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**Chris Swain's Chloe
competes in Fast CAT**

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MAY 2024

See the rest of the submitted CoverDog photos starting on page 25.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Martin	5/2
Mim Aiken	5/10
Catilyn Chojnacki	5/14
Miriam Inglehart	5/15
Stella M. R. Moore	5/17
Carolyn Liles	5/17
Turner Foreman	5/17
Marilyn Hopkins	5/21
Deanna Kuhn	5/23
Lynda Holman	5/27
Brad Ralph	5/27
Eric Coffin	5/28
Chris Teel	5/29
Madison Gover	5/29

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 not-for-profit organization.

Sunshine Fund Report

	March	YTD
Proceeds	\$92.99	\$170.99
Expenditures	(0)	(0)
Net	\$92.99	\$170.99

**MAY GENERAL MEETING
MAY 14 @ 7 P.M.**



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

THEME: CHIROPRACTIC

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A Word from Our President



April's showers bring May flowers!! I love spring in Texas. I hope this message finds you all well.

THANK YOU to all who are volunteering — from organizing events, to coordinating Show & Go's, CGC testing, assisting, training classes and certainly to those who volunteer behind the scenes. Your efforts

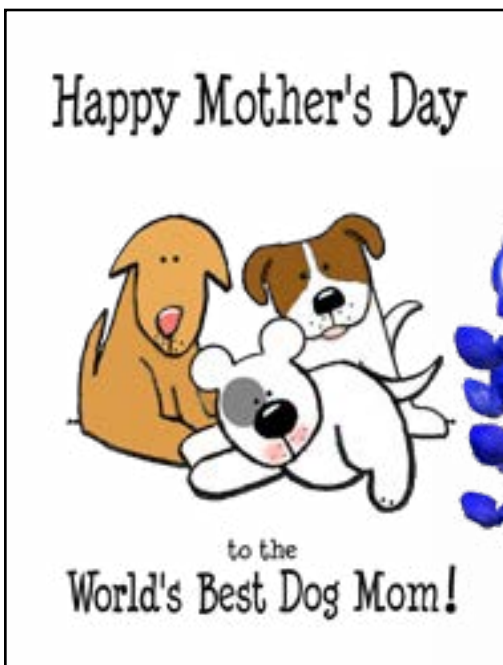
are not unnoticed and are appreciated.

Remember, no matter your level of experience or expertise, whether you're here to train, compete, socialize or simply enjoy the company of fellow dog lovers, you are an integral part of our club.

Congratulations to all the members and their dogs who were invited to compete in the AKC Rally and Obedience Nationals in July. For those who will be attending, enjoy your dogs and enjoy the experience. We are rooting for you. (See the complete list on [page 48](#).)

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



Life After Beginner Class

You and your dog have survived two six-week classes and have become members of Dog Training Club of Dallas County, Inc. You were told that volunteering with classes or the other club committees were required for active membership. You might have been told in your classes that obedience training helps build a lifelong bond with your dog; or that training is the basis for all dog sports. What exactly does all that mean to you?

The behind the scenes work is the things necessary in order for the classes to happen, the building to stay in good working order, keeping the refrigerator stocked, finding out about upcoming community events to get the club's message out to the public, keeping the library stocked with training material, maintaining the wall photos, publishing the PawPrint to record club activity so members know what is happening now and what has been done in the past,

monitoring legislative activity at state level for new laws that will affect our ability to do activities with our dogs, schedule and work Show & Go's for those that are preparing for competition, the list goes on and on.

What about the training? Your dog knows how to sit/down and walk on a loose leash, isn't that all there is to it? The answer to that question is yes and no. If that is the answer, then why should you continue to enter classes and train your dog? You will work on getting your dog to follow your commands without a treat in front of their nose as the motivation to do as you ask. You will work on "stays" while in public places and a squirrel runs past; "leave it" when a child drops food on the ground that you don't want your dog to eat; "wait" patiently at the building door or car door and not bolt out and go for a run; and "down" and not beg at the table whether at home or the patio of your favorite restaurant. You will always work on the fundamentals as you move through the various dog sport areas just as you work on perfecting those skills in daily life.

A good analogy for this training is to reflect on your own years in school. When you began first grade, you probably knew your alphabet and numbers. You were shown how letters formed words, sentences, stories and books. You were taught how to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers to create new numbers. You didn't stay at first grade level of learning. For your dog, classes past beginner level equates to you progressing through years of scholastic learning. When we first start to learn something new, there is some struggle to become proficient at the exercises. Repetition improves our ability and performance. Just as you didn't quit school after the first grade; don't stop taking classes after beginners. Take that bold step into intermediate and then novice polish so you can venture into Rally and the numerous other dog sport fields and have fun with your best furry friend.

Happy Training!

Lisa Wharton,

Training Director

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



Session 3 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for Session 3 which started on April 22 and runs through June 2. We are currently looking for volunteers for the 2024 Session 4. 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

SESSION 3						
	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistants	
M O N	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	April 22 - June 3 ***	Teresa York	Sherry Wood, Melissa Chojnacki, Jorge Ayala	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 2 - June 3 ***	Nicole Desproges	Barbara Elliott	Amy Witmer
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 22 - June 3 ***	Lisa Wharton	Eric Coffin	
T U E S D A Y	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	April 23 - May 28	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	DTCCDC Board	7 p.m.	May 7 & June 4	Ruth Miles		
	DTCCDC General	7 p.m.	May 14 & June 11	Ruth Miles		
	DTCCDC Club Training	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	April 23	Training Committee		
	Conformation**	6 - 7 p.m.	April 23 & 30	Ken Hagmueller		
	Conformation**	6 - 7 p.m.	May 21 & 28	Ken Hagmueller		
W E D N E S D A Y	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	April 24 - May 29	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	April 24- May 29	Carrie Turner	Cindy Sullivan	Pam White
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	April 24 - May 29	Pam White	Michelle Hosey, Daniel Hil, John Warren	
	Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	April 24 - May 29	Michele Hosey		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 24 - May 29	Mary Ann Magness	Tawny Schaffer, Emily Baca. Benita Zapata	
	Novice polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 24 - May 29	Mark Malone	Alexis Janokowski	
T H U R S	B Nose & B Obedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	April 25 - May 30	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	Rally Master*	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	April 25 - May 30	Chris Swain		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	April 25 - May 30	Shari Price/Teresa Reynolds		
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 25 - May 30	Shari Price/Teresa Reynolds		
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	April 26 - May 31	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nose Work	6:15 - 7:15 pm	April 26 - May 31	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes - Kinnie Hardaway		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 pm	April 26 - May 31	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes - Kinnie Hardaway		
S U N	Adv Open *	11 am - 12pm	April 28 - June 2	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 pm	April 28 - June 2	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
* prerequisite						
** no class during club events						
*** no class on Memorial Day - Monday, May 27						

Session 4 Training Schedule

Session 4 starts on June 16 and runs through July 26. We are currently looking for volunteers. If you are available, please contact the Training Committee.



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

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

Your Upcoming Training Information:

- There will be no “Train the Trainer” (T3) session in May.
- Thursday, June 13 we will hold a “Try-It Night” for you to learn about Nosework/Scent Work. Carolyn Oldham, Nosework/Scentwork judge for both UKC and AKC trials, will be our guest speaker. Training will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. Mark your calendar.
- June 25 is the next T3. The topic is clicker training. Have questions? Here’s your chance to ask.
- Session 4 dates: June 17 - July 29
- Session 5 dates: August 12 - September 16
- Session 6 dates: October 7 - November 17

T3 “It’s Show Time!” – April 23



The “It’s Show Time” T3 was held April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Training Director Lisa Wharton, and committee members Melissa Chojnacki and Pam White discussed registering for shows, show etiquette, what to take and when to show up. Multiple show platforms and events were covered. It was reported to be “another excellent presentation by our training committee!”




We have a very experienced training committee who want to help you and your dog do the best you can in your upcoming trials. Let them know if you have questions.

Photos provided by Michele Hosey

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: May Board Meeting will be held May 7 at 7 p.m. June Board Meeting will be held June 4 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: May General Meeting is a hybrid held on May 14 at 7 p.m. June General Meeting is a hybrid held on June 11 at 7 p.m. Register for the May Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltc-mvqzqkHNEvqtHcsdDqX-4I-ANGBoN</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 June 1. Registration opened May 17 at 8 a.m. at this link. Future Show & Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 July 6 Contact volunteer Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com with questions. Ruth Miles is also a contact. See the flyer on page 60.</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

<p>11.</p>	<p>Missed Class Policy</p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>First Responder Discount Policy</p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Sunshine Fund</p> <p>May birthdays will be recognized at the May meeting.</p> <p>If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact E'Lynne Elliott at elynnew@gmail.com.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p>Train the Trainers Sessions</p> <p>Topic: "Using Clickers in Training"</p> <p>Date: June 25, 2024</p> <p>Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Registration will open soon for the train the trainer on June 25. Do you have questions about how to use a clicker in your training regimen? Here is your chance to ask. More details will be provided soon! Watch your email.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p> 
<p>16.</p>	<p>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p>Donna Heishman Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><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.

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 – April 2, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Barbara Elliott, Lisa Gonzales, Michelle Hosey, Jan Bruner Zoom: Lisa Wharton, Mark Malone
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March board meeting minutes have not been published. April’s PawPrint is still being worked on and we will wait to approve.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Club Total income 4790.23 Total expenses 2372.12 Total 2418.11 Sunshine Total income 92.99 Total expenses 0 Total 92.99
Conclusion	



Saturday, May 11

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March T the T event canceled and moved to April 23 • Nosework Try It – Possible date June 13, working on details. • Did we locate the spiral Rally notebook? <p>Additional</p> <p>There was some odd activity when NW was closing Friday evening.</p> <p>Can we ask that perhaps more than 2 members stay behind and help lock up?</p>
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNG schedule.4/13, 6/1 and 7/6 – Margaret has everything she needs and is ready to go.
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"> • none
Conclusion	-

MAINTENANCE - Ruth Miles

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

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone requested Margarita Machine for instructors after class.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No alcohol allowed on premises.



EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strut Your Mutt is scheduled for April 13th 8 to 11am • I will be sending out email reminders to our volunteers. • Opal Lawrance Doggie Derby Days April 21st 10a-1p • Nicole is working on Dog Days events Ft Worth Botanical Garden. 500.00 per group/3 events. (Spring and Fall events) • Lone Star Park-Lone Star Bark May 11th 1:35pm 10.00pm gen admission fee.
Conclusion	

50th Anniversary – Shannon Quinn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Anniversary • Fun events are being planned
Conclusion	-

CGC – Terri Schureen

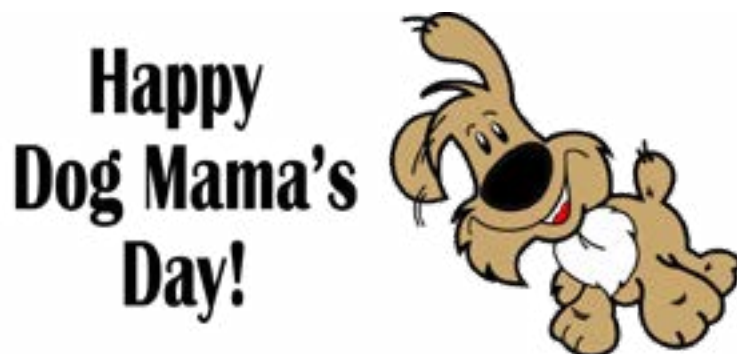
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CGC is Wednesday April 10th • Terri will send out email for volunteers
Conclusion	-

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you contacted your groups? • Anything to share from members? • I've emailed you a flyer you can use to send to your members as a save the date.
Conclusion	Nothing new to add from members

OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Save silver shade cloth is being ordered
Conclusion	



NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Becky Hill has a date available for Debbie Higgins to come out and do dog teeth cleaning.• Available date is October 12, 2024• Fee is \$70.00• A nonrefundable \$20 deposit will be required, can be paid by Zelle, PayPal or money (cash or check) put in envelope with name and why on envelope and placed in black money drop box.• For each \$20. deposit, club will keep \$10 and pay additional \$10. to Debbie Barbara will pay with check.• Members will pay balance of \$50 at time of services and paid directly to Debbie.• Becky will send out email to members and do the time scheduling we will also put it in the pawprint and let mention it at the GM.• A donation of \$25.00 will be made to River Legacy Nature Center in memory of Kendall Lake
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Gonzales



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – April 9, 2024

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Attendance Roster –All Zoom due to possible bad weather
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth Miles 7:07 pm Zoom Only Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present online. • Please keep reports and discussions short • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	March's general meeting minutes were published in the April Pawprint, any correction?
Conclusion	If no corrections, approved by consensus

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: 60%;">Club Total income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4790.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2372.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2418.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Sunshine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">92.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">92.99</td> </tr> </table>	Club Total income	4790.23	Total expenses	2372.12	Total	2418.11	Sunshine		Total income	92.99	Total expenses	0	Total	92.99
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TRAINING – Melissa Chojnacki

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer April 23 Showtime- explaining how to enter shows, what to bring, and how they are run. • June 13th Try-it night for nosework 6-9pm with Caroline Oldham • New Rally book was purchased. Buddy system at time to lock gates. Be sure to call police if you feel something is unsafe.
Conclusion	<p>Instructors need to remember to wear club shirts. Help students to remember all belongings, the lost in found is accumulating quite a lot.</p>

SUNSHINE – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Sunshine raffle since we are Zoom only However, 1 ticket-\$1.00, 5 tickets \$3.00 April's birthdays read on Zoom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To donate online please use the link on our member website on the sunshine tab.

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May's PawPrint theme is Chiropractic care for dogs. If you take your dog to a chiropractor, please share helpful information that can help others make a decision regarding this. Information such as where and why you use this form of treatment. Deadline for submission is April 20th, 2024. Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint Topics are encouraged. Please send pictures and brags to Lana at the pawprint email. pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. Rally and obedience nationals let Lana know who has been invited. <p>Jan Bruner spoke about Obedience Nationals: Nobody has shared that they are invited, and she would like to have them recognized in the Pawprint if they have been even if not attending. Please let Jan or Lana know before April 20.</p>
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MEMBERSHIP – Shelly Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new member applicants
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Technology committee welcomes anyone who can help. The more they have, the easier the jobs they do will be. This includes not only Zoom setups, but the phone system and security. Thanks to Michelle Moorman, Margaret Culbertson, and Melissa Chojnacki for helping with the Zoom meeting tonight.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Purchasing – Lynda Hollman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynda will be getting inventory from the equipment cabinet soon If anyone noticed a shortage of pinch collars it would help her to let her know.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna got the embroidered patches in, and will have them at the club for pickup. Michelle Moorman volunteered to check what is in the supply cabinet when she is there next.

SHOW N GO – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show N Go is April 13 • We have our volunteers and are ready to go
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still available time slots available, sign up is on Eventbrite

CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Testing – Terri Schurr

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday April 10, 6:00 pm • Need volunteers
Conclusion	

50th Anniversary – Shannon Quinn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Committee – Raffles and Auction items being collected. <p>Spin the Wheel for 50th Winners: 1. Marye Boyce, treat package 2. Michelle Moorman, Tin with leash</p>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maysel McGown has taken videos for the projection and is working on video editing. If you have names of any groups that might be helpful and would like to please let her or Shannon Quinn know if you are aware of any.

EVENTS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA Strut your Mutt for April 13 this Saturday, 7 to 11 am 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	Asking members interested in attending these two events to email Ruth. Dogs attending the events should get a free bandana to wear at the event.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion	<p>We are working on bringing back Debbie Higgins for teeth cleaning. The tentative date is October 12. We should have information nailed down by our next GM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Bruner shared that Lone Star Park has Lone Star Bark May 11th. 1:30pm – 6:30pm Dog races, dog friendly vendors, 10.00 gen admission, free parking. Link to race your dog on Lone Star Park events tab. Wear club shirt if attending.
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Adjourn meeting to brags at 7:45 pm
Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gonzales

Those winning the spin at the Zoom meeting were:
Marye Boyce - she won a treat package
Michelle Moorman - she won a tin and leash



Strut Your Mutt a Success

By Jane Palmer

We had a great time at Strut your Mutt event on April 13. It was a great event to bring your dog. Everyone was so friendly and there were lots of vendors giving out free stuff for our furry friends plus information on pet related topics. It's a definite must do next year.

DTCDC Participants:

- Michelle Moorman and her dog
- Jane Palmer and Loki
- Lilha Finger and her dog
- Vernon Miles and William



The Doggy Derby Day in Mesquite was canceled due to inclement weather.

CHIROPRACTIC



For the Love
of Dogs



Everything You Need to Know About Chiropractic Care for Dogs

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/chiropractic-care-for-dogs/>

By Nandini Maharaj

Everything You Need to Know About Dog Chiropractors



Like people, dogs can experience health issues that affect their mobility and quality of life. Alongside traditional medicine, your veterinarian might suggest a holistic or whole-body approach to treating your dog. Complementary and alternative medicine is an umbrella term that captures different practices such as acupuncture, chiropractic, aromatherapy, hydrotherapy, massage, and herbal remedies.

According to the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA), chiropractic involves manipulating the spine, extremities, or skull to treat disease. If your dog is predisposed to degenerative joint disease or is living with a debilitating condition, you might be wondering if they can benefit from canine chiropractic. Before looking

for a canine chiropractor, however, make sure to consult with your veterinarian.

How Does Chiropractic Care For Dogs Work?

Dr. Amy Attas, VMD of New York-based practice City Pets, says that technically, any vertebrate (animal with a spinal column) could be a candidate for chiropractic treatment, which also includes dogs, rabbits, horses, and cows.

Dr. Jessica Paige, certified animal chiropractor and member of the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA), explains that chiropractors focus on how the joints of the spine and extremities move. They re-

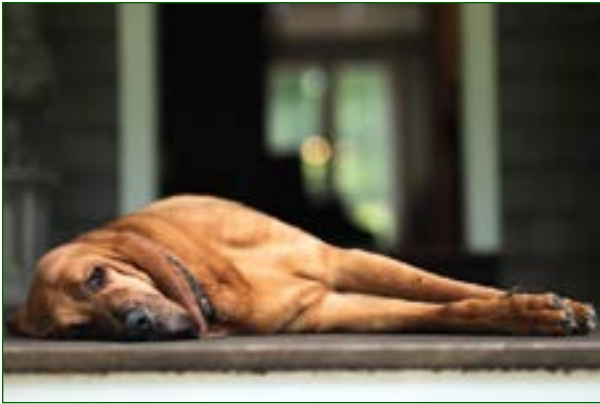


late these movements to a dog's overall health and wellness, bridging the gap between them. When this movement is restricted, dogs can experience repetitive stress injuries and sprains.

Dr. Paige explains that most restrictions in joint movements are sub-clinical (meaning regular medical tests might not detect them). As a result, she says that many of the underlying issues go undetected until they manifest into a problem. Chiropractic care can relieve the pain

and discomfort that these underlying issues cause, according to Dr. Attas. "Once that compression is removed, the patient has immediate relief."

When is Chiropractic Care For Dogs Used?



