times, and make sure records are up to date with all your dogs.</p>

SUNSHINE – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The sunshine raffle box is available at the meeting. The Sunshine club operates off donations. We would love for you to participate but participation is not required. Also, if you don't want to buy raffle tickets but want to donate you can put it in the raffle box too. Thanks!• 1 ticket-\$1.00, 5 tickets \$3.00• March birthdays announced at meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raffle drawing: Winners: Chris Swain, Lisa Gonzales, Marye Boyce• Steve Boyce

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April PawPrint Theme is Acupuncture• Deadline for submission is March 20, 2024.• If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting.• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint Topics are encouraged.• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at the pawprint email.• pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org• Rally and obedience nationals let Lana know who has been invited.• Need pictures for the social flyer-summer themed.
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MEMBERSHIP – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing - new member applicant.• Sharon Cole• Ana Laureano – previous member moving membership to associate.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board approved both, Melissa Chojnaki seconded Ana, unanimously approved by members.• Michelle Moorman spoke for Sharon, she has been in 2 classes with her, Michelle Moorman seconded Sharon, unanimously approved by members.

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you have an affinity for technology, you are invited to volunteer for this committee.• Thanks to Michelle Moorman for helping set up the hybrid meeting tonight.• Meeting tba for assigning duties to people interested
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Purchasing – Lynda Hollman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patches that were ordered have been ordered by Donna. Please let Donna know if there is anything else anyone knows.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show N Go is April 13• Volunteering for this is a great way to see how other people do things at shows. A learning experience.
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CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Testing – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday April 10, 6:00 p.m.• Need volunteers
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50th Anniversary – Shannon Quinn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Committee – Raffles and Auction items being collected. • Jane Palmer designed, quilted, and donated a queen size quilt for raffle at our 50th anniversary.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin the Wheel at end of tonight’s meeting in celebration of our 50th anniversary both online and in person included. Winner: Lilha Finger

EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA Strut your Mutt for April 13 - set up 7am, starts 9am. We will have an indoor booth with space available for participants to do a small rally demo. • Opal Lawrence Dog Derby Days in Mesquite 10am-1pm April 20th - This event is outdoors and with plenty of room for demos.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking members interested in attending these two events to email Ruth. • Sign up sheet also passed around at meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Hitchborn and committee to give update on AED • Jerri Martin explained how to use the AED in full. It is automated, a voice on it will tell you what to do, step by step. And the SOP for monthly check of the machine explained.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you ever need to use AED, please delegate immediately someone to call 911 on landline in front storage closet.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion	
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Snacks for April 9th Sharon Cole and Maysel

Adjourn meeting to brags at 7:42pm

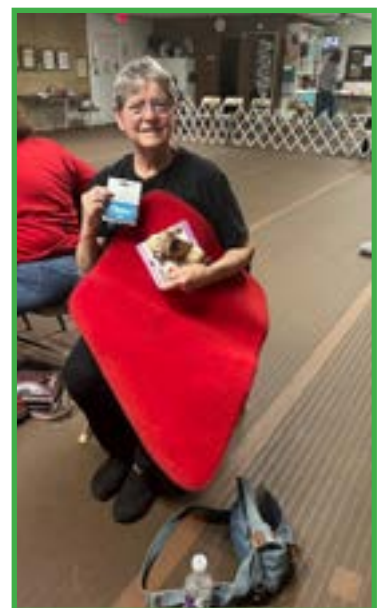
Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gonzales

Chair Prize Winner: Chris Swain



Lilha Finger (left) won the Spin the Wheel game sponsored by the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Chris Swain (right) won the crate pad and a dog toy at the meeting. These were given by a member.



AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device installed.

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

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

Pawl's K-9ery Dog Bakery

Pawl's K-9ery Dog Bakery is located in southern Cedar Hill. Sheryll Barker found them at Country Day on the Hill and has been a client ever since!

In addition to their baked treats, they make their own chicken and beef liver jerky!

Website: <http://www.paulsk-9ery.com>

Phone: 214-676-7992.



They give 10% off for members of DTCCDC!



We have 2 upcoming public events. It's been several months since the public has seen the Dog Training Club of Dallas County in action. We are hitting the road again!

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 817-899-7808 or email rv_miles@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 cannot represent the club.

Ruth Miles

EVENT 1: SPCA Strut Your Mutt

Date:	April 13
Location:	Dallas Fair Park
Schedule:	
7 a.m.	Set up
8 – 10 a.m.	5k Run/Walk
10 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 inside the Tower Building with plenty of room to set up a rally course for demos
- Need some of you early risers for the 7 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.
- Need some people that can stay to tear down.



EVENT 2: Doggy Derby Day, Mesquite, Texas

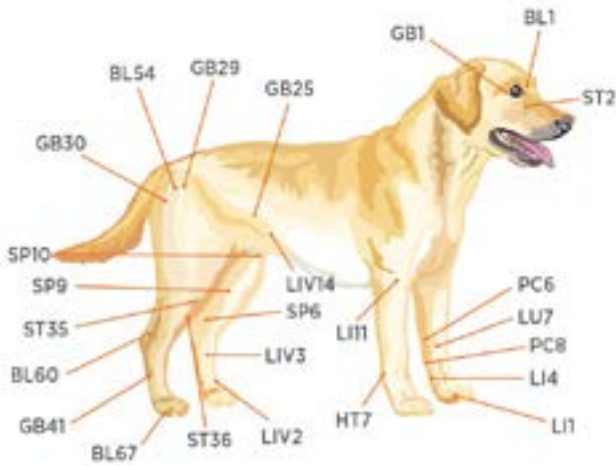
Date:	Saturday, April 20 th
Location:	
9 a.m.	Set up
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Activities
1 p.m.	Teardown
Location:	Opal Lawrence Historical Park [Outside] 701-711 E. Kearney St. Mesquite, Texas 75149

Details:

- This Opal Lawrence Historical Park is very pretty. The grass is lush and green. There are approximately six 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 DTCCDC 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 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.
- 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.



ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT



Acupuncture is a technique in which practitioners insert fine needles into the skin to treat health problems. The needles may be manipulated manually or stimulated with small electrical currents (electroacupuncture). Acupuncture has been in use in some form for at least 2,500 years.

