

# PAW PRINT

August 2014

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Sandi Myers .....	8/1
Norma Harlin-Ray .....	8/5
David Yahraus .....	8/6
Carolyn Hopkins .....	8/7
Fred Knight.....	8/11
Jeff Ray .....	8/11
Donna Ralph .....	8/18
Larry Innis.....	8/26
Felicia Ruhter .....	8/26
Nicholas McGee .....	8/27
Sherry Warren .....	8/27
Judy Knight.....	8/28
Don Hughes .....	8/31



***A Very Happy Birthday To All!***

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your gifts. **If you missed the month of your birthday or there was no meeting that month, you may bring your gift in a following month!**



## AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The August general meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, in the club building at 604 Crestside, Duncanville, TX.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems just yesterday that we were welcoming the summer months and now we are heading into the last month of the season. The DTDCDC Summer Social marked the half -way point for the summer break and many thanks to our Social and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committees for a fabulous event. The August General Meeting also marks the selection of the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be responsible for nominating the board members who will serve the club for 2015. Please make plans to attend August 5<sup>th</sup> so your vote will be represented.

**Robin Quintana**

# **CELEBRATING DTCDC's 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

**THE DT CDC SUMMER SOCIAL  
JULY 12, 2014**



**The Club provided BBQ Beef and Turkey...  
Everyone brought great side dishes!**



**Master of Ceremonies Robin Romig thanked the members of  
the Social Committee who planned this celebration**



**We all dug in...**



**and sampled all the goodies!**





**After lunch, Holly and Danica Taylor presided over a game in which the members formed teams to try to answer dog-related trivia questions in categories such as Presidential Dogs, Dog Movie Stars, or Rare Dog Breeds. They came up with some very tough questions!**



Next came doggy games. Two teams of dogs and handlers each tried to be the first to weave through a set of cones while the handler balanced a tennis ball on a big spoon.



**HAPPY 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, DTCCDC!**

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

## Board Meeting

### MINUTES

JULY 08, 2014

07:14 PM

DTCDC

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Robin Quintana, President
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Board Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Robin Quintana
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Victor Borrás, Secretary
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Linda Smith, Donna Heishman, Danika Taylor, JoAnne McGraw, Mark Malone, Robin Romig, Ellen Jackson, and Lynda Holman.

### Agenda topics

**07:14 PM** **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** **ROBIN QUINTANA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Robin Quintana called the meeting to order and proceeded to the agenda items.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	None

**CORRECTION TO MINUTES/APPROVAL**

**ROBIN QUINTANA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Tabled for next meeting.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	None

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DONNA HEISHMAN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Donna reported she will transfer approximately \$ 20,000 to the saving account from the checking account to balance the accounts.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

**DON SPARKS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Robin reported that Don had corrected the toilet filling problem and it was again functional.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	None

**TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**ROBIN ROMIG**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**TERRI SCHURR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

**DANIKA TAYLOR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	40th anniversary proclamation is completed. Free Show N Go will be held in September.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**PURCHASING**

**LYNDA HOLMAN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ROBIN QUINTANA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Donna made new signs for the interior and exterior of the building advertising our 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ROBIN QUINTANA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Robin opened the discussion regarding the purchase and installation of an "electronic lock" to the building.  Online registration via Pay Pal is pending. An updated report on the progress and possible implementation date will be forthcoming.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Board unanimously approved the purchase and installation of an electronic lock. Total cost will be disclosed at next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danika Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved into an "Executive Session" at 7:48 pm.

Executive Session ended at 8:03 pm.

A motion was made by JoAnne McCraw to adjourn the Board Meeting. Robin Romig 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval.

Victor A. Borrás, Secretary.



## PAW PRINT FAMILY – AUGUST, 2014

### JEFF & KAREN YOUNG



We are Jeff and Karen Young and this is our first year as members of D.T.C.D.C. We found the club after searching for obedience training for Megatron “Tron” my GSD puppy (at the time). We were so fortunate to have worked with two fantastic trainers for Puppy Obedience and Basic Obedience; Paul Cantwell and Teresa York respectively. Tron did very well in both classes despite being very “energetic”. In fact, Teresa awarded Tron “Most Friendly” although I think this is code for “most disruptive”.



Since that first class at D.T.C.D.C. nearly a year ago I’ve worked with Paul nearly every weekend at sunrise in various locations around Duncanville. Working with Paul, along with Victor Borrás and Bob Rodríguez has taught me how to be an effective trainer and handler and working with them is something I value and enjoy very much. At some point in the future I’d like to assist at the club as an assistant trainer with my goal being to qualify as a lead instructor at some point.