Chiropractic treatment should supplement traditional vet care for joint, skeletal, and spinal ailments. These conditions include hip dysplasia, degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis), chronic neck or back pain, intervertebral disk disease, and central nervous system disorders. Chiropractic can also serve as preventive care for dogs predisposed to joint or spinal diseases, or dogs prone to arthritis.

Dr. Attas notes that chiropractic can help "maintain appropriate posture and limb positioning to prevent problems from happening in the future." For example, the results of a 2021 study suggest that chiropractic can help decrease the likelihood of Boxers developing spondylosis, a degenerative disease that affects the spine.

Is My Dog a Good Candidate For Canine Chiropractic?

Before embarking on this process, it's always important to talk to your vet about whether your dog would benefit from canine chiropractic care. They may recommend chiropractic treatment for the following symptoms:



- Limping, weakness, or lameness in the front legs
- Pain in the hip or hind legs with no symptoms of arthritis
- Trouble standing or lying down
- Looking, yelping, or biting when being lifted and pressure is applied to the chest area
- Hunched back
- Yelping in pain after a sudden movement (with no other symptoms present)
- Muscle spasms along their back
- Inability to jump
- Not wanting to perform routine tasks

Chiropractic can also assist dogs suffering from a range of issues, including:

- Recovery after a fall, injury, or surgery
- Improving gait and range of motion for senior dogs
- Jaw problems or difficulty chewing
- Getting in and out of the car



- Bowel or bladder issues
- Injuries from dog sports
- Behavioral problems that might be tied to underlying medical conditions
- Easing the birthing process for pregnant dogs

You can search for qualified practitioners in your area. During the first visit, the chiropractor will assess your dog's medical history. They will also conduct a neurologic exam and analyze your pet's gait and motion. Typically, treatment requires more than one session. The cost will depend, in part, on the chiropractor's level of experience.

Why Chiropractic Isn't Safe For Puppies

Chiropractic is safe for many dogs but not for puppies. Dr. Attas says puppies aren't good candidates for chiropractic because their musculoskeletal system isn't fully formed yet. "There's a potential for injury if manipulations are done on such young animals," she says.

To promote optimal health for your puppy, discuss with your vet and your breeder how much exercise is appropriate. In addition to exercise, you can feed them a well-balanced diet, keep them at an appropriate weight, and train them not to jump on and off furniture (which can strain growing muscles).

Are Dog Chiropractors Safe?

Although chiropractic may be a safe and effective way to treat numerous disorders, Dr. Attas specifies that "it has to be done correctly by someone who is trained and certified." This is because chiropractic involves physically manipulating the spine or other parts of the musculoskeletal system. If this procedure is done incorrectly or with too much force, it can cause pain or irreversible damage to your pet.



Different states have different rules concerning animal chiropractic. Some states require a referral, while, in others, chiropractors can see patients without veterinary supervision. "California, for example, requires animal chiropractors to work under the direct supervision of a veterinarian," Dr. Paige says. Most chiropractors and veterinarians agree that both parties should have primary care veterinarians for their animals, and chiropractors should advise owners to see a veterinarian for primary care. Always consult your vet before seeking chiropractic treatment for your dog.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA), this practice of veterinary medicine includes "complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies." The AVMA defines these methods

as a diverse group of "preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic philosophies and practice" that aren't considered part of conventional medicine (as practiced by most vet and vet techs). Among these varied therapies is "veterinary manual or manipulative therapy," or treatment based on techniques drawn from osteopathy or chiropractic. The organization clarifies that consent should be obtained and included in the medical record before starting any type of treatment, including those in this category.

What Certifications Are Required for Dog Chiropractors?

When visiting a dog chiropractor, you want to ensure that you're going to a trusted, licensed professional. Anyone practicing animal chiropractic must obtain certification as an animal or veterinary chiropractor. Someone who is certified as a human chiropractor can become an animal chiropractor with additional training from



an accredited school on how to adjust animals. Afterward, they can apply for certification from the AVCA or the IVCA.

To become a veterinary chiropractor, a licensed veterinarian can get certified by the AVCA or IVCA in chiropractic medicine. "Both AVCA and IVCA require you to pass a written and practical exam to become a member of their association," Dr. Paige says. Once certified, practitioners must renew their certifications every three years.



Since chiropractic doesn't require specialized equipment, a dog chiropractor can make house calls. "I typically provide at-home exercises or stretches for an owner to do with their canine to help the pet improve faster," Dr. Paige says.

Ultimately, the success of treatment depends on the chiropractor's skills and knowledge, the severity of the condition, and how long the dog has dealt with the ailment. Canine chiropractors need to be properly trained and certified to deliver treatment safely and effectively.

If your dog is seeing a chiropractor, it's important to keep them and your vet informed of any treatments your pet is undergoing. This way, you can avoid any complications caused by combining medications or treatments.

Shannon Quinn on Chiropractic:



I had never even thought of a chiropractor for a dog until Jan Bajovich told me about Dr. Tucker at Evolve Chiropractic in Duncanville. We called and made an appointment without any expectations.

Bear wasn't too sure about it but his arthritis was getting worse so it was worth a shot. We went every 2 weeks to start and after each visit he seemed to move a little less stiff and appeared to feel a little more relaxed. As we continued his sessions he seemed to be in less pain, was wanting to run and play more and we were able to cut back on some of his pain medications.

Dr. Tucker was wonderful for us, I believe in my heart going to him for adjustments for Bear helped extend his life just a little bit and allowed him to be a dog and have fun and not be in pain. He was accommodating towards the end of Bear's life he get more comfortable outside so Dr. Tucker would take our session out front. He was able to read how Bear was feeling and work with it. He always took time to let Bear sniff him out and pet before he started. I would recommend him to anyone (person or pup).



Interested in reading more online about Dog Chiropractic Care?

What Dog Chiropractors Do and How They Can Help

Written By Lynn Guthrie

<https://www.pumpkin.care/blog/what-is-a-dog-chiropractor/>



Chiropractic Care for Dogs by Georgann Hughes

I have taken dogs to the Parker Chiropractor College Animal Seminars as demo dogs for over 20 years, starting with my first two border collies, who also regularly visited our chiropractor while they were playing flyball. That chiro care helped them both run in that sport into 12 years of age.

Now, Swish, the black tri bc, and Jazz, Pekingese, plus Spice, black/white bc/aussie mix, serve as demo dogs for the chiropractic classes once a month each year from March through July. We go to our local chiropractor as needed or have an osteopathic practitioner friend see Swish at Nosework/Scentwork trials who also administers PEMF (Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy) which keeps these dogs moving and feeling their best.

The concept of chiropractic care is that for the spine and overall structure needs to be in alignment influences the rest of the body to be in good health. It seems to have helped our dogs live long lives with good mobility.

Swish, Spice and Jazz at the Parker College classes with students in their group center. Students learn correct hand positions and handling techniques, but are not allowed to actually adjust the dogs. The instructor for our center each class adjusts them for free in gratitude for our 2 hours of time. Each instructor is a Veterinarian certified in Chiropractics.



Spice on her first time in the classes last year.



Jazz, a few years back, being used by an instructor to demonstrate certain techniques of diagnostics.



Jan Bruner on Dog Chiropractic Care



I use Alps Chiropractic in Rio Vista. Dr. Nicole Ramburger is awesome with dogs, horses and humans! She keeps Ace and Dazzle in alignment! They both get adjusted every 2 or 3 months, especially before big competitions.

Website: alpschiropractic.com

And on Facebook Alps Chiropractic.

On weekends she often sets up at barrel race competitions in Glen Rose and will make appointments there too. She offers multiple dogs or dog/human discounts.

Ace's Place Animal Rescue Resources



Ace's Place Animal Rescue website has an entire section dedicated to public assistance to help you keep your pet in DFW. Whether you need food, low cost vaccinations, or low cost spay/neuter, they have you covered!

Pet Food Assistance:

<http://www.acesplaceanimalrescue.org/pet-food-assistance>

Spay and Neuter:

<http://www.acesplaceanimalrescue.org/spayandneuter>

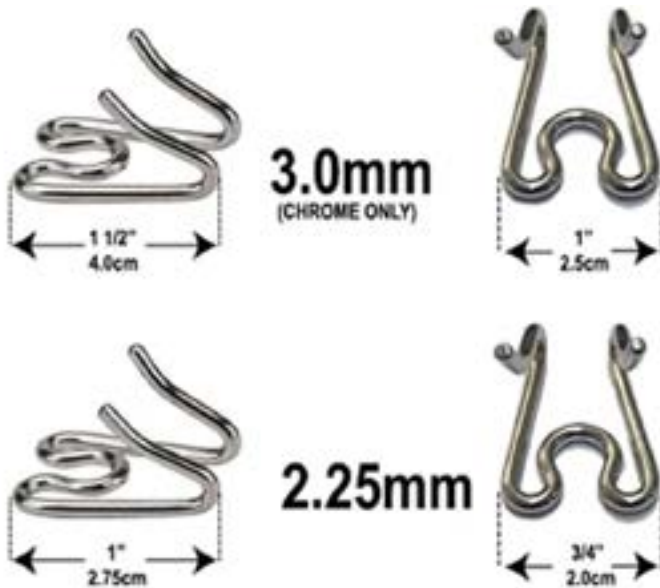
Vaccinations:

<http://www.acesplaceanimalrescue.org/vaccinations>

Affordable Medical Care:

<http://www.acesplaceanimalrescue.org/affordable-medical-care>

The Prong Collar



This is a tool that will be effective, give you control, give your dog a sense of direction and correction, and when used correctly, be the least harming to your dog. A prong collar enables you to deliver gentle communication to direct your dog to follow you and learn, without hurting them, choking them, or doing any damage at all. The prong collar allows you to communicate with your dog without exerting physical force on your dog's body.