Our Experience with Acupunture with Champ

by Craig Shuman



In 1972, Richard Nixon visited mainland China. At that point in history very little was known about the contemporary culture and conditions on the mainland. With President Nixon's visit there was a relative thaw in U.S. Chinese relations and a large cultural exchange took place. Those of us who were alive were all very interested in the everyday lives of the Chinese people. One area of interest was how the Chinese practice medicine. During that period, I watched documentary evidence of a lady receiving open chest surgery with acupuncture for pain control. She was awake and responding to the surgeons throughout the procedure. To say that I was amazed and impressed was an understatement.

Later during the 1990's I injured an ankle and was just prior to my days off but unable to take time off work. I had to be able to walk and spend 12-14 hours on my feet. I knew a nurse practitioner



who was getting certified to do acupuncture, so I asked her if she could help. She treated me and the result was that I was able to recover, and my pain was controlled enough that I could work by the time my weekend was over.

In 2021 our boy Champ, (Silver Grand Champion "Shana's Silver Streak") jumped on our bed in the middle of the night missed his footing and fell off. At first, he was sore for a little bit but seemed ok. But then started showing signs of increasing soreness. Everyone thought because of his age he was developing arthritis and so he was placed on Vetprofen to help with the pain and inflammation. At first this seemed to work. But the spring of 2022 found him with increasing pain and beginning to show neuro-

logical problems in his back legs in addition to the pain. We decided to take him to Texas A&M for a full work up of his back. It was then we discovered that he had reacted badly to his Vetprofen, and it had damaged his kidneys. But they felt that he would benefit from a laminectomy. When I brought him home, he showed an almost immediate improvement to the neurological motor symptoms but was still having pain despite the special nerve pain medicine he came home with. So, we searched for and found a veterinarian that could help his pain and post-surgical inflammation by adding acupuncture to his treatment regimen. This along with laser therapy which stimulates some of the same neurologic points had the desired effect and gave our boy good relief from most of his pain.

Sadly, despite everything we did medically and at home, we were unable to get ahead of his kidney failure. In his last week despite his increasing suffering as the poisons built up in his body, he would ask for me to take him outside so we could be together, and he could look out and enjoy the sights and smells of the yard. On April 28th with the help of our veterinarian, he crossed the rainbow bridge in Lana and my arms.

I'm convinced that had the kidney failure not been a factor, the acupuncture that Champ received would have seen him back to himself much quicker than if it hadn't been available. As it was the acupuncture helped his last days be much more comfortable perhaps allowed us just a little more time with him than otherwise.



Benita Zepata shared this photo of **Raiden** at her February 15, 2024 acupuncture treatment. "She goes regularly to her Chiropractic/ Acupuncture Veterinarian. I feel these treatments have helped her health."

Coverdog

Photo shoot



Kinnie Hardaway and Piper pose at a Nosework Trial at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview. SWA stands for Scentwork Advanced...

Remy shows her beautiful blue eyes in the pool.



The PawPrint CoverDog photo is open to everyone in the club.

Here is the criteria for submitted photos:

- They will need to be big at least 1 megabyte (high resolution) to be considered. (Don't reduce the photo size before sending it to me. If it is reduced in size I might not be able to use it as it could end up looking pixelated (fuzzy/blurry.)
- 1. Action shots such as competition shots or class photos. (i.e. you in the show ring with your dog, you throwing for your dock diving pup, tracking with your dog working, your dog during herding trial, etc.)
- 2. Or images with multiple club members and/or dogs. (Multiple people from the club and their dogs would be ideal.)
- A description of the photo will be needed so I can write captions.
- Any shots not chosen will be considered for use in other places in the newsletter, either in brags or a special photo album for a particular show or event you are competing at.
- PLEASE indicate in your email that you want your photo to be considered for the front page.



Coverdog Photo shoot



Shannon Quinn's Riley is ready for summer. Look at those shades!





50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee is looking for a club member that is an artist or can draw and do calligraphy for a 50th anniversary project. If you are able and willing, please contact Vicki Jackson at email: whippet1@att.net

Thank you and may you have a blessed day.
Vicki Jackson



Summer Social Highlight

FREE fun paint with your dog!

We will be offering free paint with your dog at the summer social this year! We want to celebrate humans and pups and create a beautiful memory from our pups! Let's make some great memories and have fun with our dogs at the social! This is a before and after of what you can create with you pup to take home.





Auction and Raffle Items Available at the Summer Social

We have some wonderful items the 50th Anniversary Committee will be raffling off! We will be selling raffle tickets at the general meetings starting in April! These are one of a kind so don't miss out!



This beautiful handmade quilt by Jane Palmer was donated for our 50th Anniversary. Tickets will be \$10 each.

Sneak Peak of future items we will be raffling off!!



This blanket and drink cooler will be a great addition for your summer travels with your pups! This is a one-of-a-kind picnic/travel set designed to celebrate our 50 years as a dog training club that you don't want to miss out on!



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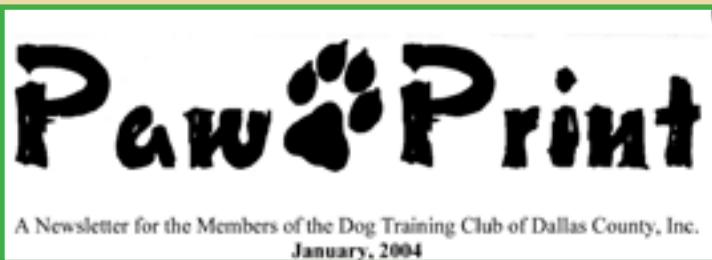
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Throughout the rest of 2024 we will be remembering the history of our club as we look at photos and items from past PawPrints as well as highlights from club activities past and present. We have much to celebrate as we remember all the dogs and their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



The PawPrint has had many different nameplates over the years, but they all highlight the great club we have had since the first PawPrint in February 1976. (Note the hand designed header and the PawPrint was one word.) Over the years, it went from Pawprint to Paw Print to PawPrint. It doesn't matter. They all tell the story of our wonderful club - our activities, classes and outreaches.