In addition to working with Tron, we adopted Lucy, a Pit/Vizsla mix nearly a year ago. Lucy was found abandoned and emaciated in downtown Dallas by a friend of mine and I knew the moment I met her I knew she’d be part of my family. Since adopting Lucy we’ve fostered and trained two dogs, Sandy and Zeke, in support of the rescue organization P.A.W.S. for Irving. Sandy, a lab mix, had Demodex (mange) all over her body and both eyes were swollen shut when I took her in. After three months of medicine she got the “all clear” and is in the process of being adopted. Zeke is a Pit/Husky mix that was deemed “out of control”. The reality is that he has an incredible amount of drive and needs a lot of exercise. I had Zeke for about six weeks and he is doing well in an on-site train/board facility. A professional trainer specializing in police dog work (narcotics and bomb detection) is interested in assessing Zeke’s potential for that type of work and my fingers are crossed. He’s a special dog.

The rest of the Young family consists of my wife of 19 years, Karen and Niles, our eight year old Persian Exotic cat. Karen is in Jewelry sales and is proving to be a great dog mom. Now that we have some free time after our two foster dogs we plan on being much more involved in club activities and look forward to seeing all of you.





**THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS**

N.P. Sims Library-Waxahachie  
Zula B. Wylie Library-Cedar Hill  
July 12, 2014  
*By Robin & Greg Quintana*

We had a nice afternoon making our visits to the Sims Library in Waxahachie and Wylie Library in Cedar Hill. Lynda and Charlie Holman along with Terri and Chester Schurr joined Maya and Jax for a nice afternoon with the kids reading their stories. Charlie had a very special treat from the library assistant who read a very special book just for him. He was a little worried that he might have to go live on a ranch but we assured him that he would be heading back to his very nice life at the Holman Hacienda!



**THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS**  
**JULY CGC TEST AT DT CDC**

On Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, DT CDC held a CGC test. We had 9 teams come out to take the test and we had 7 teams pass. I would like to thank the following folks who assisted with the event:

Laurie Rodriguez & Cesar  
Benita Zapata  
Danika Taylor  
Terri Schurr  
Robin Romig

Congratulations to the club members that passed and best of luck to the teams who are getting ready for the next one.

Robin Quintana  
DT CDC President





**Cathy Garrett** brags: Sage earned her ASCA RA and RAX titles on May 25, 2014 in Azle, TX. Her scores on Saturday were 195 (second place) and on Sunday 198 (first place). Sage will continue to work on her CD and Rally Excellent signs for shows later this fall. In the past 5 months, Sage has shown in AKC and ASCA Rally and Obedience 18 times, earned 7 titles and placed 14 times, usually 1st or 2nd. Needless to say, I am thrilled with her progress and so proud of her accomplishments.

**JoAnne McCraw** brags: **Dynadaux From Russia With Love MS BN RN CGC**, better known as **Max**, earned his third leg in Pre Novice and his new PCD title with a score of 186 on Saturday, June 21, at the DFWDC SPECIALTY Obedience and Rally Trials in Duncanville. A big thanks to judge Cathleen Caballero! On Sunday, Max earned an extra leg in Pre Novice, a big thank you to judge Gene Norman! In Novice A he had a pretty good score up until the long down that seemed to be broken both days. Still, I am very proud of my **Max**!

**Cathy Yahraus** brags: **Lea** passed her CGC test on July 19.



**Victor Borrás** brags: So far the summer of 2014 has been filled with excitement and unexpected success for **Lauri** and **Fergus** in the ring. On June 28th at the Great Dane Club of Oklahoma Specialty in Oklahoma City **Fergus** and **Lauri** entered the breed ring for the very first time in pursuit of his Grand Champion. On their first outing **Fergus** won Best of Opposites for a 5 point major against some of the top ranking Great Danes in the country. On the coat tails of that experience, on July 5th at the Lone Star State Classic in Dallas **Fergus** won Best of Breed for another 5 point major over a field of exceptional and top rated Great Danes. In addition, **Lauri** was awarded Best Owner Handler which allowed her to retain her ranking in the top 5 in the AKC Owner Handler Series in our breed. I am very

proud of their success in such a short time. Looking forward to what the future holds. Thanks to all the club members present at these shows for your kind words of support.

**Bob & Laurie Rodriguez** brag: **Brody** passed his CGA. This is the new test that goes one step farther than the CGC. You have to have your CGC before u can test for the CGA.

**Jan Bruner** brags: **Mocha** earned her Dock Junior title over 4th of July weekend trials at Dallas Air Dogs.

**Jan Bayovich** brags: **Kelly Kozmo** passed his AKC Canine Good Citizen test under evaluator Robin Quintana. Good job, Kelly-boy!

**Robin Romig** brags: **Oscar** passed his CGC test on July 19. Thanks to our club President, Robin Quintana, for conducting the CGC test this weekend! Thanks, Robin!

