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# The Joy of Puppies

## Meet Wish

Judy McClelland-Sherman brought home her new Shetland Sheepdog puppy on March 9. Judy joined the club last fall and has been a long-time participant and volunteer at our Show 'N Gos even before she joined.



See more puppies on [page 22](#).

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



**APRIL 8 @ 7 P.M.**



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

**THEME: PUPPIES**



### A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. All members are encouraged to buy a ticket for \$1 or \$3 for 5. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.



Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club

members who need support and comfort.

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

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

### Sunshine Fund Report

	FEB	YTD
<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>

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# A Word from Our President



Dear Members,  
Happy Spring is here bringing longer days, warmer weather and plenty of opportunities to enjoy training and spending time with our dogs.

It is also a great time to set new training goals and participate in events and continue building strong bonds.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and members for your dedication and support. As always, it's your enthusiasm that makes our club a wonderful place to learn, grow and have fun together.

Your President,  
**Ruth Miles**



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**2023 Officers & Directors**

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

**Corporate Directors:**

- Lynda Holman
- Mark Malone
- Maurine Pearson

**The objectives of the Club shall be:**

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

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

# DTCDC Volunteer Committees

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

<b>Lana Shuman</b>	214-244-0960	<a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a>
<b>PawPrint</b> – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Printing &amp; Promotional</b> - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		
<b>Lynda Holman</b> <b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:lyholman@flash.net">lyholman@flash.net</a> <a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Purchasing</b> – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
<b>Reagan Chojnacki</b>	919-810-5428	<a href="mailto:reaganchojnacki@gmail.com">reaganchojnacki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Registration/Registrar</b> – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Show ‘N Go</b> – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Social</b> – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apollomts.com">glen@apollomts.com</a>
<b>Social Media</b> – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>Marye Boyce</b>	732-354-9323	<a href="mailto:maryeboyce200@gmail.com">maryeboyce200@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sunshine</b> – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Technology</b> – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
<b>Felicia Ruhter</b>	214-536-2667	<a href="mailto:ruhtclan@swbell.net">ruhtclan@swbell.net</a>
<b>Telephone</b> – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
<b>Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price</b>		
<b>Treasury Review</b> – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

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

# Train the Trainer Held March 18, 2025

The March 18, 2025 Train the Trainer focused on helping your dog to relax. We had people bring their dogs. Lisa Wharton spoke about dog massage and gave a demo. We also talked about training your dog to relax on a pad, bed, or mat and teaching your dog to take a deep breath on cue. Both of these are very good ways to relax your dog during competitions.



# A Note from Your Training Director



Good luck to all our members who are competing this Spring. If you are getting ready to show in obedience, please think about coming to our next Show N Go. This is a great opportunity to prepare your dog, and yourself, for competition. It also gives you a rare look at

the training methods of some really high level trainers.

Our next Train the Trainer will cover mat work, shaping, and attention work. We touched on attention and shaping at the end of our March Train the Trainer.

Happy Training,

**Mary Ann Magness**  
Training Director



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

You may also contact other Training Committee members

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Melissa Chojnacki	<a href="mailto:chojnackimelissa2@gmail.com">chojnackimelissa2@gmail.com</a>	919-210-0393
David Elliott	<a href="mailto:rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net">rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net</a>	214-563-6734
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# 2025 Session 2 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 2 which starts March 3 and runs through April 13. Please make yourself familiar with the dates of the upcoming sessions to see where you can teach or assist. We will have a successful year because of you.

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

Have a question? [training@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M	Freestyle - canceled	2 - 3 p.m.	March 3 - April 7			
O N	Novice Rally	1:15 - 2:15 pm	March 3 - April 7	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Carol Ford	Robin Vogel, Chris Swain, Lisa Gonzales	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Jeff Young	Kinnie Hardaway	Vicki Jackson
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 3 - April 7	Lisa Wharton		
T	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	March 4 - April 8	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Kinnie Hardaway		
U E S	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	March 4 and April 1	Ruth Miles		
	DTCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	March 11 and April 9	Ruth Miles		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	March 18 and 25	Jan Bruner		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	April 15, 22, 29	Wendy McQuiston		
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Michele Hosey	Kim Murphy	Cindy Sullivan
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Pam White	Dottie Smith	
	Trick Dog Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Michele Hosey		
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Brad Ralph	Shelley Carr, Greg Lambert	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	David Elliott	Colleen Gurguis, Vernon Miles, Daniel Hill	
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	March 5 - April 9	Pam Chrystal	Emily Bacca	
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Karen Henry		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	March 6 - April 10	Reagan Chojnacki/Melissa Chojnacki		
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura Steven Boyce		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	March 7 - April 11	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Tiffany Miura Steven Boyce		
S U N	Adv Open*	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	March 9 - April 13	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	March 9 - April 13	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
*PREREQUISITE						
**NO CLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS						

## SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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



# Session 3 Training Schedule



Session 3 starts on April 28 and runs through June 8/9. We are currently looking for volunteers, as you can see, we are still missing several critical instructors. If you are available, please contact the Training Committee.

Best Regards,  
 Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White and  
 Marye Boyce  
 2025 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? Contact the training committee at: [training@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M O N	Novice Rally	1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
	Rally Adv & Ex	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26		Lilha Finger	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jose Rodriguez	Stephen Weir	Vicki Jackson
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26			
T	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	April 29 - June 3	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Kinnie Hardaway		
U	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	April 1 and May 6	Ruth Miles		
E	DTCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	April 9 and May 13	Ruth Miles		
S	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	April 29	Wendy McQuiston		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	May 20			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	May 27			
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Michele Hosey	Kim Murphy	
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Pam White	Dottie Smith	
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Michele Hosey		
	Control Unleashed Attention	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mary Ann Magness		
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	April 30 - June 4		Kristal Hatcher, Oscar Esparza	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	David Elliott	Samantha Colvard, Reagan Chojnacki	
Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mark Malone			
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Maysel McGown		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Amy Witmer	Barbara Elliott	
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Chris Swain, Steven Boyce		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Chris Swain, Steven Boyce		
S U N	Adv Open*	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	May 4 - June 8	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	May 4 - June 8	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
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**NO CLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS						

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – March 4, 2025

## Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Mary Ann Magness, Kinnie, Barbara Elliot, Melissa, Shelly Zoom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Malone</li> </ul>
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:00p</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February’s Board Meeting General Meeting minutes were published in March’s PawPrint, are there any corrections?</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No corrections to the prior meeting minutes and approved by consensus</li> </ul>

### TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Total Income:     \$ 1,096.80 Total Expenses:   \$2,356.79 Total:                 \$ (1,259.59)
Conclusion	no objections or questions

### TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 2 began 3/3/25 and underway</li> <li>• Discussion, Conformation classes are sporadic and not well-known. Drop-in rate at the club averages to typically \$20 and we out-price other offerings</li> </ul>
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	<p>in the area. Possible price for \$15 and can bring another dog for free, Melissa: How would we make sure participants have vaccinations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added a new rally class in place of a daytime puppy class. The class might be filled with members-only and seems well-received so far. Advertising through Facebook, Mary Ann will check on pricing and frequency to bring to board.</li> </ul>
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**SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson**