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Reprint from the December 2016 PawPrint

Class Preparation Puppy Class and Basic Obedience

by Jeff Young

My approach to the classes I lead focuses on knowing the customer, providing value beyond the classroom, keeping it interesting, and communicating throughout.

Prior to the first “with dogs” session I review each student’s signup sheet and focus on the dog and handler feedback, recognizing that the true test is working with the dog in class.

- I research if unfamiliar with breed and try to determine what is likely to motivate this type of dog.
- Age of the dog is important; still a puppy? Many dogs still exhibit puppy behaviors even if fully grown. High energy levels and limited focus might make the handler believe their dog has behavior issues when in reality, the dog is just acting his age.
- Look for any “issues” identified in the questionnaire. I’m primarily looking for any indication of dog or human aggression. We’ve all dealt with this but it’s helpful to have a heads up for safety reasons and overall class management.

Subsequent to orientation, the first weekly email goes out consisting of the following:

- Safety considerations; proper way to enter the facility, dog introduction etiquette, control your dog at all times, etc.
- Step-by-step explanation of the training method. This is a theme I reinforce constantly in class and with subsequent weekly emails. My intent is to develop a training pattern that’s easy to follow and provide

consistency for both dog and handler. These are the basics and I want them to do the basics brilliantly as a foundation to continued successful and fun training.

- Putting the dog in “training mode”; i.e. “ready to work?”
- Luring with food for position and engagement
- The importance of marking behavior in a way that is timely and clear to the dog; i.e. “yes”, “good”, “click”, etc.
- Treat handling and delivery
- How to hold the treat; make the dog work for it
- Variability of the rewards; jackpotting, etc.
- Making rewards an “event”; the dog should have no question he did what was asked and it should be fun and engaging for the dog. Engaged dogs are trainable dogs.
- Exiting “training mode”; i.e. “we’re done”
- I include the for first week with dogs; i.e. what I plan to cover that class session and a link to Michael Ellis’ “Philosophy of Dog Training” video, and another link to a video of Ellis playing tug with his Malinois “Pi” to provide an example of high level dog/handler engagement. The “Philosophy of Dog Training” video is a great introduction into classical and operant conditioning and does a nice job explaining why markers are so important in training.

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Throughout the course I send a weekly email recapping what we learned in class and the agenda for next session, along with:

- Purina “healthy dog” chart; most students are shocked to see what a healthy dog looks like and it gets them thinking about feeding their dogs based on activity level and daily caloric needs.
- Obedience hand and arm signals information
- Basic canine first aid information
- Encouragement to join DTCCDC and continue training
- Prong collar fit and use introduction video
- Promoting the club and identifying candidates for Intermediate and/or potential club membership

Individual, targeted emails based on need, skill level of trainer, etc.; often point them to Leerburg.com and their videos:

- “Power of Training Your Dog With Food”
- “Power of Playing Tug With Your Dog”
- “Leash Skills”
- “Training the Recall”

Midway through the course we provide an obedience demonstration of about fifteen minutes

- Generates interest in the club
- Great opportunity to reinforce what’s really necessary to properly train a dog

Classroom management

- If sufficient number of assistant instructors we usually break up into rotating “stations”
- I try to “float” in order to work one-on-one with students
- Ensure good mechanics
- Assist with continuing issues or challenges

Graduation

Graduation is recognition for a job well done and an opportunity for the students to show off what they’ve learned to family and friends.

- We try to make it fun with contests; i.e. “best trick”, “fast dog” (blind recall)
- Recognize Participants
- Most improved
- “This dog needs a job” high drive dogs with potential and willing handler
- I take a lot of photos and post them to a photo sharing site and then send a link to the students.

In summary, my goal as an instructor is to exceed our customer’s expectations by; showing the handlers a method of training that is fair to the dog and easily understood and repeatable, encourage continued involvement in the club, and providing an atmosphere that is fun and rewarding for both dogs and handlers.

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TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS



A little while ago, I saw this photo on a member's Facebook page and asked Lynda Holman about it. "Is that your Charlie I see in this photo?" I asked. "Yes, that is Charlie. Left to right are the following: Terri Schurr's Chester, Robin & Greg Quintana's Jax and Parker, my Charlie, Susan Stout's Jonah and Ellen Jackson's Cailin. Gosh, this brings back some great memories."

Here is the article about the visit from the March 2014 PawPrint:

THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL - TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

North Oak Cliff & Hampton-Illinois Library-Dallas

Duncanville Library

February 22, 2014

By Robin & Greg Quintana

The sun was shining bright as we headed out to visit three libraries. Lynda and Charlie Holman, Terri and Chester Schurr, Susan and Jonah Stout, and Ellen and Cailin Jackson came along and joined Jax and Parker. The kids were taking advantage of the beautiful weather and we did not have very many kids at the Dallas Libraries. One young reader read about a dozen books to the pups. Charlie, Chester, Jonah, Cailin, Parker and Jax then headed over to the Duncanville Library to finish off a great afternoon. We had more kids and the dogs loved listening to the wonderful stories.

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	<p>Ch. Hawthornth Nadia Pika at Beka UD, CGC, ROM Affectionately known as: "Nadia" 12/24/85 to 10/26/98 <i>Owned and Loved by Lisa Leffingwell and Maurine Pearson</i></p>		<p>Lady Kysheena Irish Maltese CD, TT Affectionately known as: "Sheena" 12/25/90 to 04/25/98 <i>Owned and Loved by Nancy and Mark Malone</i></p>
	<p>Exquisite Mystical Spirit CD, CGC, TDI Affectionately known as: "Spirit" 08/24/89 to 08/27/98 <i>Owned and Loved by Tom and Charlotte Strom</i></p>		
	<p>COI Willowden Mindy To Kysheena, CD, TD, CGC, TDI, TT Affectionately known as: "Mindy" Left us in June of 1998 <i>Owned and Loved by Cathy Gerratt</i></p>	<p>Kyza Yama Sumo of Willowden CGC, TDI, TT Affectionately known as: "Sumo" Left us in December of 1997 <i>Owned and Loved by Cathy Gerratt</i></p>	
	<p>"Minnow" January, 1985 to July, 1998 <i>Owned and loved by Martha Allen</i></p>		<p>"Shadow" CD September, 1984 to February, 1998 <i>Owned and loved by Martha Allen</i></p>
<p><i>Thank you for your devotion, your love, your spirit, your companionship, and most of all "Thank you for being you"</i></p>			