**Lana & Craig Shuman** brag: Our dog **Champ** completed his championship in Houston on July 19. . He won best of winners four days in a row and ended his run on Saturday with a major! **Champ** has only competed in three outings - Austin last October, Dallas in December and Houston last week and weekend. Our **Champ** is a champ! We want to especially thank Donna and Bill Heshman for their guidance and support in this adventure.

**Lynda & Gary Holman** brag: **Sweetie (Mr. Magoo's** mother) passed her CGC test at the club on Saturday, July 19. We are very proud of **Sweetie**, who is very energetic and was able to stay in control throughout her test – although we knew she was willing to “dance on the ceiling” if **Lynda** would have given her the word! **Mr. Magoo** was proud of her too, but did rub it in about how he passed his CGC a year ago. Many thanks to Robin Q and all the members who helped at the test.

**Linda Smith** brags: Very excited to announce that **Judah, Legasea's Courageous Lion CDX BN GN RAE CGC**, earned his CDX Title and that **Bing, GCH DC Minjimba Ridge Enjoy Cheri Juba Lee BN RN SC CGC**, earned her first two Novice Legs the weekend of July 19-20 in Houston. Judah also placed 3rd Friday and Saturday in a very nice Open Black class and followed with Reserve WD on Sunday. Even though we were shooting for that last 3 point major, I was still pleased with a Reserve win with such a nice entry and after getting his CDX wasn't about to be disappointed :-)

**Robin Romig** brags: **Oscar** passed his AKC CGC Test on July 19. He is now: **Bre-Z Lauraland Hollywood Gold CGC**.

**Robin & Greg Quintana** brag: **Greg** and **Jax** have been invited to compete in the Australian Shepherd of America Novice Obedience Finals. The top 10 dogs for the show year will show in November at the Nationals Show that will be held in Bryan, Texas. On July 24, Jax completed his 50th therapy visit to earn his AKC Therapy Dog Title and his Therapy Dogs International TDIA award. We will be on cloud nine for a few days!!



### SUGGESTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS

*By Helen Cariotis:*

Helping each student in a class feel that their concerns are being met, and that they and their dog are important to you and your assistants is a very big deal. Students that don't get lost in the crowd are far more likely to be active and attentive participants in your class, and be successful and happy with their experience. It sounds obvious, but probably the first and best thing you can do to facilitate this is simply to address them by their name, and also learn their dog's name.

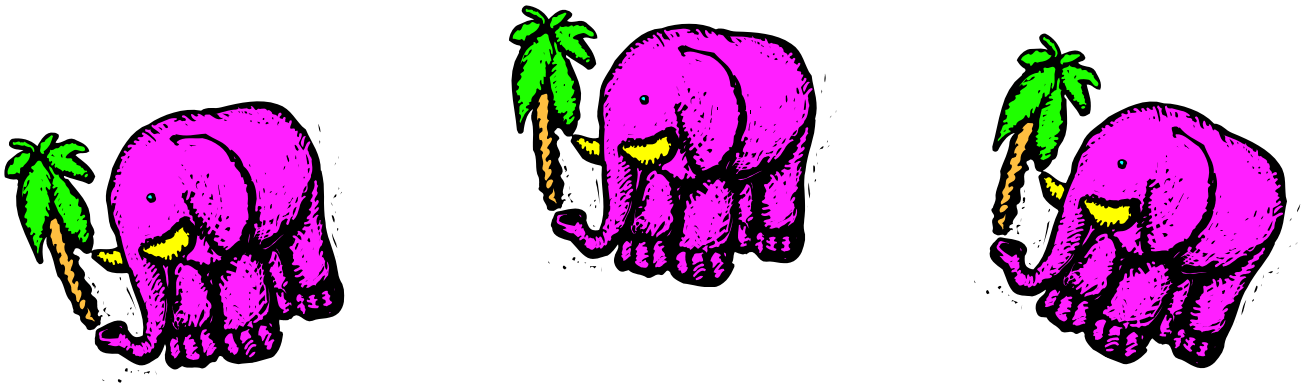
An easy way to make this a reality is to make up pink and blue note cards (I used the larger ones, about the size of ring armbands), put the handler's name on it with bold marker, and also the dog's name. Use pink for the female dogs and blue for the male dogs. Notch the cards and give everyone a rubber band and have them wear the cards on their arms, just like we do at trials. If this seems like too much trouble, big pink and blue sticky nametags would work as well. I always liked the cards as I could pick them up and re-use each week.

A few years back I attended a class in which I had the only GSD. For 8 solid weeks, the instructor called my dog "Shep," thought she was a male, and never once addressed me by my name. And no, my dog's name wasn't Shep or even close! A simple change in their system could have helped a lot.