	March 15, 2025
Conclusion	

**MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 New Member Applicants</li> <li>Debbie Kavoss and William Popham Two new membership applications. Applicants acknowledge the volunteer requirements for membership.</li> <li>All in favor of presenting applications to the next general membership</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Approved

**MAINTENANCE – Vernon Miles**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bathroom floor is expanding and might be a water problem. Barbara to check the water usage on the utility bill to see if we've had a water leak. Next to think about repairing the floor.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles**

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

**Social Committee – Lisa Gonzales / Sam**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5p members, family and pup's welcome</li> <li>Hawaiian theme</li> <li>Menu, brisket and chicken</li> <li>Committee will use the TXU giftcard towards game prizes</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

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

**Purchasing – Lynda Holman Donna Heishman**

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

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have anything from your groups? No</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late membership submission – Alexis / Glenda, Ruth / Oscar –</li> <li>• Club has a policy, which states if a membership laps, a new application will need to be filled out for approval and presented and voted on by the GM, no requirement for 2 paid classes – they can attend via Zoom</li> <li>• Voted on Oscar’s application and Glenda’s 2024 application.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Approved

**OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

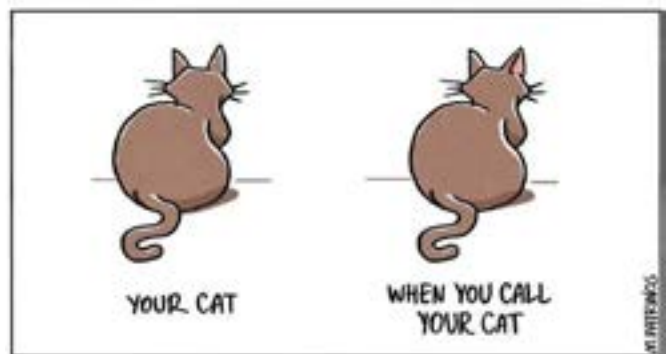
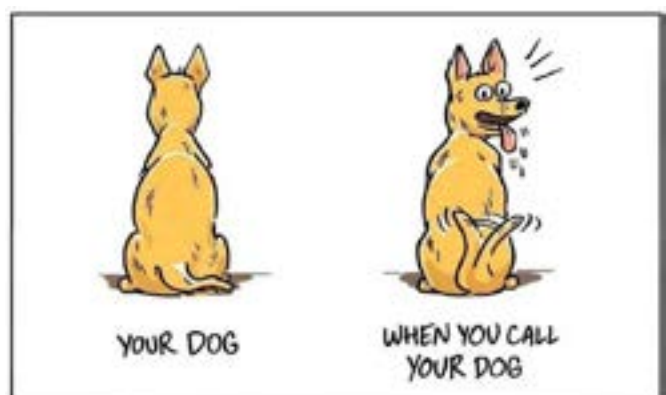
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ft Worth Botanic Garden – Sat 3/8/25</li> <li>• We will have a raffle and offer 1 free session, winner’s choice</li> <li>• Proposed Nosework Awards report</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Will continue discussion

**NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add additional award section to back wall for RACH and Detective levels</li> <li>• We have been invited back to the SPCA Strut Your Mutt event, April 12, Fair Park, \$250. Entry fee</li> <li>• Dog Durby, Opal Lawerance Park Mesquite, no cost, April 19, 10 to 1pm, no entry fee</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:09p

Respectfully submitted for approval by Alexis



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# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – March 11, 2025

## Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	At club and on Zoom
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:00 pm</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

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

### TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Total Income:     \$1,096.80 Total Expenses:   \$2,356.76 Total:                \$-1,259.59
Conclusion	



***Hoppy  
Easter  
Puppy***

**SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March birthdays - read out loud</li> <li>• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raffle Winners: David Elliott, Reagan Chojnacki, Susan Whitaker, Marye Boyce, Michelle Moorman</li> </ul>

**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 2 began 3/3/25 and underway</li> <li>• Train the Trainer - Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 – relaxation for dogs-getting them to settle</li> </ul>
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**PawPrint – Lana Shuman**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April's PawPrint deadline:</li> <li>• Theme: Puppies</li> <li>• Items due Wednesday March 19th</li> <li>• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting.</li> <li>• Traders Corner section is open</li> <li>• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.</li> </ul>
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**SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson**

	March 15, 2025
Conclusion	

**MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 New Member Applicants Debbie Kavoss and William Popham Two new membership applications,</li> <li>• re-applying Oscar Espanosa</li> </ul>
Conclusion	Approved by consensus

**Social Committee – Lisa Gonzales / Samantha Colvard**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm members, family and pup's welcome</li> <li>• Hawaiian theme</li> <li>• Menu, brisket and chicken</li> <li>• Committee will use the TXU gift card towards game prizes</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**Purchasing – Lynda Holman / Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toys purchased for the classes</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**CGC – Terri Schur**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog Wednesday April 23, 2025</li><li>• CGCU - Saturday April 26, 2025, 10 am at Hillside Village</li></ul>
Conclusion	

**OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

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

**NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ft Worth Botanical Gardens was rescheduled for May10, 2025</li><li>• We have been invited back to the SPCA Strut Your Mutt event, April 12, Fair Park, Board has approved the \$250. 7 to 11</li><li>• Dog Derby, Opal Lawerance Park, Mesquite, no cost, April 19, 10am - 1pm, no entry fee</li><li>• Please sign up for whichever event you can attend</li></ul>
Conclusion	

Motion made to adjourn for brags

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

April snacks: Vernon Miles and Melissa Chojnacki

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

# **NOTE ON NOSEWORK SUPPLIES**



**This is a friendly reminder that the club's Nosework supplies are for scheduled Nosework class use only. Please do not use these supplies outside of designated class times.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our training resources organized and available for those enrolled in classes.**

# Information We Need to Know



1.	<p><b>Lock Codes:</b> Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>) if you need the codes. We have <b>replaced the combination lock</b> on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the <b>code has NOT</b> changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
2.	<p><b>Incident Reports:</b> Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p><b>Upcoming Board Meetings:</b> April Board Meeting will be held April 1 at 7 p.m. May Board Meeting will be held May 6 at 7 p.m. <b>Upcoming General Meetings:</b> April General Meeting will be held on April 8 at 7 p.m. May General Meeting will be held on May 13 at 7 p.m. Register for the April General Meeting's Zoom access at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfuyqsqj4iHNzdmGLShOjgshe5NNRO0USA">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfuyqsqj4iHNzdmGLShOjgshe5NNRO0USA</a></p>
4.	<p>Fill out <b>Class Registration Sheet</b> for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a <b>Zoom account for meetings</b>. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (<a href="mailto:donna@heishman.net">donna@heishman.net</a>) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>)</p>
6.	<p>The next <b>Show 'N Go</b> is scheduled for April 12. Registration is open at this <a href="#">link</a>. Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret and shared in this newsletter on <a href="#">page 47</a>. Future Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 5/10 and 6/21 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at <a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a> with questions.</p>
7.	<p>The club's <b>Wi-Fi and password</b> information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically.</li> <li>• Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name &amp; password.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p><b>FOR MEMBERS ONLY!</b> The <b>new</b> code for class registration is: <b>traindogsforever</b> Classes are found at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</a></p>
9.	<p>Submit items for <b>PawPrint</b> to Editor Lana Shuman at: <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, <b>maintenance</b> chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: <a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a> or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>