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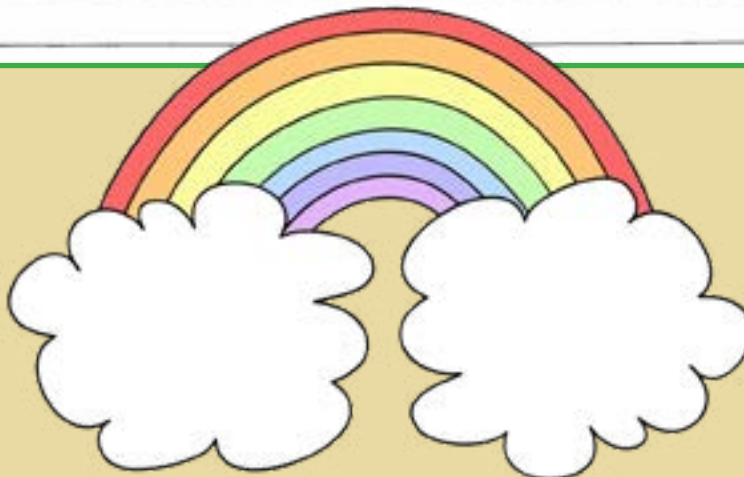
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Some dogs find a very special place in the hearts of certain groups or age groups, like Rin Tin Tin or Lassie. For our club, a dog that continues to have an important place is Spirit. Every year he is honored as a new therapy team is awarded the "Spirit Award" for their outstanding work in the community serving children, the elderly, those in the hospital or some other special need. Here is the write-up about Spirit after he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. It ran in the October 1998 PawPrint.



IN MEMORY OF SPIRIT

As many of you know, we had to have Spirit put to sleep 8/27 due to inoperable prostate cancer. Tom and I are devastated at the loss of our loving and lovable companion who brought such joy into our lives. We wish to express our deep gratitude for the phone calls, cards, beautiful flowers, and other expressions of sympathy, including hugs from many of you. Spirit lived up to his name and was a very special dog. He was nine months old when we got him in May 1990. Through him I found the Dog Club and a host of good, caring, and supportive friends. Originally, I only planned to take a basic obedience course, but we both had such fun at the Club we wanted to be a part of it. He earned his C.D., C.G.C., and Therapy Dog titles, was a part of Promenade Pups, and became a member of Therapy Dogs International, and Healing Hounds, brightening the lives of so many elderly nursing home residents. The past eight years went by too fast and he is gone too soon. We will always love him and miss him. -Charlotte and Tom Strom



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September 2010 Brags & Wags

You might be surprised how many are still involved in the club.



BRAGS & WAGS

Cathy Garret has some brags: **CH Windy Cove Dasher's Winning Race (Racer)** is the #3 Norwegian Elkhound in the Front & Finish 2009 Rally Combined Ratings. The Norwegian Elkhound Association of America (NEAA) has awarded Racer the **2009 Susan D. Phillips Top Rally Obedience Norwegian Elkhound Award** for his Rally Advanced (RA) and Rally Excellent (RE) titles earned in 2009. Previously, the 2008 NEAA Final Obedience Statistics listed Racer as #6 in the US for his Companion Dog (CD) title. In 2007, Racer earned his Versatile Norwegian Elkhound title from the NEAA.

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Mona O'Gorman sends this news: Dal-Tex Basset Hound Club, All-Breed Obedience show: Aledo, TX Aug 14, 2010: **WildWind Traveln' Man AKC-CD,AKC-RE,ASCA-CD,UKC-RN (Tippy)** earned his third leg for a AKC-CDX title. Tippy placed third in his class. Dal-Tex Basset Hound Club, All Breed Obedience show: Aledo, TX Aug 14, 2010: **CH SanRoyale's Earth Wind & Fire, AKC-RN (Jake)** earned his third leg for his AKC-CD. Jake managed to do this in three shows. The boys did well and we are proud of them.

Darlene Schermerhorn writes: I went to OKC this past weekend with Peggy and her boys. **Rachel** showed in wildcard open trying to get ready to show in Open A. I found she had a sit problem and a broadjump problem. I went back to the hotel and worked on these problems. Sunday we went into Open A hoping the problems were better. She went into the stays with a 193 average but could not hold her sit. Oh well, at least one of the problems is better. Wendy did a good job in wildcard novice and then got third place in Rally Excellent A for a first leg with a 94. She thought she was in agility and headed straight for the jump but I got her back to heel and finished the course with no more problems. **Joy** got a third place in Prenovice and we will have to continue to work on her attention. All together it was a good weekend for us.

Sandi Myers & Ken Hagmueller have some brags: We went to the Longview shows. **Tedi** didn't have much luck in the conformation ring. But **Cyan** decided to give Sandi a nice birthday present on Sunday, August 1st. While all of the other exhibitors were stressing themselves and their dogs out outside and inside the ring for Open A, Cyan decided to put on a wonderful performance for Judge Sue Cox and he earned his 2nd leg on the CDX with a 189 and 3rd Place.

Then Sandi had only 2 days to repack and head off to the conformation shows in New Orleans (Kenner, LA) with Tedi. We were only entered on 3 of the 5 days of shows. While we were there we got a call from the talent agent, she wanted Cyan, Skye, & Einzig for a casting on the following Monday. That meant Sandi had to cut her trip short by one day. So Sandi drove home after showing Tedi on Sunday. It was an easy 9 hours home because Tedi finally went Winner's Dog on Sunday at the Metairie KC show under Rita Biddle for 2 more points and the judge tried to award him Select Dog too until I reminded her he wasn't a Champion yet! Almost!!!

We went to the casting on that Monday with **Skye, Cyan & Einzig** only to find out they were the back-up dogs. But after only a short time with the first pair of dachshunds, they called us in with Cy & Skye. After the first take, the director said "YES, that's it!". So Skye and Cyan (Mr. Tali & Tedi) were backups the day of the shoot) got to go on site for a commercial shoot later in the week for an up-coming (Fall?) commercial for Petsmart. Thank you to the DTCCDC Board Members who let Skye & Cy practice "kissing" them. You should have seen what that poor model had to endure for 3 1/2 hours of dachshund licking on the day of the shoot. Also what a fun way to socialize a puppy - pass him around the film crew, the client, and the homeowners!