It gives you the ability to calmly use leverage, rather than yanking and cranking on your dog's neck while using a regular flat buckle collar, martingale collar, gentle leader or halti. Those collars can cause trachea damage or other neck injuries. It also does not limit your dog's natural gait like a harness may, leading to orthopedic injuries. Instead, you can use a prong collar to guide and teach your dog with ease and comfort for both of you. Prong collars were designed with a dog's safety in mind. Pressure is evenly distributed around the dog's neck, so it's impossible to cut off a dog's air supply. Prong collars were designed to prevent injury to the dog's trachea and larynx.

This is an incredible tool, but you have to know how to use it correctly. The two sizes most commonly used are the 2.25mm and 3.0mm. If you are intimidated by the prong collar or unsure of how to use it, please reach out to our Training Director or Training Committee members, they can explain its benefits and proper use to you.



“Most literature suggests that this is the most effective and least dangerous of restraining collars. The prong collar distributes pressure evenly around the neck, and requires only a small amount of force... Incidence of canine upper cervical subluxations is far less with the prong collar.”

– The Well Adjusted Dog, Dr. Daniel Kamen (Chiropractor)

Coverdog Photo shoot



Benita Zapata shared this photo of her and Raiden, “On March 1 Raiden got 1st place in a Detective Class in Austin. Raiden competed among 12 other detective dogs.” Congratulations to Benita and Raiden.

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



Lisa Wharton, our training director, shared this photo of her boy Jackson. Without a doubt, he is her heart dog. There is nothing like having the unspoiled, complete love of a beautiful dog. Jackson is small but mighty.



Coverdog Photo shoot



Jerri Martin and her Malinois Lacey are a proud team. This photo was taken following their Novice Q in an AKC Buried Trial in April.



Coverdog

Photo shoot



Jan Hitchborn has a right to be proud of her Labrador Retriever Logan. He is a top ranked Nosework Champion. This photo was taken at a Pet Expo in Dallas a couple of years ago. Logan shows his patriotic colors.



Coverdog

Photo shoot



Ruth and Vernon Miles' William competes in Dock Diving, Nosework, Obedience and Rally. He represents them and this club well. He is wearing his bandana he wears often when at DT CDC events.





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! Tickets will be \$5 each.



Summer Social & 50th Celebration

SAVE
THE
DATE

JUNE 22, 2024
1 - 4 p.m.

FOOD, FUN AND CELEBRATION!

- **Bring your dog & kennel and a sidedish or dessert (including contest)**
- **Main entrees of brisket and sausages**
- **Highlights include: auction & raffle, dog games and 50th celebration with Duncanville Mayoral Proclamation**

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Remembering 50 Years of DTCCDC

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.

A special thank you to Lynda Holman and Donna Heishman for their help with training numbers and information provided below.

50 Year Comparison

Early 1974 Training Classes:

First Beginners classes started January 31, 1974 and graduated on February 7, 1974. There was a \$25 fee per class.

The second Beginner class started April 1 and had 13 beginners and was held in Kiest Park. (Documented in the March 5 & April 2, 1974 minutes.)

It was reported there were 15 beginners, 9 novices, 10 open students with dogs in the club training program at March 1974 meeting.

The February meeting minutes included this excerpt on the training programs provided by Lucile Tufts, training director:

Lucile reported the status of the current training programs as follows: 15 beginners, 9 novices with another scheduled to join, 10 open, and 18 who want to be notified for the next beginners class. The new beginners class is tentatively scheduled to start Monday, April 1, probably at Kiest Park. There are tentative plans to run a Monday night beginners class and then start another beginners class on a different night four or five weeks later. There is also a possibility of the Club teaching a beginners class for the YMCA. It was also reported that the Club has volunteered its services for the SPCA Charity Dog Show.

March 2024:

There were 22 total classes offered in Session 2, held February 26 - April 2, 2024. Only 15 of these classes are offered to the public on Eventbrite and have rosters available. A total of 133 students/dogs enrolled in those classes. The other 7 are advanced classes which are primarily offered to members. Currently non-members are charged \$110 per class.

We have certainly grown in the classes we offer and the number of students/dogs trained. We have proven to be an integral part of our local communities as we help make dogs better family members and families know how to care and train their new family member.

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I have been the PawPrint Editor since 2016. Below are photos from past PawPrints of members past and present. See how many you know. (Answers on page 43.)



Summer Social 2017



Winter Social 2021

GUESS WHO???????

Summer Social 2017



Winter Social 2019



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Winter Social 2017



April 6, 2019 New Members

GUESS WHO??????



January 2020



Summer Social 2019

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Session 4 puppy class 2010 taught by Bob Mullins. This is the whole class not just members.



(Left) October 2019

(Above) New Members March 2020

**GUESS
WHO???????**

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**Fun items
from past
PawPrints**

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

Mark Twain



DOG RULES

August 1997

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house—but only in certain rooms.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms—but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine. The dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed—but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants—but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

Original author unknown. Submitted by Stella Moore.

AUGUST 1997

DOG TRAINING TIP

A rolled up newspaper can be an effective training tool when used properly. For instance, use the rolled up newspaper if your dog chews something or has a housebreaking accident.

Take the rolled up newspaper and HIT YOURSELF over the head as you repeat the phrase, "I FORGOT TO WATCH MY DOG. I FORGOT TO WATCH MY DOG!"

If your dog laughs at you when you do this, PRAISE HIM!!!!

Author Unknown

"Cherish each day that you have with your canine companions as one day they may leave you as quickly as they came into your life for nobody is promised tomorrow."



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PAW PRINT JUNE 1997

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LAMENT of a Lady Who's Gone to the Dogs

There was a time, there really was, when I was young and tender.
When "show dog" meant a Disney star and "bitch" was not a gender.

I went to tea at half past ten; I went to church on Sunday.
On Saturday I baked the beans, and did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup; an erstwhile friend said, "Show!"
And so I did, and so I do. Oh, what I didn't know!

Once I dressed with flair and style. That was the life; don't knock it!
Now every dress from bed to ball must have a good bait pocket!

I used to have a certain air; I wallowed in perfume.
I used to smell like *Nuit d'Amour*. Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haute decor; my pets, a tank up guppies.
Now I've furniture unstuffed and well adjusted puppies.

I used to long for furs and jewels and a figure classed as "super."
But now the thing I yearn for most is a nice, new pooper scooper!

I was taught to be well-groomed no matter where I went.
Now all the grooming I do is in the handlers' tent.

While once I spoke in pristine prose, in dulcet tones and frail.
I now am using language that would turn a sailor pale.

I adored a man who murmured verse through intimate little dinners.
But now the words I thrill to hear are just three--*Best of Winners!*

I rise at dawn and pack the car. The road ahead's along one.
The one I've routed on the map is invariably the wrong one!

I really love my doggy life. I wouldn't care to change it.
But when I get the *Best in Show*, I could maybe rearrange it.

And when my days on Earth are done, I'll go without much nudging.
Just give me three weeks closing date, and let me know who's judging!

*Submitted by Stella Moore
Author Unknown*



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WHAT IS AN OBEDIENCE TITLE REALLY?

(Author Unknown, Submitted By Peggy Phelps)

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to the higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however, crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than the love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

This by no means is meant to diminish the love we have for our dogs without titles.

OBEDIENCE IS....

(Submitted by Stella Moore)

- Finding out how much patience you really have.
- Learning that you can hold your breath for three minutes during the long down.
- Griping because you must get up at 6:00 a.m. every morning during the week to go to work, then getting up at 5:00 a.m. Sunday to drive 100 miles to a dog show.
- Trying to explain to your child's teacher that you cannot attend PTA meetings because you have to go to dog school.
- Discovering that you can't tell your right foot from your left.
- Remarking that your dog always does one particular exercise perfectly, then getting in the ring and having him blow that one only.
- Leaving your dog for the recall and hearing the patter of little feet behind you.
- Standing at the ring entrance and dying inside, wondering why you keep putting yourself through this agony.
- Stumbling around and feeling like a fool, then suddenly your dog does it right and gazes at you with eyes full of love, and the whole world busts into fireworks and flowers.
- **WORTH EVERY MINUTE OF IT!**



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WHAT THE DOGS HAVE TAUGHT ME

Daily Routine

The day is divided into two important sections: *Mealtime* and everything else.

Mealtime

1. Just because there does not seem to be anything visible around to eat certainly does not mean there is nothing around to eat. The act of staring at the underside of a table or chair on which someone else is eating sets in motion a chain of events that eventually results in food.
2. It goes without saying that you should carefully check the lower third of any space for edibles. Mouth-sized things which cannot be identified by sight or smell are considered gum.
3. When you actually receive a meal, submerge your head into it as you would a shower. Never, never look up again until a minimum of at least fifteen minutes after the obvious food is gone. This is important. Just because your dish is empty does not mean that it is time to stop eating.
4. Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another. The lengthy path a piece of food will take from a plate to a mouth via a hand is as good a time as any to stake your claim to it.
5. When it comes to selecting an appropriate beverage, location and packaging mean nothing. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.
6. If you really see something you want, and all your other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

EVERYTHING ELSE

1. There are really only two important facial expressions to bother with: complete and overwhelming joy and nothing at all.
2. Any time that is not mealtime is potentially nap time. The best time to take a nap is when you hear your name being called repeatedly. The best location for a nap is dead center of any street or driveway. The most relaxing position is on your side, all four limbs parallel.
3. The most practical way to get dry is to shake violently near a fully clothed person. A second effective method is to stand on a light-colored piece of furniture.
4. Personal safety:
 - a. At the first hint of any irregular noise, run from room to room yelling loudly. If someone actually comes into the house, rush over to them whether you know them or not. Then kiss them so violently that they lose their balance or have to force you away physically.
 - b. The greatest unacknowledged threat to life as we have come to know it is squirrels. No matter what you must do, make sure there are none in your yard.
5. Recreation and Leisure
 - a. Ball: There are two equally amusing sets of rules you will want to know:
 - (1) The Common Form, in which you receive a thrown ball and return it.
 - (2) The Preferred Form, in which you receive a thrown ball and eat it.
 - b. Car: As you know, any open car door is an invitation to get in. Once inside, your only goal is to try to get out.
6. Health – In the event of a trip to the doctor, always be on your guard. If you are vaccinated, urinate on the physician.