# Information We Need to Know



<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Missed Class Policy</b></p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>First Responder Discount Policy</b></p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b>Sunshine Fund</b></p> <p>April birthdays will be recognized at the April meeting.</p> <p>If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact E'Lynne Elliott at <a href="mailto:elynnew@gmail.com">elynnew@gmail.com</a>.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p><b>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</b></p> <p>Topic: TBD              Date: April 15, 2025              Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Details will be distributed soon by the training committee.  <b>Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.</b></p>
<p>15.</p>	<p><b>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</b></p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p> 
<p>16.</p>	<p><b>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</b></p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.  <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>              Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please <b>DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings</b>. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><i>Margaret Culbertson</i></p>

# Information We Need to Know



18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

*Ruth Miles*



19.

**Leash Reminder**

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

*Training Committee*



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,  
*Training Committee*



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.





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

<b>Date:</b>	April 12
<b>Location:</b>	Dallas Fair Park
<b>Schedule:</b>	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

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, April 19
<b>Schedule</b>	9 a.m. Set up 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Activities 1 p.m. Teardown
<b>Location:</b>	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 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 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



# From your Social Committee:



JOIN THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS  
COUNTY FOR A  
**HAWAIIAN SUMMER  
CELEBRATION!**

EXPERIENCE A FUN-FILLED DAY  
WITH LUNCH PROVIDED AND  
**GAMES FOR YOU AND YOUR DOGS.**  
MAKE SURE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 14TH  
1-5PM**

**AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
604 CRESTSIDE DR.  
DUNCANVILLE TX  
ASKING THE ATTENDEES TO  
BRING SIDES AND DESSERT. WE  
WILL DO THE REST!**



## Ten Reasons to Have a Puppy

**There are many reasons to have a puppy! Here are the top 10.**

1. Your blood pressure will drop—studies show petting a dog will stimulate the release of endorphins.
2. You'll embark on the most fun weight-loss plan—ever.
3. You'll never be lonely again—you'll always have a sidekick.
4. You'll become a people magnet.
5. Your social network posts will be more memorable than the Kardashians.
6. Your social calendar will fill up.
7. Your house will never be cleaner. (You have to keep all that stuff off the floor.)
8. You'll always have someone to talk to on road trips—without any backseat driving.
9. You'll be busy, but being "busy" takes on a whole new meaning.
10. When you say, "The dog did it," there's a 50 percent chance that it's true.



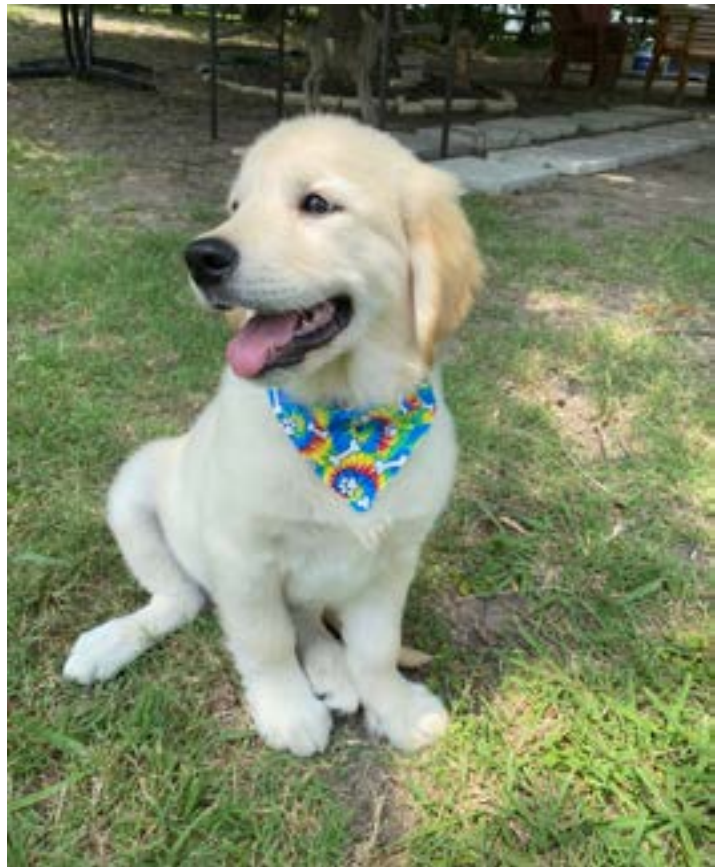
# PUPPIES



**Alexis Jankowski shared these photos of her dogs when they were puppies.**



# PUPPIES



Jorge Ayala's Cooper



Chris Swain shared this picture of her foster Sprout

Rex Willhelm's  
Dakota when he  
was 12 weeks old.





# PUPPIES



**Barbara and David Elliott love Great Danes. Here is the newest member of their pack: Bruce. Above, left: Bruce and Barbara. Bruce was three weeks old. Above, right: Bruce and Barbara. Bruce still loves his mama at 10 months old. Photo at right is Bruce, the puppy, at 11 months old. What did you feed that boy?**



# PUPPIES

Jan Hitchborn's Logan, Maggie, Rookie, Oliver, and Skye. So darn cute!



# PUPPIES



**Kat McClay's Fern**



# PUPPIES



(Above) Tiny, troublemaker 'Tessa' at 8 weeks old, stealing Kristal's shoe.



(Left) Kristal Hatcher's handsome, good boy 'Teague'. 12 weeks old.



Robin Vogel's Micah at 7 and a half months old.



# PUPPIES



**Mary Ann Magness shares pictures of Chance, Diva, Fellow, Harley and Jax. All trained at this club.**

# PUPPIES



Maysel McGown shares puppy pictures of her Zara. First before her ears were cropped, the other two were recuperation pictures the day after.



Ruth and Vernon Miles share before and after pictures of William when he got his ears cropped at 8 weeks old.



# PUPPIES



Vicki Jackson shares this photo of Lateeda.

Shari Price's Ozzy



Sheryll Barker and Theo. Her wisdom is "start training young."



# PUPPIES



**Craig and Lana Shuman share puppy photos of Luna, Champ and BeBe.**





# Puppy Training Timeline: Teaching Good Behavior Before It's Too Late

By Mary Kearnl



Puppies, like human babies, do a lot of learning in their early months, especially when it comes to navigating their new environment and adopting good manners.

For tips on how to facilitate that learning, we turned to certified dog trainer Kate Naito, who is also an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and Manners Program Director at Doggie Academy.

The first thing to do before training begins

Before you even start training a puppy, it's important to focus on your little one's emotional health, says Naito, "That means making sure you create an envi-

ronment in which your puppy feels safe around you."