PH and Debbie Cantwell brag: It was a good weekend in Oklahoma City. **Sabre** finished his CD in just three trials. Debbie got his first leg when he was just a puppy. It took me much longer to go for his second and third legs. **Jasmine** enjoyed the trial too. She did a fantastic and brave job on almost every exercise; even with a Great Dane in an adjoining ring and a Doberman standing behind the stanchion in the other ring during her go-out. She has come a long way and we are very happy to see her enjoying herself. Sunday, she enjoyed herself too much! That was exactly what we wanted.

Larry & Paula Innis send this brag: **Chip** qualified for his 2nd leg at the Dallas shows and then he qualified for his 3rd leg in Novice A Obedience at the Longview Obedience trial and earned his CD title.

Remembering 50 Years of DTCCDC

Fun from over the years.

Famous Dog Quotes December 1999

Dogs are not our whole life,
but they make our lives whole."

Roger Caras

The Average dog is a nicer person than the average person."

Andrew A. Rooney

"Money will buy a pretty good dog but it won't buy the wag of his tail."

Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw)

"Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

Mark Twain

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semihuman. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

Edward Hoagland

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

Josh Billings

"Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you."

Mary Bly

"A dog wags its tail with its heart."

Martin Busbaum

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

Bonnie Wilcox 'Old Dogs, Old Friends'

Top Ten Reasons to have your dog on a leash!

August 1999

10. Cars win--Dogs lose.
9. Aids in a good aerobic workout!
8. Preserves Wildlife.
7. Not everyone likes a strange dog in his or her face.
6. Walking with your dog creates a bond between you.
5. Leashes are cheap--dogs are irreplaceable.
4. "Never" happens more often than you think.
3. Your dog may be friendly--mine is NOT.
2. You are responsible for every action your dog takes.
1. **It is the LAW!**



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June 1997

The TOP 12 Things Your Dog Would Say If It Could Talk:

12. But it SMELLS like food.
11. The cat did it.
10. What say we all drive down to DQ?
9. Tell me about this "heat" thing.
8. Mind if I sit there?
7. You gonna eat ALL of that?
6. Smell? I don't smell anything.
5. Think I could see a menu?
4. FETCH THIS!!!
3. Next time I pick the bitch!
2. This isn't a mess. It's Ambience.
1. You're going to cut off my what???

God . . . sat down for a moment when the dog was finished in order to watch it . . . and to know that it was good, that nothing was lacking, that it could not have been made better.

Ranier Maria Rilee

RAISING A PUPPY



Don't smell crotches, don't eat plants.

Don't steal food or underpants.

Don't eat my socks, don't grab my hair!

Don't rip the stuffing from the chair.

Don't chew my shoes, **WHAT** is this mush!?

Eat your cookies, drink your drink,
Outta the toilet! Outta the sink!

Away from the litterbox, it's for the cat.
Must you kiss me after that?

Raising a puppy is not for the lazy,
Those rugrats are funny but also quite crazy.
Don't despair through the toil and the strife,
Cause after three years, you'll get back your life.

So let's go for walkies, so you can do your
"thing."
And maybe I'll get back my good diamond ring!

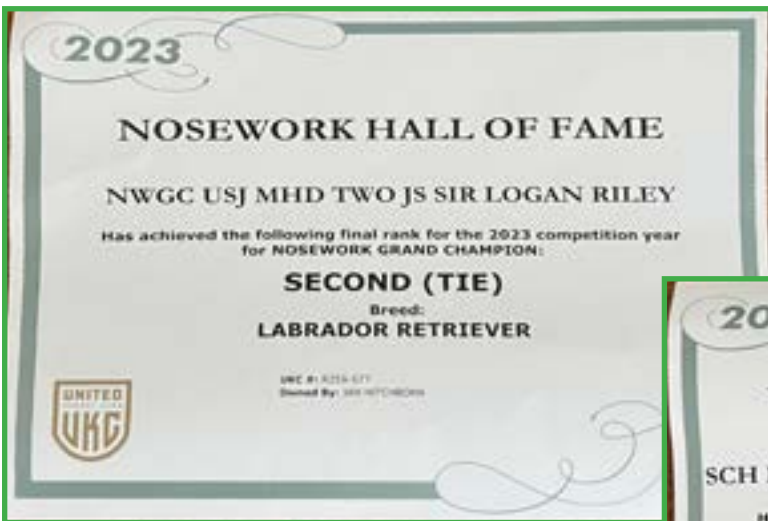
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UNITED KENNEL CLUB **HALL OF FAME** 2023



Kadee Inglehart was recognized as a UKC Top Junior Handler. See her certificate at left. Congratulations on your great work, Kadee.



Jan Hitchforn had two of her dogs rank extremely well for 2023. Logan tied for second nation-wide and Skye placed fourth. Congratulations to Jan, Logan and Skye.



CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing



CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog Testing:

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6 p.m.

Where: Held at the DT CDC Training Facility.

Who: Dogs who are eligible for the CGC and/or CGCA. For the Trick Dog tests, a dog must demonstrate 10 tricks at each level.

Price: \$25.00 per entry



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

We need at least 4 volunteers to help with the tests on April 10.
Contact Terri Schurr at terrischurr@me.com to volunteer or ask questions.





2024 Rally and Obedience National Championship

Wilmington, Ohio



July 18-19, 2024




July 20-21, 2024

- **Jan Bruner - Ace** is invited in the championship class! This is his 3rd year in a row! Selected to compete so attending.
 - **Marilyn Hopkins - Sarge** was invited for Masters and **Daisy** for Intermediate. Sarge is attending.
 - **Mary Ann Magness - Gal** qualified for Rally Nationals. Not attending.
 - **Mona O’Gorman** - Gerry was invited but do to circumstances beyond our control he won’t be going either.
 - **Pam Chrystal - Maverick** was invited for Master Class. Not attending.
 - **Pat Ingram - Gabe**, Rusty Creek’s Fell from the Sky, was invited for Master Class. Not attending.
 - **Sandi Myers - Sammy** received a Rally invite for Intermediate. Not attending.
 - **Teresa Reynolds - Betty Boop** and **Elvis** received invitations to compete in the Excellent Class. Not attending.
 - **Shari Price – Sedona** was invited in the Excellent Class. Not attending.
 - **Jose Rodriguez - Ruffino** was invited in Excellent Class and **Eichler** in Master Class. Not attending.
 - **Renee Raschio - Evie** was invited in Championship class. Not attending.
- This space is being held for you if your dog was invited...