Since I have taken to sleeping under the bed, I have come to know tranquility I never imagined possible. You never really know when it might be cookie time. And that's what the dogs have taught me.

--Merrill Markoe, "Late Night With David Letterman: The Book"

Thanks to Stella Moore for this submission.



Selling Leadership To Your Students

By Helen Cariotis

As trainers and instructors, we know what good leadership is. We know it is essential to raising sound dogs that will stay in their homes for a lifetime. We know that good leadership prevents bites to humans, and saves the lives of dogs. We know that leadership creates dogs that are good workers, dependable, happy, content with their lives, secure and confident.

How do we sell the importance of good leadership to our students? We live in a time when dogs are sometimes looked on as children, and companies sell strollers and body carriers for dogs. We've gone way past the days of bows and nail polish for dogs. We have daycare for dogs, and TV for dogs. We dress dogs up in human clothes, we want to take them everywhere we go, and we don't want to tell them "no." More and more, we see dogs referred to as fur-kids, and we are called pet parents. Even some trainers have tried to debunk the "theory" of dominance and pack structure. Some well-funded organizations would like to see dogs with the same rights as humans, and do away with "ownership" forever. Some trainers want handlers never to compel the dog to do anything, and wait until the dog is in the right "frame of mind" to follow us. As instructors, how do we give our students common-sense advice and make sure that they understand that it is in the best interests of both humans and dogs to learn

about and respect that ancient relationship both species have shared for millennia?

Many years ago I got permission from fellow NADOI member Terry Ryan to print and utilize her "Alphabetize Yourself" handout in my classes. I consider it to be the best explanation of leadership I have seen, even after many years. I wrote the following as an introduction to that, and gave it to my students.

It is vital that you and your dog have the right kind of relationship. You must always be his leader, and he should be subordinate.

Most dogs just naturally seem to fit in with their families and their households, assuming you are not isolating them. They quickly learn where their place is and their rank in the pack (human and dog) and are content to stay there. They are secure and tractable because they know where they stand in relation to you. The relationship you have with your dog is everything; without a good relationship, all training you do will be more difficult and sometimes impossible.

It is vital that you and your dog have the right kind of relationship. You must always be his leader, and he should be subordinate. You must be the one who calls the shots, makes the decisions, and gives the orders. He must be willing to be the "low man" on the totem pole, and be happy about following your directions. You will lead, he will follow. You will direct, he will comply. You will control territory, food, toys, and play, petting and



resting areas. You will be fair, dependable, and consistent, and in return he will trust you to make good decisions for him, protect him from harm, and provide him with all he needs. He will be loyal to you for life, and ask little in return.

Obviously, if you have a tracking dog, SAR or any dog following scent, you will want him to make his own decisions there. Likewise a talented service dog or leader dog needs to be able to think on his own, as does a calm and rational military, police, or protection dog. These skills do not mean that you don't still cultivate a proper leadership role with your dog.

All this sounds uncomplicated, and most of the time it is. However, sometimes a dog may try to take on more responsibilities than he deserves. Depending on his temperament, he may ascend the status ladder until he becomes very close to taking over. I call this "running for president," and like all campaigns, it doesn't happen overnight. Often we humans don't even realize the dog is taking over, and we don't see the signals the dog is giving us until something happens that we can't ignore, like physically pushing us, growling or even a bite.

When a dog assumes the leadership role in a relationship with his owner, it is usually because the human allows it to happen, unwittingly or not. Sometimes the owners are uneducated about what they need to do to maintain a healthy relationship with their dog. Sometimes they simply don't put in the time needed to form and maintain a good relationship, and sometimes they are just weak leaders. Some dogs, if they are assertive at all, may take advantage of those factors. Our dogs are highly social, pack animals. They are genetically programmed to live and work effectively within a group. If this is to succeed, they need to know who is the leader, and they need to know their place within the group. If you can't or won't lead your dog, he may think that he needs to.

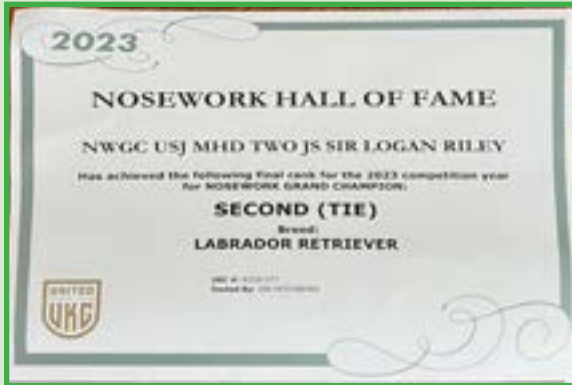
So, how do we impress the importance of all this on the beginner student? He may have a dog that is pushy, demanding, and not obedient. Maybe he has selective hearing when it comes to their commands,



or maybe he even tries to order his owner around. He may try to discipline them if they don't do what he wants them to do, or if they insist on him doing something he doesn't want to do. For example, their dog may decide when he eats, who comes to their house, who can brush him, clean his ears, or trim his nails. He may decide where to sleep (and it might be on the owner's bed), and when to move from that resting area. Maybe the owner can't take something from the dog, and the dog may use threats or his body to move the owner around. Maybe he jumps up on them, or pulls them around on the leash. He could be aggressive with other dogs, or even with his owner. These dogs need owners who can implement a good relationship with them. The wonderful thing about obedience training is that it can usually take these pushy dogs down a peg or two, happily and humanely. Tell students, "your dog should always be responsible TO you, not FOR you."

We can still partner with our dogs, be best friends, and we can think of them as "family." But for all to work well together, someone has to lead. And that needs to be the human.

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Editorial correction:

Jan Hitchforn had two of her dogs title early in 2023. Logan was tied with another labrador as the second labrador to title nation-wide and Skye was the fourth in her breed to title. Congratulations to Jan, Logan and Skye.

Guess Who????? (Answers)

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(Top, left) Cathy Yahrus and Leah

(Top, right) Maurine Pearson and Lynda Holman, two of the Corporate Directors of DTCDC

(Bottom, left) Kristal Hatcher (cookie baker extraordinaire and former Social Committee Chair among other things)

(Bottom, right) Former Training Directors Jan Bajovich and Jan Bruner

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(Top, right) New member Miriam Inglehart, Membership Chair Terri Shurr, returning member Mim Aiken, and new member Becky Hill

(Top, left) Carol Ford, Sally Browning and Sandi Myers (former Training Committee Members)

(Bottom, left) Jose Rodriguez (I can't honestly explain the hat) is our former vice president and public relations committee chair and former President Donna Heishman

(Bottom, right) Barbara Elliot (current Treasurer) and extra fun club member

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(Bottom, left) Jan Hitchborn and Logan alias Batman and Robin

(Bottom, right) new members right before the pandemic hit are current Maintenance Chairman Vernon Miles and current President Ruth Miles. They have certainly stepped up and become very active members.

How many did you know?

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)



**Titles earned on
April 10, 2024**
Congratulations to:

- *Alexis Jankowski & Spider*
- *Miriam Inglehart & Tigre'*
- *Miriam Inglehart & Tristan*
- *Jan Bruner & Dazzle*

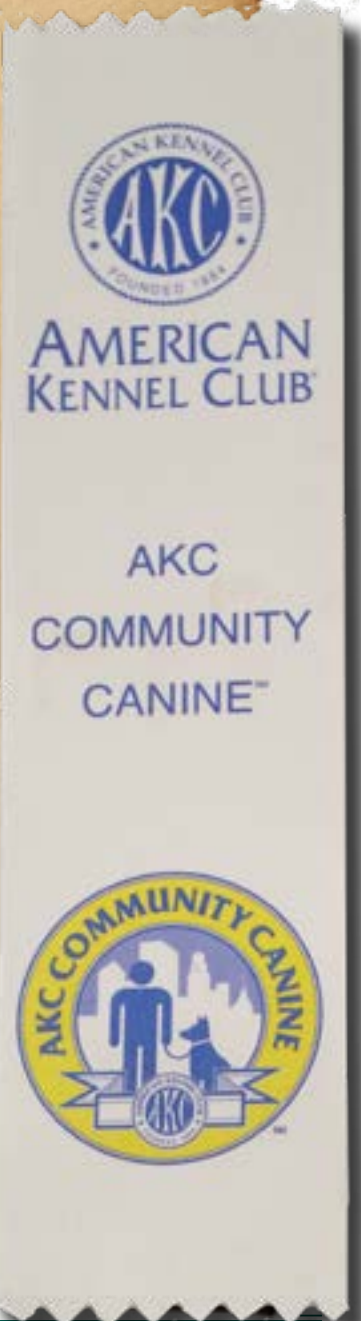


COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on
April 10, 2024**
Congratulations to:

- *Alexis Jankowski & Anakin*



TRICK DOG TITLES



**Titles earned on
April 10, 2024**
Congratulations to:

- *Kadee Inglehart & Tristan*
- *Nicole Desproges & Finn*



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

TRICK DOG TITLES



Titles earned
April 10, 2024
Congratulations to:

- *John Warren & Bailey, TKN*
- *Sherry Woods & Rory. TKN*
- *Sherry Worley & Rip, TKN*
- *Pam White & Redd, TKN*



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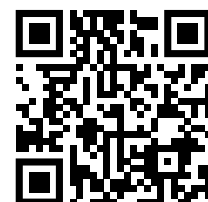
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AKC Code of Sportsmanship

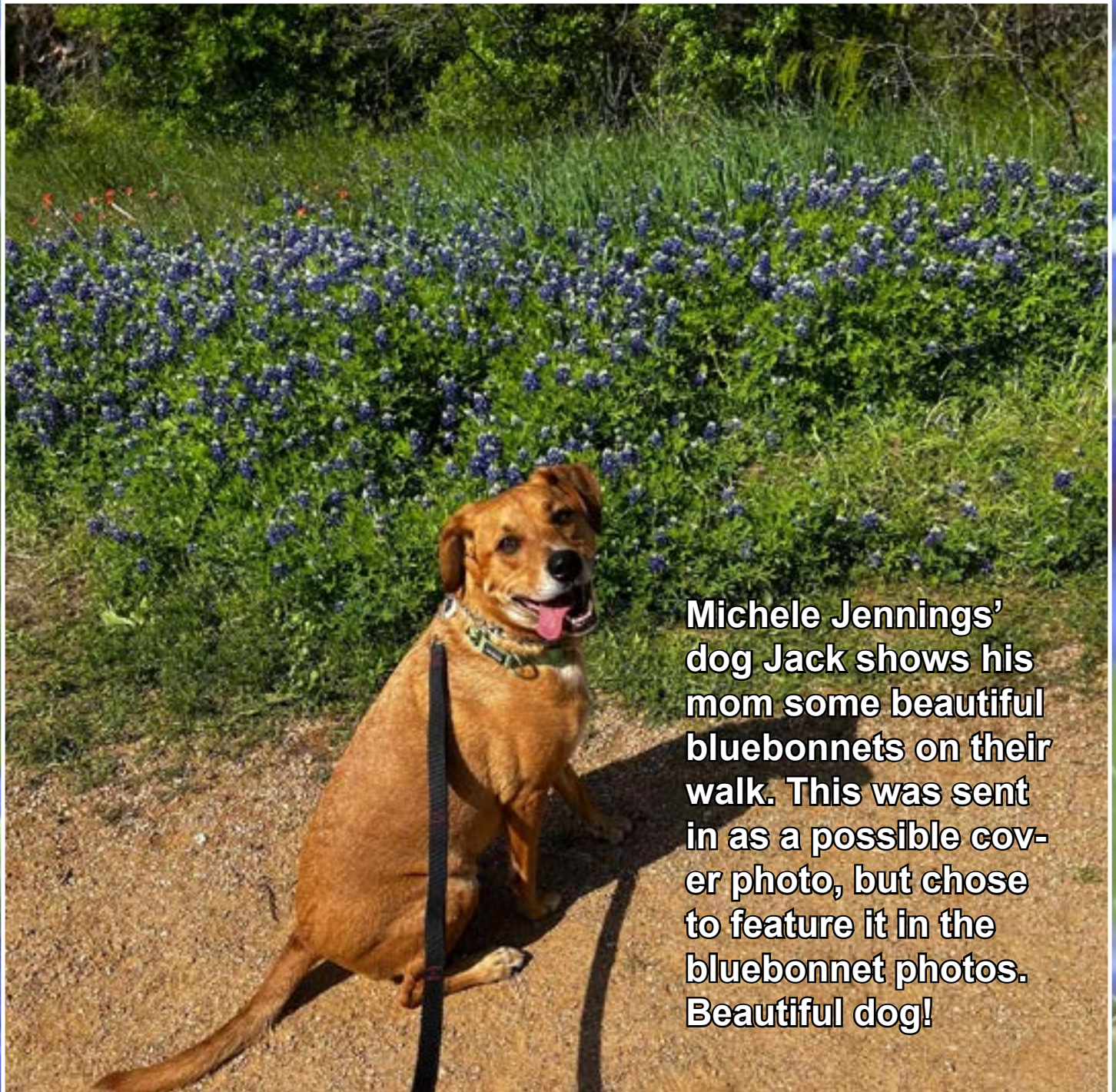
PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



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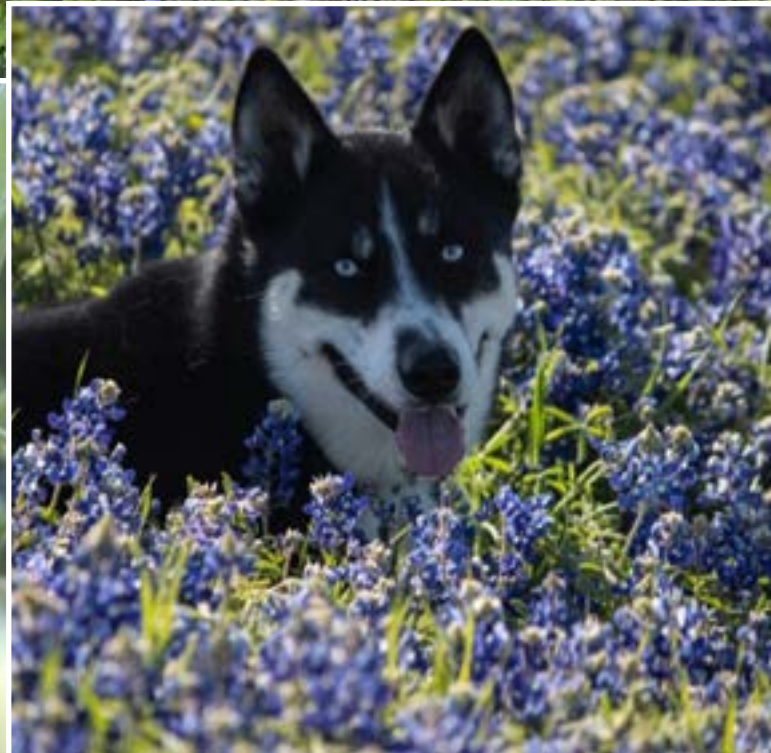
Michele Jennings' dog Jack shows his mom some beautiful bluebonnets on their walk. This was sent in as a possible cover photo, but chose to feature it in the bluebonnet photos. Beautiful dog!



Madison Gover's Harper Lee poses in a field of bluebonnets.



Kinnie Hardaway's Remy has eyes the same color as the bluebonnets. Beautiful!





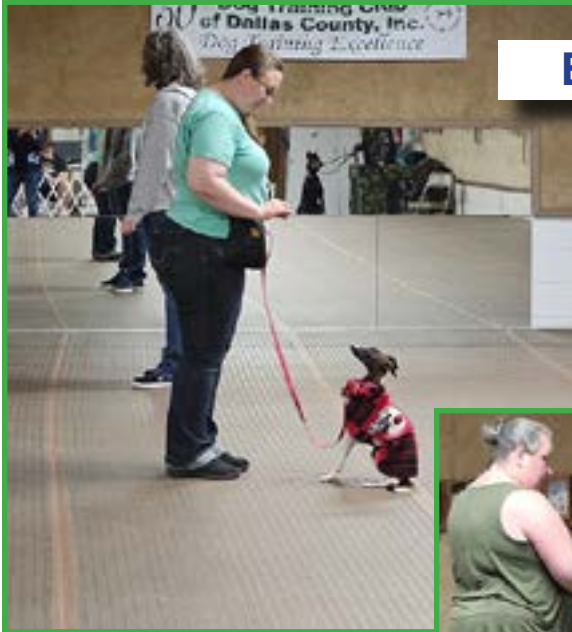
Sheryll Barker's Theodore is shown in a beautiful field of bluebonnets. What a gorgeous boy!

Sheryl Archer's Tango is posing in a large field of bluebonnets. What a beautiful boy!



Beginner Class, Advanced Rally Class & Novice Nosework Photos Session 3

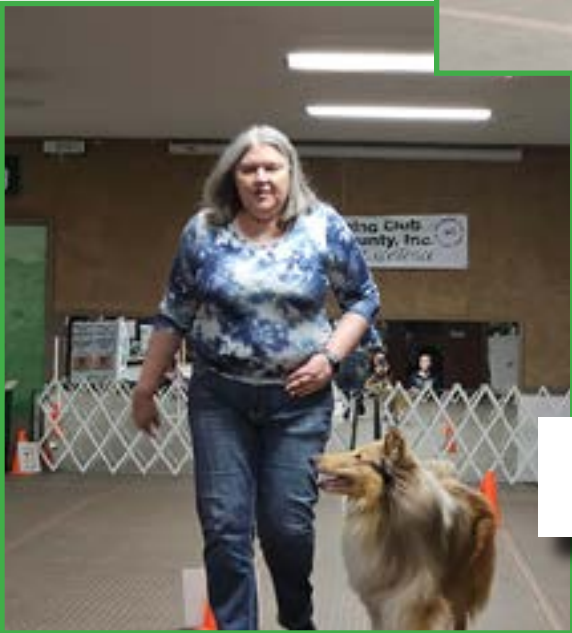
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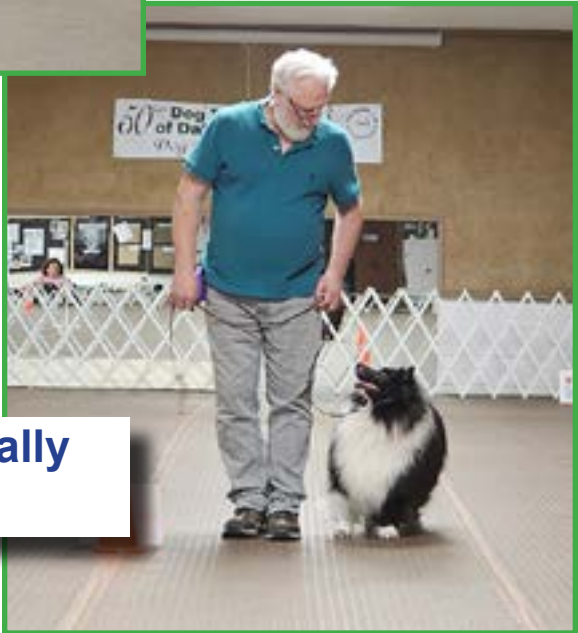
Beginner Class



Novice Nosework Class



Advanced Rally Class





Dogs Love Eclipses, too

Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir made sure their boys, Ruffino (below) and Eichler (right) were ready for the eclipse. They also sent the background photo. A stunning photo that reminds us how dark it got at the height of the eclipse.