Puppyhood training, she says, comes down to two key components:

- Relationship building
- Creating structure

After all, once a loving and trusting bond exists, it's much easier (and enjoyable) to teach your dog specific behaviors and commands, such as "drop it" and "heel."

## **Growth stage: between 8–16 weeks**

### Training goal No. 1: Exposure to the environment

At this critical socialization period that ends by 16 weeks, puppies are students of life, Naito explains. They're curious – and should be learning – about how the world around them works, specifically what things look like and sound like. For that reason, Naito generally focuses on exposing puppies to their environment first before diving into obedience training.

She recommends making sure puppies become familiar (and comfortable) with:

Surroundings: Including traffic noises, public transportation, car rides, passersby of all ages and shapes, and other dogs.

Activities: Including visits to the vet and body handling.

"The goal is to teach a puppy that the world is a fun, not scary, place," she says.

### Training goal No. 2: Impulse control

The first true behavior training lesson for puppies at this stage should be basic impulse control. "This can come in many forms," Naito explains, "but most new owners start with a simple 'sit.'" She likens a puppy learning to sit on command to a young child learning to say, "Please, may I have that?" instead of, "Gimme that!"

At a minimum, families should get puppies into the good habit of sitting before meal time. Ideally, you should also take things further and integrate the behavior into playtime by having your puppy sit before playing a game. “This kind of training can start as soon as your puppy comes home (as early as eight weeks), provided you plan to use positive-reinforcement training,” says Naito.

### **Puppy stage: By 6 months**



By this age, your growing puppy should be well-versed in several lessons.

#### Training goal No. 3: Polite play

Puppies who learn the lesson of polite play know when to stop (and can follow the “drop it” command), what’s off-limits, and understand what “no biting” means. While your puppy is still teething at this stage and likely has a strong desire to bite and chew things, they should know which household items are toys for playing and which objects are not—for instance, your body and clothing.

“Of course, all this must be done using force-free training,” says Naito.

#### Training goal No. 4: Housetraining

“This may be a work in progress for several months, but your puppy should be making steady progress with going potty in the appropriate places,” says Naito.

#### Training goal No. 5: Being alone

Whether through crate training or leaving your puppy in another type of safe, enclosed place, Naito says the goal is to ensure your puppy can stand being left alone for short periods of time.

#### Training goal No. 6: Recall

Getting dogs to respond to the command “come” early on is important, says Naito. “Even if your puppy doesn’t have a rocket recall, the important thing is that he loves coming right up to you.”

#### Training goal No. 7: Continued impulse control

By this age, puppies should ask politely for all of their favorite things by sitting first—that means sitting before getting food, engaging in playtime, and so on. “If your puppy is barking, jumping, or nipping for your attention, you’re setting him up for trouble as he gets bigger and stronger,” says Naito.

### **Growth stage: By one year**

By the time they’re one year old, dogs should be making progress in learning of all the polite behaviors they will need for the rest of their lives.

#### Training goal No. 8: Mastery of these basic behaviors

Naito explains that while the “basics” will vary based on your dog and your environment, these typically include learning to:

- Sit, down and stay (even with distractions)



- Come when called (particularly when off-leash)
- Loose leash walking
- Drop it and leave it

Is it ever too late to teach a dog?

While Naito says it may not be too late to teach particular behaviors beyond puppyhood, this stage is critical—particularly the first three to four months—when it comes to building that emotional foundation.

“If a puppy learns not to trust humans—maybe because they yell and punish, steal his food dish to establish dominance, or force him into scary situations—you will have an uphill battle teaching life skills later on,” says Naito.

Dogs who are afraid of people will have a harder time coming when called. And those who think people may steal their toys won’t be as likely to “drop it” when asked.

You can make progress, Naito adds, but it’s easier to train dogs who start out with a foundation of trust and clear communication. And it’s easier to teach young puppies behaviors like gentle play than it is full-size dogs.

But through positive-reinforcement training, it’s possible to help dogs of any age recognize that it can be fun to behave politely. “In many cases, you can reverse rude behavior quickly by teaching a new, enjoyable way to behave,” she says. In other words, your dog won’t be as likely to run off with your socks if the alternative is to “drop it” and get a treat.

Every dog and every dog’s environment is different, so keep in mind that key training milestones will vary based on your particular dog and your surroundings.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/build-a-great-relationship-with-your-new-puppy-four-training-strategies/>



# Build a Great Relationship With Your New Puppy – Four Training Strategies

By Arliss Paddock and LeAnn Miller

You just got home with your gorgeous fluff of a pup, and you have grand visions of competing in one or more of the many canine events available. Or maybe you'd like a wonderful housepet who has great manners.

How to get started? Following are some strategies to help you build your relationship with your puppy, while also nurturing his attention, drive, and focus — skills that will help him enjoy and excel at activities you may do together later on.

**Teach him that all good things come through you.** Food, toys, belly-rubs—everything that your dog values should come through you. Please don't interpret this to mean that the dog never gets to



interact with anything without your involvement. That's simply not true, doable, or desirable. My dogs get plenty of what they want from other people and other dogs. What I mean is that when we're together, the dog should focus on me to get what he wants.

As an example, I have a very food-motivated dog who has to do a sit and look at me before I release her to her food bowl. I don't tell her to sit, and I don't tell her to look at me ... she offers these behaviors because they are her defaults when she wants something from me. I do not release her when she's staring at the bowl and trying to levi-

tate it to her mouth! I want her to include me in the picture of what is good.

**Build his learning toolkit.** Teach your puppy that learning is fun and that offering behaviors is rewarded. Your dog will be learning new things throughout his lifetime — this is the time to teach the fundamentals. Get your clicker out and teach the pup what that means, even if you don't plan on using it later. Get your pup used to being handled by you and everyone else on the planet. Teach your puppy that learning is fun and that offering behaviors is rewarded. Your dog will be learning new things throughout his lifetime — this is the time to teach the fundamentals. Get your clicker out and teach the pup what that means, even if you don't plan on using it later. Get your pup used to being handled by you and everyone else on the planet.

Socialize your puppy, but manage the environment to build positive associations. Having a bad experience as a puppy can carry through the dog's entire lifetime and can limit his potential.

**Build drive through play.** There are several games that you can play with your pup to build drive — nurturing his energy and enthusiasm for doing activities with you. Some of my favorites include:

- tug games, including “live toy, dead toy” — using two identical toys, play with the pup with one, then switch to the other;

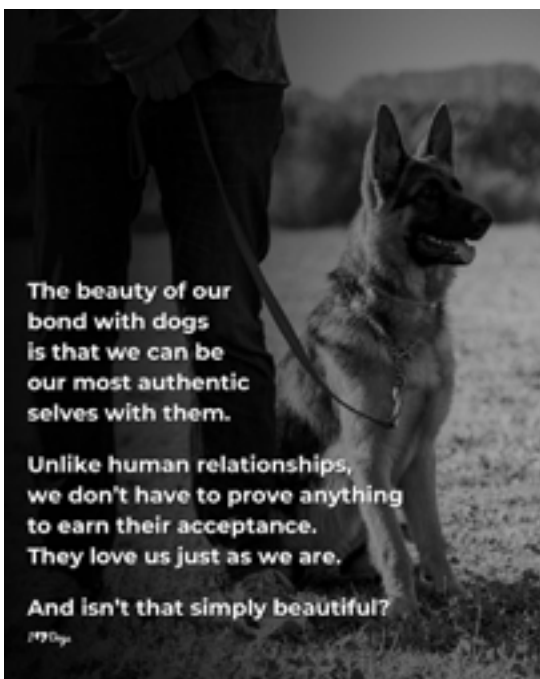


- retrieves combined with recalls — using two identical toys, I throw one toy while restraining the pup until the toy lands, then I release the pup to get the toy. As soon as the pup gets it, I shake the other toy and call him back; and
- the race game — in which I race the pup to the toy I just threw (sometimes I win, sometimes the pup wins!)