The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
Dona Doodle Two RM RAE TDX CGCA
All American Dog ~ MA74709001
SHARON K PRICE/TERESA I REYNOLDS
to enter the Excellent class of the
11th AKC Rally[®] National Championship
July 18 & 19th, 2024
Roberts Centre/Royal Canin Ring
Wilmington, Ohio




The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
Davren's Wolfgang Von Eichler CD RM3 RAE2 OAP OJP CAA FCAT ACT2
ACT2J SWN SCE SIA SBA RATO CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA
German Pinscher ~ WS50424604
Jose E Rodriguez
to enter the Master class of the
11th AKC Rally[®] National Championship
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The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
Bokate'Bit Twisted Don Cucho's Ruffino Perroado RE SC NJP CAX FCAT2
ACT2 ACT2J SCN SIN RATS CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA
Peruvian Inca Orchid ~ HP56226703
Jose E Rodriguez
to enter the Excellent class of the
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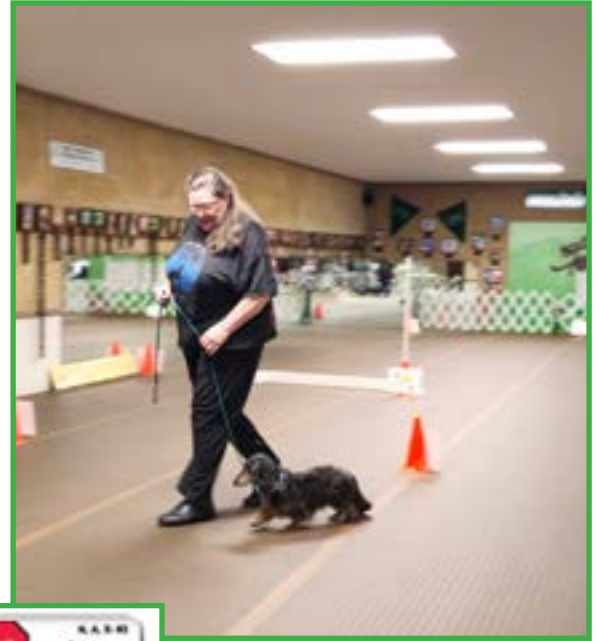
The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
GCHB CH RACH Mecidos Ace Up My Sleeve CDX PCDX BN RM4 RAE2 HT
FDC DJ CGCA
Border Collie ~ DN48431102
Janet Bruner
to enter the Championship class of the
11th AKC Rally[®] National Championship
July 18 & 19th, 2024
Roberts Centre/Royal Canin Ring
Wilmington, Ohio



The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
RACH Dream's Tall Dark Stranger CDX PCDX BN RM3 RAE2 CGCA CGCU
TKI
English Springer Spaniel ~ SR96025905
Pamela Jean Chrystal
to enter the Master class of the
11th AKC Rally[®] National Championship
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Advanced Rally Class Photos Session 2



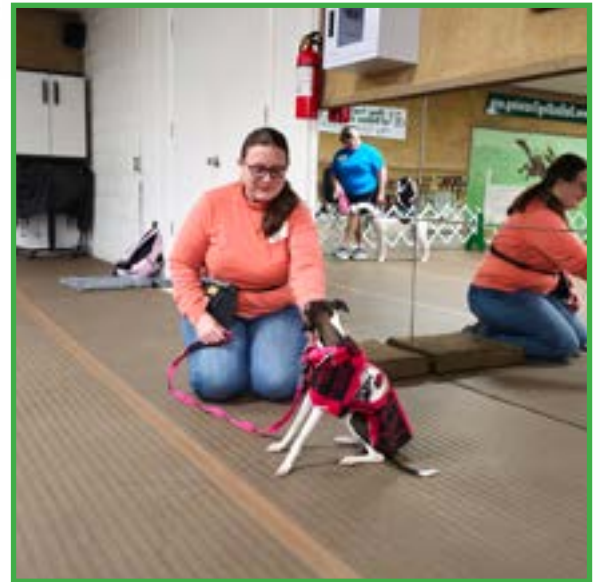
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Wednesday Beginner Class Photos S2



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Kadee Inglehart



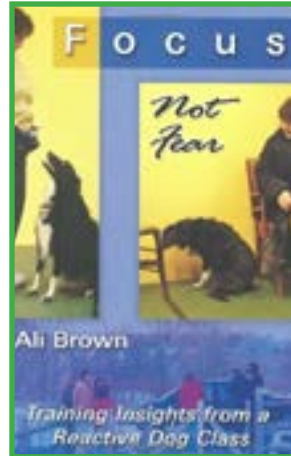
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Recommended Resources:



Flyball Racing: The Dog Sport for Everyone (Competition/Sports) by Lonnie Olson (Author)

Flyball Racing: The Dog Sport for Everyone is the perfect guide for everyone from the novice participant to the experienced competitor.

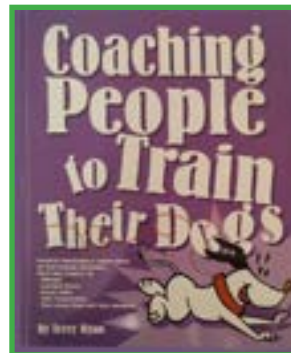


Focus. Not Fear: Training Insights from a Reactive Dog Class (Issues)

Reactive, fearful, even aggressive dogs need low-stress environments to help them overcome their problems. In this follow-up to *Scaredy Dog*, author Ali Brown details her successful methods for professional dog trainers ready to work with reactive dogs.