Not only will you and your helpers look good (and professional), the armbands with names will also allow your students to get to know one another. No more will you call out to someone and address their male dog as a "she" and vice-versa. Knowing someone's name is always better than just gesturing or saying "you over there," or "the lady with the cocker," when moving teams around, or any time you are interacting with them. Although this may not be huge in the grand scheme of running classes, it is the cumulative effect of "small details" done well that will set you apart from the others.







### ELEPHANTS GOTTA EAT

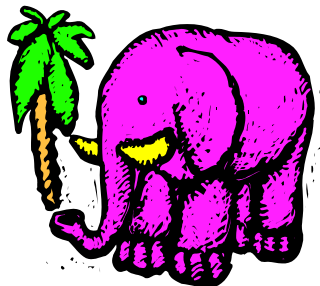
*By Stela Moore*

It was an ordinary Saturday morning when we were all outside. Don was watching a house being built up the street and I was doing yard work. A few days ago I had taken a major limb and several branches out of our beautiful Mimosa tree because it was scratching our valuable roof. This is our weekend to put stuff out at the curb so the Mimosa branches were all stacked at the edge alongside the house.

A very large panel truck drove up the street and stopped right in front of our house. Echo barked and barked and Pepper-the-Kitty hid. After all it said "DALLAS ZOO" on the side and Pepper did not want to go to the Zoo which is nearby. Echo figured if they got close enough he could just lean on them - which most likely is what he'd do if we had a burglar in the house. They asked Don if they could take the Mimosa branches and leaves from our trash pile and he said, "Yes." I then raced to where they could hear me and asked, "Which animal will you feed the Mimosa to?" and the two Dallas Zoo Hunter-Gatherers replied, "The elephants." Oh, I exclaimed, "Do they like Mimosa branches?" And they replied, "The elephants LOVE Mimosa branches."

Pepper only eats the 'outdoor variety' of her cat food but nothing from the real outdoors. I had offered the Mimosa branches to Echo but he told me his mommy, the beautiful Nicole, had told him never ever to eat Mimosa branches so he did not want them - in spite of the obvious temptation.

We are so glad that we could help the Dallas elephants with giving them their favorite dessert. Hmmmm, I now wonder which other tree can I thin out next for our elephants?



## UPCOMING EVENTS - ASUGUST 2014 AND BEYOND

### CLASS SCHEDULE

2014 – Session #4

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Start Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Instructor:</u>
Mon. Beginner	July 28	7:00 pm	Sara Beall
Mon. Puppy	July 28	8:15 pm	Brittany Sharkasi
Tue. Conformation	July 29	8:15 pm	Greg Quintana
Wed. Beginner	July 30	7 :00 pm	Jan Bruner
Wed. Novice Polish	July 30	8:15 pm	Pamela Chrystal
Thu. Intermediate	July 31	7:00 pm	Danika Taylor
Thu. Beg. Open	July 31	8:15 pm	Lynda Holman
Fri. Adv. Rally	Aug 1	6:45 pm	TBA
Fri. Beg. Rally	Aug 1	8:15 pm	Robin Quintana
Sun. Adv. Open	Aug 3	1:00 pm	Instructors Rotate
Sun. Utility	Aug 3	2:15 pm	Instructors Rotate

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### OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

**Aug 3:** Show & Go at Top Dog, 1138 Pleasant Valley, Suite D, Garland, TX 75040; cost: \$8 for 1st entry and \$6 for 2nd entry with same dog; fee includes group stays; Open registration – 8 am - 9:30 am; Judging begins at 8:10 am; Novice, Pre-Novice, and Grad Registration - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm; Judging begins after Open and Utility judging is complete. Call (972) 494-7387 for more information

**Sept 27 & 28:** N. TX Barnhunters Assn., 4 Barnhunt trials, Stall Barn, Myers Park & Event Cntr, 7117 County Road 166, McKinney, TX, Trial Secretary: Pam Opanowitz, [quigsis@gmail.com](mailto:quigsis@gmail.com)

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### DTCDC SHOW & GO EVENT

Saturday, August, 2014

Come out to the Obedience Show & Go that will be held at the building on Saturday, August \_\_, 2014.

Sign ups for all classes cut off at 3 pm. Novice and Open start at 1 pm. Utility follows (usually about 3 pm).

Fees are \$6 for the 1st run, \$4 second run/same dog.

For more information or to volunteer contact: **Chris Teel** [dogmomx@tx.rr.com](mailto:dogmomx@tx.rr.com) or **214-356-8159**.

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### August 2014 Pocket Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 DTCDC General Meeting in July	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 DTCDC Board Meeting in July	13	14	15	16 DTCDC ShoW & Go 1:00pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**Notes:** Each Friday the club is closed in the AM for cleaning. For more complete information on shows go to: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and click on Events or go to [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com) and click on Show Information. *There is too much information to list it all.*