**Miriam Inglehart shared
this photo of El and
Tigré during the eclipse.**

 **Dogs Love Eclipses, too**



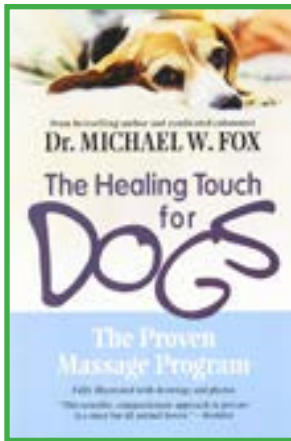
Sheryl Archer sent these photos of her dogs wearing their eclipse glasses. They were thoroughly protected from the eclipse.



Georgann Hughes shared these two photos of Swish (left) and Jazz (right). If you look closely at the shadows on the ground you will see the light from the sun made through the trees is in the shape of a crescent as the moon crossed over the sun. The dogs appear to be enjoying the solar anomaly.

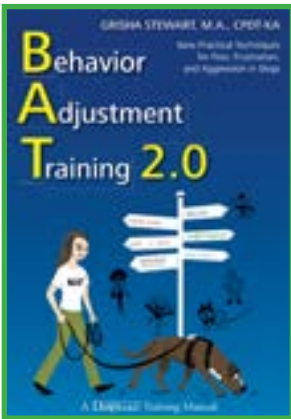
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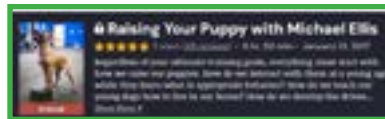


Title: The Healing Touch (1990)
Author: Michael Fox
Category: Health
Description: Distinguished veterinarian and animal psychologist Dr. Michael W. Fox shares his pioneering 6-step dog massage technique, which is not only a healing tool and healthcare measure, but

also affirms the bond between you and your animal companion.

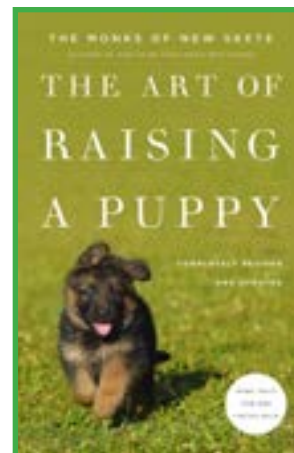


Title: Behavior Adjustment Training (2012)
Author: Grisha Stewart
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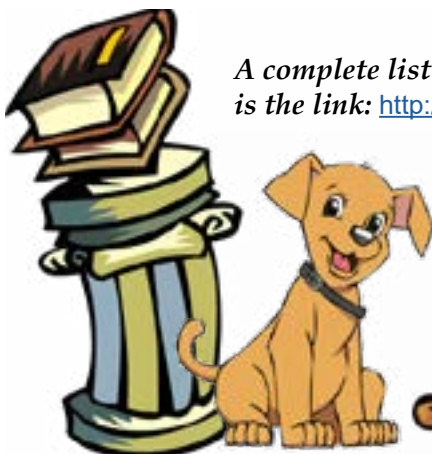


Title: Raising Your Puppy - Develop an Active Training Partner (2017) DVD

Author: Michael Ellis
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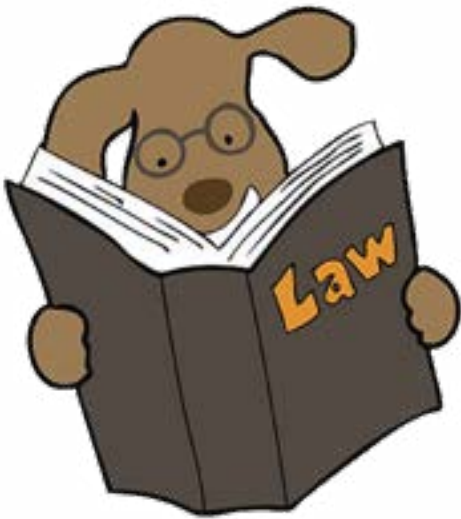
Title: The Art of Training Your Dog by The Monks Of New Skete and Marc Goldberg
Category: Training
Description: The classic bestseller that established the Monks of New Skete as America's most trusted authorities on dog training, canine behavior, and the animal/human bond, updated to include the latest developments in canine health.



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

By Stephanie Schoolcraft
Email: stephschool@yahoo.com

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!!

On April 16, 2024, I attended a Zoom meeting with other legislative liaisons for dog clubs from throughout Texas sponsored by the AKC Government Relations Department. Jacob Hupp, the Legislative Analyst/Community Outreach Coordinator for the US Central States was our host for the meeting.

Following is the “gist” of our meeting:

Jacob began by saying that times have changed and it is more challenging to influence the outcomes of legislation by the use of phone calls, letters and email. AKC does notify Texas Legislative Liaisons about upcoming votes on bills in the Texas legislature and asks that we notify our members to contact their state representatives to express desires for or against various bills that affect dog owners, dog enthusiasts and dog breeders. Often though, people are hesitant to show up to testify in a committee hearing for “fear of putting a target on their back” Jacob said. Also, waiting until this point is a “reactive approach” that is often not very effective. Jacob went on to say that animal rights groups in Texas are very organized and funded.

He believes that we need to take a more “proactive approach” to influencing legislative bills affecting dog enthusiasts/owners/breeders. Jacob said most legislative members decisions about upcoming bills actually occur not at the time of having discussions in legislative sessions or at the point of voting, but actually way before that when our Texas Legislature is not even in session yet. So basically, right now! This time right now, the off season, when our legislature is not meeting, is when our representatives are working in their offices and available to meet with their constituents.

Jacob asked Sylvia Powers, the Legislative Liaison of the Greater Collin County Kennel Club to speak. Sylvia discussed her experiences with selling a puppy to a chief of staff of a Texas representative after that person had bought a different dog from a bad breeder and had some bad experiences/health issues with that dog. Sylvia found out that a chief of staff is the one who actually does the research on issues that become possible bills and has great influence on the way a representative will vote on a bill. She said that many lawmakers don’t understand the world of dog shows/competitions, owners/breeders, etc. They just think of issues like trying to put a stop to puppy mill issues, not how these laws will affect responsible owners/breeders. They also often think of dog breeders as only breeding to make money and believe that many of the shelter population issues are the fault of breeders of purebred dogs! They need to be re-educated!

A few other speakers stressed the need for networking to find people in your circles who may know people who work with and can help influence a state representative. We can also reach out to our representatives directly as constituents and ask for a meeting with them. Jacob is willing to attend any meeting with us that we set up with a member of our Texas Legislature or their staff and will also help format talking points for us and help us with discussions at the meetings. Jacob, Sylvia and Martin Kralik, the Lone Star Fox Terrier Club President, spoke to us about the need to educate our Texas legislative members about the world of dog enthusiasts/breeders. They suggest we need to be proactive by educating lawmakers by inviting them to our events and having office meetings with them so that they learn what is important to us. This should be done before a vote is imminent. AKC often doesn’t hear about agendas until a vote is imminent and Jacob says that 2 minutes to testify in a committee hearing isn’t enough, it is “too little too late’.

If any of you wish to communicate with Jacob Hupp directly, his email is: jacob.hupp@akc.org

Remember, we are stronger in numbers! Let’s work together to preserve this wonderful world that we are a part of with our pets. If any of you already have an association with any of our Texas Legislative members or their staff, please contact Jacob or me. Also, if any of you serve on any local advisory boards, or hold municipal or county seats or know anyone in these positions, please let me or Jacob know. We need a new proactive strategy. Providing Jacob this information would allow AKC help all Texas dog owners/breeders and enthusiasts. We can influence the bills being presented to our Texas Legislature if we work together.



AKC IMPACT IN TEXAS

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Together with our clubs and affiliates, AKC works to advance the health and wellbeing of all dogs, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote responsible dog ownership. We represent more than 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **302 clubs in the state of Texas**.

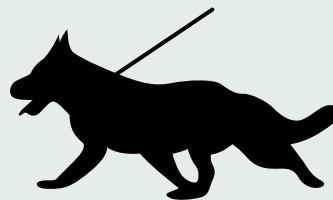
The AKC sanctions over 22,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Texas spend annually on their dogs.

AKC DOG EVENTS IN TX (2022)

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EVENTS

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PARTICIPANTS

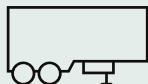
An increase of 8% in dog events from 2021.



\$2.15 million
ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF
DOG SHOW WEEKEND

Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of **\$982 per show weekend**. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could **inject more than \$2.15 million into the local economy**. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide.