Crate Games (DVD) by Susan Garrett



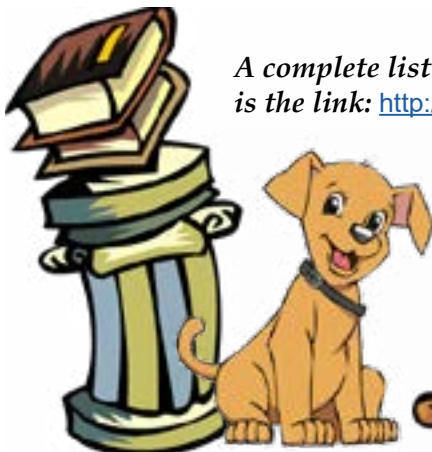
Coaching People to Train Their Dogs (Trainers/Classes)

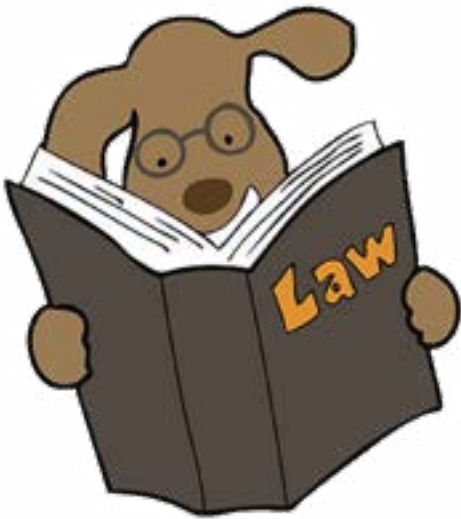
A Resource Manual for Pet Dog Class Instructors. Practical Information and expert advice for dog training instructors.

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





Legislative Liaison Update

National, State and Local

UKC acquired Field Dog Stud Book (FDSB) and American Field Dog Publishing Company back in 2021. Both of these registries had served the dog world for over 120 years. UKC has been working on blending these 2 historic registries together (which was not an easy task!) and now, *as of Jan. 1, 2024*, the first installment of one stud book with Dual Privileges (offered both retroactively and moving forward) has begun.

As a result of this blending, *UKC has implemented some changes that will be new to all customers* whether they have UKC or American Field backgrounds. Some of the changes include event entering eligibility, a change in registration numbers, pedigree

changes, price changes and ability to register litters online. To read more about these changes, use UKC's news article link from Feb. 3, 2024: https://www.ukcdogs.com/article/fdsb-ukc-integration?news_id=1&view=recent

To see which breeds are eligible to receive pedigrees under the FDSB mark use this link: https://www.ukcdogs.com/article/breeds-receiving-fdsb-pedigrees?news_id=1&view=recent

The *United Kennel Club* also has implemented breed standard changes for several breeds that went into effect in Jan. 2024. The updates affect the following dog breeds:

- [Alaskan Malamute](#)
- [American Bully](#)
- [Belgian Shepherd](#)
- [Berger des Pyrenees](#)
- [English Bulldog](#)
- [German Shepherd](#)
- [Golden Retriever](#)
- [Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla](#)
- [Irish Red and White Setter](#)
- [Mi-Ki](#)
- [Mudi](#)
- [Poodle](#)
- [Multi-Colored Poodle](#)
- [Standard Poodle](#)
- [Multi-Colored Standard Poodle](#)
- [Toy Fox Terrier](#)

By clicking on any of the above dog name links you can open a pdf with the updated breed standards for that particular dog.

If you want to just see what particular wording has changed for the dogs mentioned above (versus the entire updated pdf of a particular breed standard), you can use this general link: https://www.ukcdogs.com/article/breed-standard-changes-for-2024?news_id=1&view=recent

Dog Training Club
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604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show & Go

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 8 hours of ring time



Classes Offered:	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
Details:	\$9.00 first five minutes \$1.00 each additional minute (5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum) Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
Pre-Entry Details:	“Events” on DTCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org Link active March 29: DTCDC Show & Go Entries open @ 6 a.m. Friday, March 29 Entries close @ Noon Friday, April 12 (or when limit is reached) Run-thru emails will be sent the evening of April 12 at the latest.
Upcoming Dates:	June 1, July 6
Questions:	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

The trick this month should be an easy one for you! It's from Hundeo.com

Michele Hosey

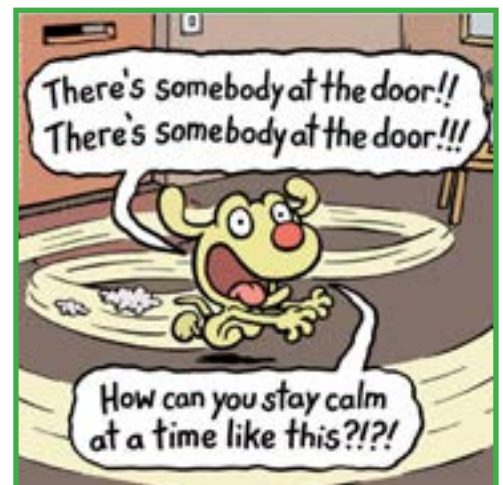


Nudge Your Nose



This is another dog trick that is just cute to watch. Your dog nudges you with his nose without licking you. Approach your dog with your face. Hold a treat up to your nose. Your dog will want it. Give him the treat when he touches your nose with his nose.

After a while, use only your empty hand to lure your dog to your nose. When he touches it, give him word signals such as "nudge" or "nose. Praise him each time he touches your nose. Now reduce the hand signals and give your dog his treat when he touches your nose in response to the word signal.





Name	Sharon Cole
City	Kennedale
Cellphone	817-714-7814
Email	sharon@doggydown.yoga
Birthday	1/10
Dog call name	Bella
Dog breed	All American - Old English Sheepdog/Poodle
Dog call name	Mia
Dog breed	German Shepherd



Left to right: Sharon Cole and Shelley Carr.


(Below, right) Ana Laureano was voted in as an associate member/renewal. She is starting in college soon and wants to stay in touch with all that is going on in the club.



DTCDC
Bulletin Board

MAY GENERAL MEETING

MAY 14 @ 7 P.M.