**Give what you expect.** If you expect a very high level of attention from your pup, be prepared to give that same level of attention. An example is if you are at an event and want the puppy to pay attention to you, you must pay that same level of attention to the puppy. If you expect a very high level of attention from your pup, be prepared to give that same level of attention. Remember, this is a partnership. You have to live up to your end of the bargain.

When I asked Training Committee member and former Training Director David Elliott about articles to help members with their puppies, he suggested I look at AKC's website. The following links are to further articles that may be helpful to you. There are literally hundreds of articles on the AKC site, placed there to help puppy owners train their puppies. Some are even geared towards helping with specific breeds.

- This first link will give you a list of all the articles on the AKC website regarding puppies.  
<https://www.akc.org/?s=Puppy+training+>
- This link answers questions about AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training and the title.  
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/akc-star-puppy-training/>



# Thinking Of Getting A Purebred Puppy?



## Here are some helpful tips.

If you're thinking of getting a puppy, there are a few things you should know before you start your search. I've put together what I believe are the most important things you should know to help you find the right purebred puppy for you, as well as to find a healthy puppy with a good temperament.

Presumably, you've done the math. You already should know your budget for buying a puppy, as well as what your expenses may be.

### Expenses include:

- Vet visits
- Pet insurance (if you choose to get it - some people prefer to set up a separate bank account in case of emergency veterinary expenses)
- Dog trainer
- Food (choose a good food, because in the long run you'll save on veterinary expenses, even though the food may be a little more expensive)
- Heartworm, and flea and tick preventatives
- Toys, beds, and other miscellaneous things

Choose a breed that fits in well with your home and neighborhood environment, and your life style.

Don't choose a breed just because you think they're cute. Dig a little deeper into the facts about the breed to make certain they're a good match. For instance, if you want a laid back couch potato, you shouldn't be buying a Jack Russel, or a Boxer.

### Make an informed decision based on:

- If you live in a house, or apartment

- If you have a yard and don't intend to walk your dog
- If you want your dog to go jogging, hiking, or on walks with you every morning, or you want a quiet couch potato
- If you have small children in the house, or you're expecting a baby
- If you're handicapped in any way
- If your household is quiet, or filled with energy
- If you want your dog to travel, and go places, with you

Once you make your decision:

Don't look on Facebook, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, or AKC, for a puppy. Backyard breeders, and those who are fronts for puppy mills, advertise on these sites. Reputable show breeders may have their own pages on Facebook, and may be on AKC, but you have to know what you're looking for in order to find them, and distinguish them from those who are less reputable.

A breeder saying their dogs have AKC registration papers means absolutely nothing. Backyard breeders and puppy mills get ahold of a single AKC paper, and circulate it among all their dogs. AKC doesn't check to keep this from happening. It's done all the time. Odds are they'll never even give you any papers after promising to, as this happens more often than not. A reputable show breeder will provide you with the papers without a problem, and you can be assured that they're the actual papers.

Saying their dogs are from champion lines means nothing. I've seen backyard breeders do this, and it's completely false. I've even seen them steal pictures of dogs winning at shows from show breeders' websites, saying they're their own dogs. Don't be fooled. A show breeder will have champions on the premises, and can be checked out by contacting their local, or national breed club.

One way to guarantee someone is a reputable show breeder is to go to the website for the national breed club for the breed you want, and look for breeders in good standing in your area. There will be a list of breeders by state, with their contact information.

Another good way to find a show breeder is to go to a dog show, and meet the breeders. Go to the grooming area before the breed is in the ring to see the dogs,



and talk to the breeders. Most breeders will be happy to talk to you about their dogs if they have the time. Understand, though, that they may be very busy, and can't talk at that time, but you can get their contact info, and talk to them at a later time, either at the show, or after they're home.

Going to a dog show is a good opportunity for you to look at different breeds, and watch them in the ring. If you see a breed whose looks you like, you can Google the breed to see if they'll fit into your lifestyle. You can also mingle, and talk to the breeders, and other breed fanciers, about the breed. Walk around the rings and grooming areas, and then head outside and walk around the RVs parked there to see if any breeders have their dogs out, and they themselves are out, and they're available to talk to you. Always ask them if they have a few minutes to talk, to make certain they aren't hurrying to get their dogs to the ring.

Those who are sitting ring side are usually the avid fanciers of the breed, and the breeders themselves. Bring an outdoor collapsible chair with you, and sit down near them. Strike up a conversation when the ring is cleared, as they'll be too absorbed in what's going on in the ring when the dogs are in there. They're fountains of knowledge about the breed, and can steer you in the right direction.

Show breeders know their puppies well. They will help match the right puppy to you based on what you want to do with your puppy. They know which of their puppies will be high energy, and which will be low energy. They know which puppies are more dominant, and which ones are more laid back. They're experts in this, so let them help you.

Getting a purebred puppy from a show breeder is the best way to get a healthy puppy. Show breeders do DNA tests, X-rays, eye tests, heart tests, etc..., to rule out inherited diseases the breed may be prone to. They produce dogs with good conformation to ensure you won't have structural problems with your

dog. They breed for good temperament, so you know you'll get a dog who will have a good disposition, and won't have genetic issues, such as aggression.

As for DNA tests, know that they aren't all alike. You want to see national breed club recommended DNA tests from breed club recommended laboratories.

There are many bulk DNA tests, like Embark, that don't do the DNA tests for certain breeds. Only a couple of university laboratories in the United States do the tests. Many of the bulk tests are publicly accessible tests, so you can actually see them for yourself. However, some of the tests may not be available to the public yet.

Show breeders put a lot of time and money into breeding good puppies. They stand behind their puppies, and they'll be there for you after you buy your puppy to answer any questions that may arise. And should the time come that you can no longer keep your dog, they have it in their contracts that they'll take the dog back. You won't find show breeders' dogs in any animal shelter, because they'll take their dogs back for any reason, at any time.

While some show breeders may have puppies available when you talk to them, others may have a waiting list. Be prepared to wait a bit for a puppy if necessary. It's worth it to get a healthy quality puppy.

One thing I hear people say when I suggest going to a show breeder for a puppy, is "I don't want a show dog". You aren't going to get a show dog, unless you actually want one to finish to their championship. Not every puppy in a litter is "show quality". Show breeders sell "pet quality" puppies. This means the puppy isn't qualified to show, and get a championship. These puppies go into homes with people who just want a nice companion dog.