8 DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATIONS



AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a lifesaving program in which AKC Reunite® partners with AKC clubs to donate trailers stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary shelter for at least 65 pets before, during, and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

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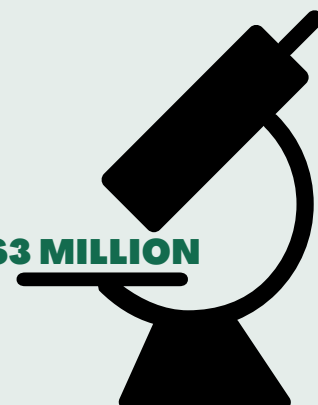
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SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested nearly **\$3M in canine health research** at Texas institutions state-wide through the support of **70 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at **Baylor College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society**. This research has spanned topics related general canine health including support of emergency and critical care, reproductive conditions and disease, blood disorders, cardiology, oncology including glioblastoma, osteosarcoma and lymphoma dermatology and allergic disease, kidney and urological disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology including necrotizing encephalitis, immunology and infectious disease, epilepsy and gastrointestinal disease. There are currently **6 active grants** which include multiple projects supporting research into canine Chagas disease, a clinical trial to ameliorate meningoencephalomyelitis (inflammation of the brain and surrounding tissues), and a novel minimally invasive test for early cancer diagnosis. CHF prioritizes a One Health and comparative medicine research approach to diagnose and treat health conditions that affect both ends of the leash while advancing canine health for all dogs.

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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 9 a.m. Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
Pre-Entry Details:	"Events" on DTCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org Link active May 17: DTCDC Show & Go Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, May 17 Entries close @ Noon Friday, May 31 (or when limit is reached) Run-thru emails will be sent the evening of May 31 at the latest.
Upcoming Dates:	July 6
Questions:	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



*No bitches in season allowed at the
DTCDC building*



Show & Go - April 13



These are the first Show & Go photos in the PawPrint for quite a while. Thanks to Ruth Miles and Margaret Culbertson for volunteering and organizing the event. Please contact Ruth Miles if you are interested in being a member of the Show & Go Committee.



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here's an easy one from doggiebuddy.com that can be used as a building block for more difficult ones. Have FUN with it!

Posted by DoggieBuddy on July, 2007

Michele Hosey

Teaching Your Dog Take It

Difficulty: *Easy*

Prerequisite: *Touch*

Items Needed: *Treats, Dog Toy*



Step 1: Get one of your dog's favorite toys and set it on the ground. Wait for him to pick it up in his mouth. Mark and treat.

Step 2: Repeat this several times. When he starts picking up the toy without hesitation, start using the command take it when you mark and treat.

Step 3: After a few times of that, see if he will pick it up at your command!

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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 11 @ 7 P.M.

MAY 2024 DOG CALENDAR:

- National Pet Month (US)
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- National Service Dog Eye Examination Month
- Pet Sitter Safety Month
- Responsible Animal Guardian Month

- May 1: Mayday for Mutts
- May 1: National Purebred Dog Day
- May 1: International Samoyed Day
- May 3: National Specially Abled Pets Day
- May 14: National Animal Disaster Preparedness
- May 14: National Dog Mom's Day
- May 30: Memorial Day
- May 5-11: American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week
- May 5-11: Dog Anxiety Awareness Week
- May 7-13: National Pet Week
- May 8-13: Puppy Mill Action Week
- May 10: German Shepherd Day
- May 11: National Dog Mom's Day
- May 11-14: Westminster Week
- May 14: International Chihuahua Appreciation Day
- May 14: Pick Up the Poo Day
- May 15: Do Lunch With Your Dog Day
- May 20: National Rescue Dog Day
- May 20-27: Dog Bite Prevention Week
- May 25: International Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Day
- May 28: Feast Day of St. Bernard of Montjoux
- May 29: National Dog Friendly Day

JUNE PAWPRINT

THEME: Have you used cold laser therapy treatments to help your dog with pain? Please share your experience.

DUE DATE: Wed., May 22 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

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 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 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.





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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.

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LONE STAR BARK

Lone Star Bark is scheduled on Saturday, May 11 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Hours are from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. Several club members highly recommend the fun.

You are encouraged to bring your best friend and enjoy live Thoroughbred racing, \$1 hot dogs, vendor booths, pet adoptions and the crowd favorite,



dog races! **There is a \$10 admission fee, but free parking.** Wear your club shirt if you attend! To enter your dog in the races fill out the form found in the link below.

[2019 Lone Star Bark Registration Form and Rules](#)

All dogs must remain on a leash at all times while on Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie property and are not allowed inside the Grandstand building. Owners are required to clean up their dog's accidents (I.e. plastic waste bags; a potty station is provided at designated area(s) at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. If your dog attacks another animal or human, you will be asked to leave the property immediately. No refunds will be provided.



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

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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 its 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 DT CDC!





Amy Witmer brags:



Wager and I participated in Rally trials hosted by the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club, in Bonham, April 19-21. From that weekend, Wager now has his Rally Intermediate title and first two qualifying legs toward his Rally Advanced title.



Benita Zapata brags:



Raiden continues to excel in her AKC scent work training in this large vehicle search. (See [Page 25](#) for a photo of her following a big win in a detective class.)



Chris Swain brags:



Chloe earned her first leg in Containers AKCSC Scent work at the cavalier King Charles speciality. Her very first trial!!!

Ken White brags:



I took Redd to play Fast Cat and chase the “Bunny”! When I went on to check how fast Boykins run — as of last week he had the fastest time. Even when I averaged 3 scores together it was the highest!! I’m shocked. He’s not ranked yet because I guess they have to have their “title” first. But I was very proud of this Little Swamp Poodle!



Charlie earned his AKC Rally Advance title at the Lone Star Kennel Club trial.

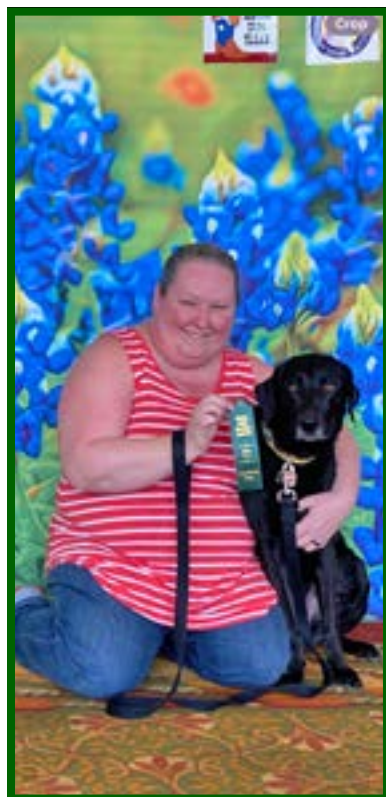
Ranking for Special (Boykins)			
Rank	Dog Name	Sex	Score
1	Focatalign's Dog	Yellow	24.82
2	CEX Trickle Dog	Spring	24.52
3	CH Top	Black	24.19

Pam White share that Fred (really Redd) is the #1 Boykins in the nation in Fast Cat. We have a celebrity in the house. Way to go, Redd!

Kinnie Hardaway brags:

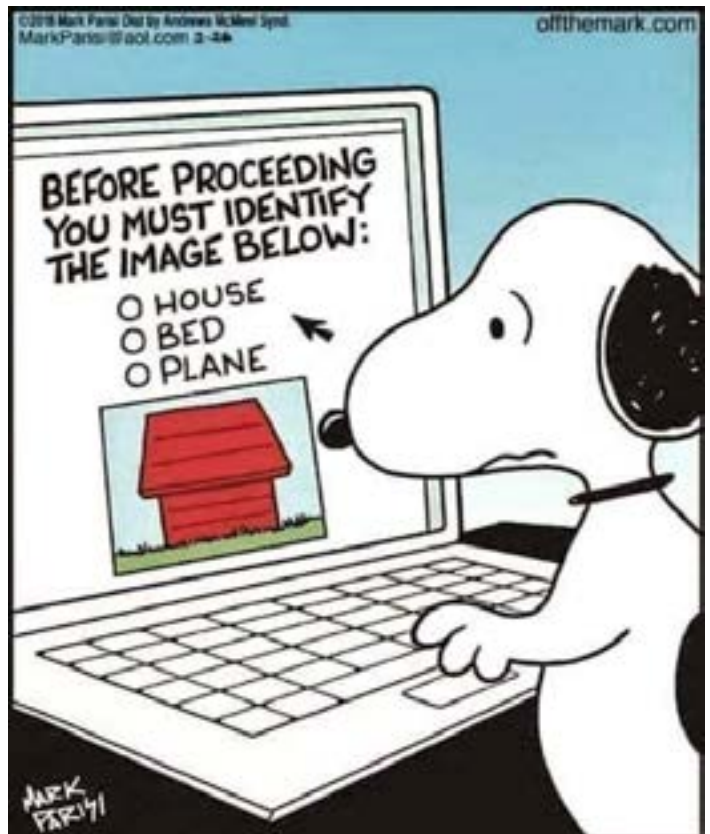


Piper got H.I.T at the trial in Mesquite on April 14.



Shannon Quinn brags:

Riley had her first scent work trial 4/14 for containers and earned her first Q!



Miriam and Kadee Inglehart brag:

Tigré completed his Beginner Obedience class.

Tigré had his first conformation show with ASDR. He did well winning Best of Breed Puppy. Kadee and El took 2nd in Junior's with a beautiful show leash as a prize and Best in Breed Adult.

Both Tristan and Tigré passed the AKC CGC test and Tristan also completed the AKC Novice Trick Dog. So proud of both of them and with Kadee on a great job handling Tris in Trick Dog!



Amy Witmer, Sheryll Barker and Chris Swain brag:

Amy Witmer and Wager, Sheryll Barker and Theodore, and Chris Swain and Charlie all earned Rally titles at the Lonestar Dog Obedience trials in Bonham. Charlie earned Rally Advanced, Wager earned Rally Intermediate, and Theodore earned Rally Novice titles.