APRIL 2024 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
- April 1: International Bull Terrier Day
- April 1-7: National Raw Feeding Week
- April 1-7: International Pooper Scooper Week
- April 4: World Stray Animals Day
- April 6: Every Day is Tag Day
- April 7: National Pet Health Insurance Day
- April 8: National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
- April 8-15: Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 9-15: Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week
- April 10: National Hug Your Dog Day
- April 11: National Pet Day
- April 11: Dog Therapy Appreciation Day
- April 14-20: Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week
- April 14-20: National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 17-23: National Pet ID Week
- April 18: Pet Owners Independence Day
- April 21: Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
- April 17-22: National Pet ID Week.
- April 19: National Dog Parent Appreciation Day
- April 22: National Beagle Day
- April 22: Pet Tech CPR Day
- April 23: National Lost Dog Awareness Day
- April 24: International Guide Dog Day
- April 26: National Kids & Pets Day
- April 27: National Little Pampered Dog Day
- April 27: World Veterinary Day
- April 28: National Pet Parents Day
- April 28: International Search & Rescue Dog Day
- April 30: Adopt a Shelter Pet Day



MAY PAWPRINT

THEME: Have you used chiropractic treatments to help your dog with pain? Please share your experience.
DUE DATE: Wed., April 24 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

JUNE	COLD LASER THERAPY
AUGUST	AQUATIC PHYSICAL THERAPY
SEPTEMBER	DOG TOYS YOU RECOMMEND AND WHY
OCTOBER	PET INSURANCE

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



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 their first year of membership in the club. Please let Margaret Culbertson know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. Further details will be available soon. Monies for the fund may be submitted using the small lock box in the cabinet inside the main door to the building. Simply put the money or check in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope for Junior Scholarship.





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*



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.



Darlene Schermerhorn brags:



Chase had a great weekend in Navasota Friday despite the thunder and rain Chase got second place in Utility B and first place in Open B then he won High Combined and High-In-Trial. On Saturday he got a third in Utility and a first in open. On Sunday he missed a signal but redeemed himself by winning first in open and High in Trial. Then I won a nice package deal in the raffle so all together it was a very nice weekend despite the weather and dirt. We met some nice people and got to share a nice weekend with friends.

Alexis Jankowski brags:



My rat-chi mutt, Stone Desert's Tearing It Up Spider (Spider for short), earned both his BCAT and his CA titles! I am waiting on approval for his FITB title, too!

These titles are important to me because he was a happy, carefree pup who has been attacked by dogs, which made him reactive to new dogs. Thanks to two beginners classes at the DTCCDC, and the volunteer trainers and assistants, he and I have been able to manage his reactivity and I love seeing him at the dog events with his head in the game and largely ignoring the other dog participants! His behavior has made me optimistic that he might try for his CGC soon!

Sheryll Barker brags:



At Grandview, Emma made her AKC Scentwork debut, earning two container legs and two interior legs.

Jan Bruner brags:



At the Brazos Valley KC Dog Show in Navasota March 15-17th, Ace earned 3 triple Qs towards his RACH 2 -- half way with 10 now!!!. On Saturday, Ace also finished his RAE3 Title (pending AKC verification)! Judges Aimee and Kenneth Kincaid provided some very challenging courses!

Kinnie Hardaway brags:



Piper earned her Advance nosework title and Advance HD title St Patrick's Day weekend.

Mim Akins brags:



I wanted to thank the Lonestar K9 Performance Club for their Shed Hunt trial. It was fun. Ba-call got her first pass in Champions, and Oreo passed all three days. He's my Superdog!!!! It was fun.

The top picture is Friday when both dogs passed. The next is Saturday and the last is Sunday with Oreo and his 3 pass ribbons.

In case you don't know what Shed Hunt is, here's Mim's description: Starting in December and going

thru March and sometimes into early April the male deer lose their antlers. Shed hunt is going out to hunt the shed antlers. UKC has a hunting trial where 5 shed are hidden, you

and your dog have 15 minutes to find them in a 100 X 50 yard space. It's lots of fun.

Miriam and Kadee Inglehart brag:



Kadee and Sully had a great weekend in AKC scent-work. They earned their Novice Interior & Buried title as well as 1 Novice Exterior leg, 1 Novice HD, and 2 Advance Container legs. Kadee also has 2 Judges Choice awards.... while Tigré won a Jackery for me in the raffle!

Kadee was recognized by UKC for her achievements in Rally last year with El and Sully. (See her certificate on [page 34.](#)) Thank you to all her instructors and fellow classmates who gave her tips and encouragement. This was a big step toward building her confidence in competing and giving her great life lessons.

Sandi Myers brags:



Second weekend out with Rafe went well! Best of Variety and BOV Owner-Handled all three days. Friday he won a NOHS Hound Group 4th place. And Sunday he won a NOHS Hound Group 3rd Place. Taylor was RWB on Fri. and Sun. Photos at Applecreek Farms. It was a tad windy for photos with ribbons!



Darlene Schermerhorn brags:



Stormy got her Excellent Rally title Sunday at the Fort Worth show. Now we are on to get her Masters title.

Alexis Jankowski brags:



Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine earned two championship points by going Winner's Bitch on Saturday at the Fort Worth Kennel Club Dog Show! Her first competitive win

was special to me because it's just three weeks shy from when I stepped into the dog show ring for the very first time - with Golden Rea in beginner's puppy where she earned Toy Group One!!



Jose Rodriguez brags:

Ruffino earned his AKC Rally Master title at Ft. Worth KC's trials.



Pat Ingram brags:

Gabe- Rustycreeks Fell from the sky CDX, JH earned a 2nd leg in Graduate Open with a 1st place at the Dallas FW Metro Golden Retriever Specialty on Friday.



Sandi Myers and Ken Hagmueller brag:



Ken Hagmueller and Rafe had a great weekend at the dog shows in Fort Worth. On Friday at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Dachshund Club AM Specialty Show, Rafe went Best Of Variety for a 5 pt major toward the Grand Ch. At the afternoon show, Rafe went Select Dog for 1 pt. On Saturday, Rafe went BOS and NOHS BOV with 2 pts toward his Grand. Then on Sunday, Rafe was BOV/NOHS BOV for another 5 pt major toward the GCH! For some unexplained reason, the catalog didn't show his CH title. He also has all his defeats. Just working on points.



Beautiful graphic created by Madison Gover.