National breed clubs also will recommend breed rescues that are in good standing with them. This information will be on their website as well. Breed clubs, and breeders, are known to work with rescues in order to give back to the breed by helping less fortunate dogs.

If you want a rescue, check at your local shelter, and rescues within your area. Puppies are rare in rescue, but you may luck out. There are rescues for each breed, so you can get a purebred breed rescue, or you can get an all breed rescue. Reputable breed rescues that are recommended by the national breed clubs, usually vet out their dogs, and thoroughly evaluate them, so you know what you're getting. Other types of rescues usually don't do this.

Ask your vet if they know of any puppies from reputable breeders in your area for the breed you're interested in. Your vet may be a good source of information for this.

Don't send money to anyone who asks for money for a puppy in advance. That's how scammers operate. They post fake puppy pictures on their Facebook page, and they ask for a deposit, or all the money up front, in order to hold the puppy. You'll never see the puppy, or your money again.

You get what you pay for. Buyer beware if you see a puppy advertised for around \$300. Scammers list their fake puppies cheaply to lure you in. Fronts for puppy mills will also sell puppies cheap, because they want to move them out fast, since they have such a large amount, and the puppies keep coming. That's not to say that disreputable backyard breeders don't charge a lot for their puppies, because many do. I've seen them charge way over what a reputable show breeder would charge. You aren't getting anything extra for your money; in fact, you're getting much less.

Never buy a puppy from a pet store, the Amish, or a puppy mill, because you aren't "saving" the puppy; all you're doing is causing the parents of the puppy to suffer horrendously for their entire lives. You're also getting a very unhealthy puppy, who will either come to you sickly, or will have a lot of medical problems throughout their life. Pet stores get their puppies from puppy mills. The Amish are the biggest puppy mill distributors in the country, but not the only one. Google "puppy mills" to learn more.

Don't be fooled by so-called "rescue puppies" on Facebook pages that claim to be rescues. These aren't rescues; they're puppy mills. No reputable rescue has scores of puppies continuously available.

If you see a breeder on Facebook breeding too many dogs of the same breed, breeding different breeds, and/or multiple designer dogs/mixed breed dogs, they're fronts for puppy mills. Avoid them.

Look up the breed standard for the breed you're interested in, so you can tell if you're looking at a purebred. If you see pictures of puppies that are off-color to the breed standard, have eye colors that don't match the breed standard, are sizes that don't match the breed standard, or otherwise don't appear to match the breed standard, then you're not looking at purebred puppies. The puppies are mixed breed, and are from a backyard breeder, or puppy mill.

Check your contract before you get your puppy. I've seen some crazy things in contracts from backyard breeders. Look for the red flags that make it a certainty

you're dealing with a backyard breeder. If anything in the contract seems odd, don't sign it, and look elsewhere for a puppy.

Unless you know your breeder, and have gotten puppies from them before, always go to pick up your puppy in person. Look for red flags around you, but be aware that puppy mills will send their puppies to nice homes when you're ready to pick them up, in order to fool you into thinking they couldn't possibly be puppy mill puppies. The Amish, who have the biggest puppy mills in the country, are well known for doing this. You'll go to see a puppy on a beautiful, idyllic farm, when in reality the puppy came from a dirty, overcrowded puppy mill.

Reputable show breeders will usually have you come to see, and pick up, the puppy at their home, so you can meet each other, and you can spend time with the puppies. They may also choose to meet you at a dog show, if it's more convenient, to have you see, or pick up, the puppy.

When clients ask me where they should get a puppy/dog from, I tell them: If you want a purebred puppy, only go to a reputable show breeder. If you want an adult dog, go to a rescue, or animal shelter, or check with a reputable show breeder. Sometimes show breeders have older dogs available that may not have made the cut for the show ring, may have finished their show career, or may be done with breeding. These dogs usually range from a year old to five years old. You may have to wait until the breeder retires a dog, if they don't have one available at the time you ask.

Wherever you get your puppy from, be certain to take your new puppy to a veterinarian to be examined within a few days of getting them. And make certain you puppy proof your home, just as you would for a child, before bringing the puppy home, to keep them safe.

Enjoy being a puppy parent!

~ Lisa Lavendar

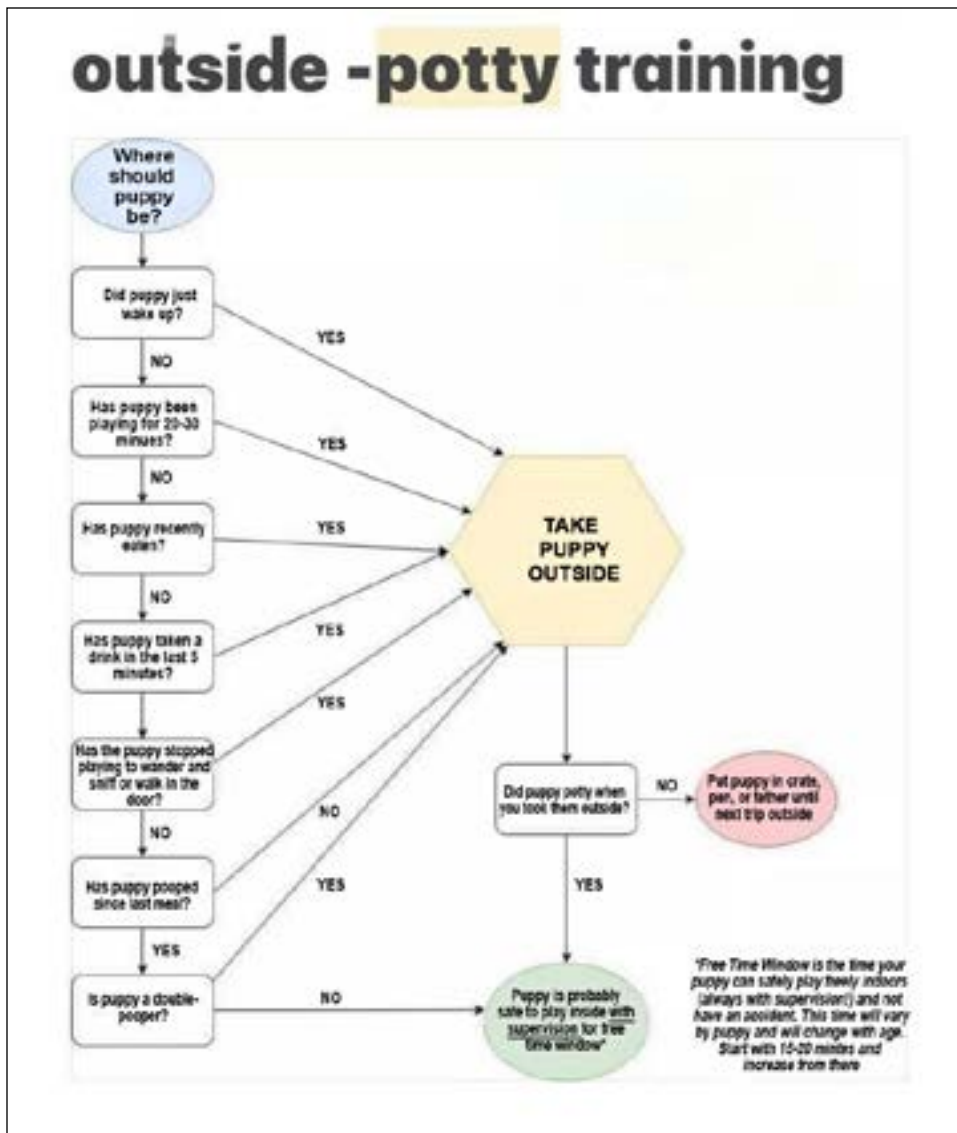
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# Puppy Potty Training Tips



Remember to be gentle and patient with your puppy. If they have an accident, never punish them for it. If you do, you'll make them fearful of you. Just clean it up, and act like nothing happened. Your puppy will learn with time what you want them to do.

Be consistent. Get them out on time each time. Puppies have a hard time holding it in, so you need to be vigilant. If you see them sniffing, and acting like they need to go, take them out immediately, even if it isn't the scheduled time.

Eventually, you can gradually lengthen the time between potty breaks, but don't rush them. You're going to be making a lot of trips outside during the first few months, so don't expect a lot during this time.

Certain breeds can be hard to potty train, or other issues may be going on behaviorally with your puppy that are

making things harder than they would normally be. If things don't seem to be going the way they should, it's time to get a trainer on board.

Wishing you an easy time potty training your new puppy.

~ Lisa Lavender

Dog Training With Lisa

<https://www.facebook.com/DogTrainingWithLisa?mibextid=ZbWKwL>



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Lana Shuman

# TRADER'S CORNER

## FREE CRATE:

<b>What:</b>	<b>Petmate Kennel - a friend had it stored in a shed and doesn't want it.</b>
<b>Condition:</b>	<b>They lost the wingnuts that originally held top and bottom together but replaced with screws.</b>
<b>Size:</b>	<b>About 2' tall, 28 inches long. Its dusty and the door has some rust on it. But probably could be cleaned up and be useful again. No cracks in the plastic or bent door.</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Lisa Gonzales - text @ 972-296-2236</b>



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

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

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

# Canine Good Citizen (CGC)



**Titles earned on  
Session 1 - 2025**

*Congratulations to:*

- Alexis Jankowski & Treasure
- Alexis Jankowski & Odie
- Vicki Jackson & Grace
- Jan Raines & Spargel



# COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on  
Session 1 - 2025**

*Congratulations to:*

- Alexis Jankowski & Treasure
- Alexis Jankowski & Odie
- Michelle Coffin & Joxer



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# Trick Dog Titles



**Titles earned on  
Session 1 - 2025**  
*Congratulations to:*

- Alexis Jankowski & Treasure - TKN
- Alexis Jankowski & Odie - TKN
- Michelle Coffin & Joxer - TKN



TKN = Novice Trick Dog   TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog   TKA = Advanced Trick Dog   TKP = Trick Dog Performer  
TKE = Trick Dog Elite Performer

# CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing

## CGC, CGCA & Trick Dog Testing: Wednesday, April 23



**Where:** Held at the DTCCDC Training Facility

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

**Price:** \$25.00 per entry



## CGCU Testing: Saturday, April 26

**When:** 10 a.m.

**Where:** Hillside Village

Watch your email for more deals from  
Terri Schurr

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

We need 4 to 5 volunteers to help with the tests on April 23. We also need an AKC evaluator to assist.

Contact Terri Schurr at [terrischurr@me.com](mailto:terrischurr@me.com) to volunteer or ask questions.



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# Show 'N Go

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 6 hours of ring time



<b>Classes Offered:</b>	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
<b>Details:</b>	\$9.00 first five minutes \$1.00 each additional minute (5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum) Start time depends on number of entries Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
<b>Pre-Entry Details:</b>	"Events" on DTCDC website: <a href="http://dallasdogtraining.org">dallasdogtraining.org</a> Link: <a href="#">DTCDC Show &amp; Go</a> Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, March 28 Entries close @ Noon Thursday, April 10 (or when limit is reached) Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, April 9 Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, April 11
<b>Upcoming Dates:</b>	5/10 and 6/21
<b>Questions:</b>	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 <a href="mailto:Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a>



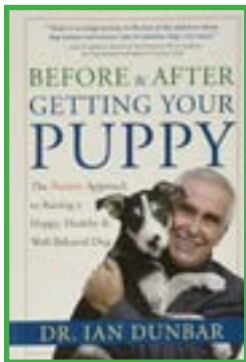
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DTCDC building*



# DTCDC LIBRARY

## Recommended Resources:

### Before & After You Get Your Puppy (2004) Dr. Ian Dunbar



Raising a great dog: Now, in *Before and After Getting Your Puppy*, Dr. Ian Dunbar combines his two popular puppy training manuals into one indexed, value-priced hardcover dog training book. In clear steps, with helpful photos and easy-to-follow puppy training milestones, he presents a structured yet playful and humorous plan for raising a wonderful dog. Dr. Dunbar's guide is

based around six developmental milestones:

- Your doggy education
- Evaluating puppy's progress
- Errorless housetraining and chewtoy-training
- Socialization with PeopleLearning bite inhibition
- The world at large

Fans of *The Art of Raising a Puppy*, *Training the Best Dog Ever*, or *Zak George's Dog Training Revolution*, will love Ian Dunbar's *Before and After Getting Your Puppy*.

### Control Unleashed : The Puppy Program (2012) Leslie McDevitt



*Control Unleashed: The Puppy Program* is meant as "preventive medicine" for puppy raisers. Many common behavior problems can be either prevented or minimized by starting a puppy with good foundation training from the beginning. In addition, this book provides a program that will help you create a puppy that is ready for sport-specific

training at the appropriate age—a puppy with the ability to focus on whatever you want, for as long as you want, whenever you want.

### DVD from Leerburg Training by Janice Gunn



This 1 hour and 50 minute instructional DVD features Janice training her new puppy Remi from 7 weeks to 16 weeks old. Follow Janice as she instills her new puppy, with the joy of learning that will give him a head start on his obedience career. This DVD shows actual first time training sessions for numerous foundation skills;

watch how Janice shapes Remi for success. This training DVD has valuable instruction for early foundation training to help your puppy or novice dog get off on the right paw.

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

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

*Contact: Lisa Gonzales, Robin Vogel or Lana Shuman*





# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

This trick is from the AKC website. Have fun!

Happy training!

*Michele Hosey*



## How to Teach Catch



To teach your dog how to catch, start with your dog in front of you and get their attention with a treat. Then, gently toss a treat with an under-handed throw. If your dog catches the treat, give lots of praise. If they miss the treat, try to grab it before they can gobble it down and try again.

Repeat a couple of times during each training session. When your dog is constantly catching tossed treats, you can start to gently toss lightweight toys your dog enjoys. When your dog catches their toy, give lots of praise and follow up with a treat.



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<b>Dog Breed:</b>	German Shepherd Dog
<b>Dog Name:</b>	Baby
<b>Dog Breed:</b>	All American - Cavalier King Charles Mix



Membership Chair Shelley Carr introduces new members (left to right) Debbie Kavoss, William Popham and Oscar Espinoza.

Oscar Espinoza let his membership lapse, he renewed his membership at the meeting.





# DTCDC Bulletin Board



## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

**APRIL 8 @ 7 P.M.**



## APRIL 2025 DOG CALENDAR:

- Active Dog Month
- National Canine Fitness Month
- National Adopt a Greyhound Month
- National Heartworm Awareness Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- National Pet Month
- Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- April 1: International Bull Terrier Day
- April 1-7: National Raw Feeding Week
- April 4: World Stray Animals Day
- April 5: Every Day is Tag Day
- April 6-12: International Pooper Scooper Week
- April 7: National Pet Health Insurance Day
- April 8: Catahoula Leopard Dog Day
- April 8: National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
- April 10: National Hug Your Dog Day
- April 11: National Pet Day
- April 11: Dog Therapy Appreciation Day
- April 13-19: Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week
- April 13-19: National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 14-20: National Pet ID Week
- April 18: Pet Owner's Independence Day
- April 19: National Dog Parent Appreciation Day
- April 21: Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
- April 21-27: Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 22: National Beagle Day
- April 23: Pet Tech CPR Day
- April 23: National Lost Dog Awareness Day
- April 23-29: National Scoop The Poop Week
- April 26: National Kids and Pets Day
- April 26: World Veterinary Day
- April 27: National Little Pampered Dog Day
- April 27: National Pet Parents Day
- April 27: International Search and Rescue Dog Day
- April 30: Adopt a Shelter Pet Day.
- April 30: National Therapy Animal Day.
- April 30: International Guide Dog Day

## MAY PAWPRINT

**THEME: FUN SPRING DOG PHOTOS**

**DUE DATE: Wed., APRIL 23, (or earlier)**

**HAVE YOU AND YOUR DOG ENJOYED THE WARM SPRING WEATHER? PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS. THESE CAN INCLUDE PHOTOS WITH BLUEBONNETS OR OTHER SPRING FLOWERS.**

### UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES

JUNE	JAN HITCHBORN AND LOGAN - NOSEWORK
NONE IN JULY	NO PAWPRINT FOR JULY
AUGUST	SUMMER SOCIAL FOLLOW-UP

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

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



## TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

## Junior Scholarship

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





# DTCDC Bulletin Board

## Active Membership Requirements:

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

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

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

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



## AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

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

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

**DTCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**

## AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

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

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



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



**This is being provided for your information only.**



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

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

You can drop them off at their location:

1150 E Pleasant Run Road  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Phone: 972-293-7387

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

**Chewy Wishlist:** [https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter\\_b71563199](https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter_b71563199)

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

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



Our illustrious treasurer knows how to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Way to go, Barbara.



No amount of time can erase the memory of a great dog.



IN MATH CLASS

TEACHER: YOU HAVE 10 DOGS AND SOMEBODY ASKS FOR 2. HOW MANY DOGS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?

ME: 10

TEACHER: OK BUT WHAT DO YOU HAVE IF SOMEBODY FORCEFULLY TAKES 2 OF YOUR DOGS?

ME: 10 DOGS AND A DEAD BODY.







**Rosemary Mlnzghor brags:**

Coco and I had a good weekend at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview, we had five Advanced runs with three Q's (HD - exterior - buried) and one with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and she finished her advanced exterior element title - best of all, Q's were with a sit indication.

**Benita Zapata brags:**

Raiden earned her AKC Detective title at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview, Texas. The trial was hosted by NORTEX.

**Jerri Martin brags:**

Lacey got her first Q in Advanced Containers at NORTEX trial at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview.



**Chris Swain brags:**

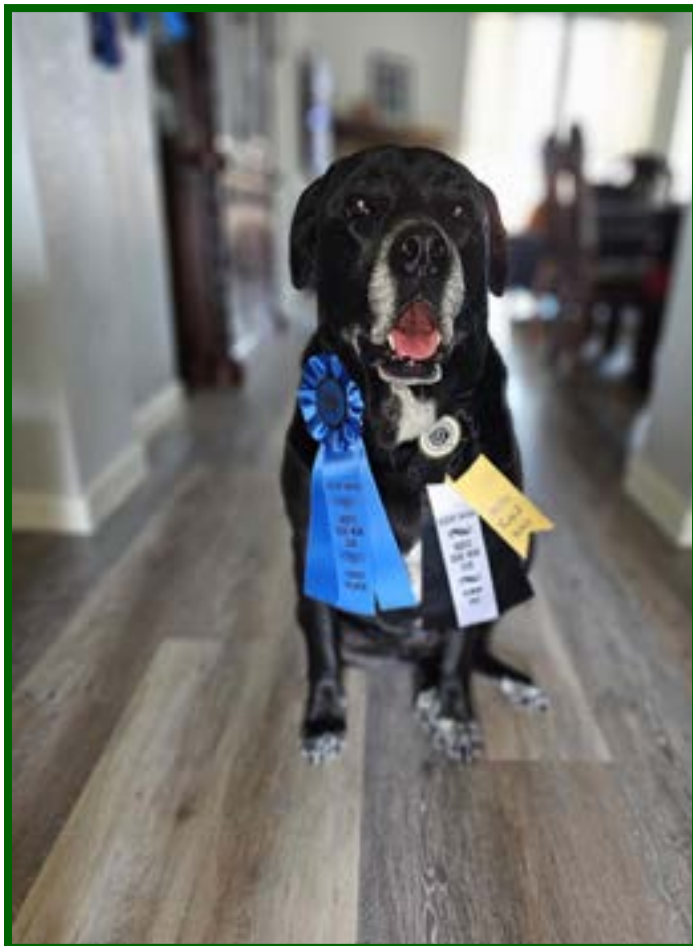
Chloe was successful in 3 of 5 classes at NORTEX Scent Work trial in March. She qualified in HD, Exterior and Buried. Amazing work for such a little girl considering it was the first time to even see buried and it was so very windy during exterior. So very proud of my tiny little girl.

**Maysel R. McGown brags:**

Zara earned her DCAT title and beautiful ribbon at the Muttworks FastCat event in Texarkana, Texas on March 16<sup>th</sup>. She ran her fastest runs yet and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

**Kinnie Hardaway brags:**

Piper earned her AKC Master buried title this weekend at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview.



**Marye Boyce brags:**

Johnny did very well at the NORTX trial at Beaumont Ranch qualifying in 7 out of 10 searches. He also completed his Novice Elite title as well as his Advanced Container. Very proud of him. Excellent show and terrific judging panel.



**Alexis Jankowski brags:**

I have a brag on Treasure in AKC scent work in Grandview with the NorTex club! She made awesome progress with earning a leg in exterior, interior, containers, and two legs in buried!

I am most impressed with her first place ranking in exteriors in a massive entry and her performance in buried despite us never had been able to practice for buried!

She has been making a lot of progress in working through her shyness and her confidence is increasing!

