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How fast they grow...



Bruce, David & Barbara Elliott's new puppy, has just completed the first step in his training journey. The photo above, right was taken at the Summer Social in June. By the way, Bruce now weighs 80 pounds.

(See page 36 for more submitted Coverdog photos.)

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1974-2024

10/05	Samara Piper
10/11	Lilha Finger
10/11	Robin Romig
10/12	Debbie Cantwell
10/15	Renee Ranchio
10/16	Mona O’Gorman
10/17	Kim Owens
10/19	Robert Coffin
10/20	Michelle Moorman
10/21	Jerri Martin
10/22	Coicean Gurguis
10/29	Tawny Schaffer
10/31	Vernon Miles
10/31	Justin Normand

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 8 @ 7 P.M.



CLICK [Here](#) TO REGISTER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING USING ZOOM.

THEME: DOG TOYS

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

	August	YTD
Proceeds	\$43	\$366.88
Expenditures	0	0
Net	\$43	\$366.88

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A Word from Our President



Dear friends, I hope this message finds you all doing well.

It has been a busy month with a lot going on at the club and it is exciting to see everyone continuing their training with such enthusiasm and dedi-

cation. It's inspiring to watch our members and their dogs work together and support one another. We thrive on teamwork and passion. Let's keep this positive energy going as we move into the fall season. Together we can achieve great things!

Your President,
Ruth Miles

BOARD APPRECIATION AWARDS



The Board will be giving out board appreciation awards soon, and we would love your input! If there is anyone you feel should be recognized for their hard work and dedication, please let us know. You may contact anyone on the Board. (See list at right.)

I look forward to hearing your suggestion and thank you for helping us honor those who make a difference.



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P.O. Box 380104
Duncanville, TX 75138-0104

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604 Crestside Dr,
Duncanville, TX 75137

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

DTCDC Volunteer Committees

Name	Phone	Email
Vernon Miles	469-853-8293	mainstreamplb@yahoo.com
Building Maintenance – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAV maintenance, etc.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heisman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Bylaws – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
Terri Schur	214-641-8308	terrischurr@me.com
CGC – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
Tawny Schaffer	214-769-8523	tgs@scaffertx.com
Commissary – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Database/Roster – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
Stephanie Schoolcraft	210-845-5485	stephschool@yahoo.com
Legislative Liaison – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Library – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
Shelley Carr	678-977-2294	slcarr63@hotmail.com
Membership & Volunteerism – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		
Lana Shuman	214-244-0960	pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
PawPrint – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club's monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Printing - Assures continuity, quality and adequate supply of all Club printed materials.		

Nicole Litterio	708-207-1529	nlitter2@gmail.com
Promotional/Community Events/Advertising – Schedules participation at community events to promote responsible dog ownership through dog training. Created all DTCDC advertising and promotional material to conform to current club logo and other current forms. Work with members to ensure a consistent and identifiable presentation. Place advertisements in appropriate places. Present DTCDC events information to the media. Continue to sponsor the regular obedience First Place Novice A at all Texas Kennel Club Obedience.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Purchasing – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
Reagan Chojnacki	919-810-5428	reaganchojnacki@gmail.com
Registration/Registrar – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Show 'N Go – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Social – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Social Media – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
E’Lynn Elliott	214-549-4170	elynnnew@gmail.com
Sunshine – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Technology – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
Shari Price	214-929-3919	skptir@sbcglobal.net
Telephone – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price		
Treasury Review – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

Jan Hitchborn Benita Zapata	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	2jsdoghaven@att.net bzapata21@yahoo.com
Wall – Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Includes engraved wall plates and ordered by club members and assembly with supplied photo.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Website – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
Current Training Director – Lisa Wharton		msdogmom@sbcglobal.net
Training Committee – Nominated by members and can change every year.		

Nominating Committee Report 2025 Officer & Director Candidates

On Aug. 13, the following Nominating Committee was elected by online vote: Benita Zapata, Donna Heishman, Marye Boyce, Carol Ford and David Elliott.

Benita deferred the position of Chair to Donna Heishman, as next in line. Marye Boyce resigned. Shari Price, as next in line, joined the Committee.

The full committee, along with Mark Malone, as the advising Corporate Director, met via Zoom on Aug 17 and 28. The following nominees were selected:

- President - Ruth Miles (2nd term)
- Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki (2nd term)
- Training Director - Mary Ann Magness (1st term)
- Secretary - Samantha Colvard (1st term)
- Treasurer - Barbara Elliott (2nd term)
- Member-at-large - Shelley Carr (2nd term)
- Member-at large -Kinnie Hardaway (1st term)
- Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski (1st term)
- Member at Large - Maysel McGown (1st term)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Oct. 8 General Membership Meeting, provided such nominee consents in advance and in writing to serve in the position for which they are being nominated.

Elections will be held at the Nov. 12 General Membership Meeting. See Bylaws Article VI for more information on page 7.



ARTICLE VI – THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Club Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of November at which time officers and members at large for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records related to that office within ten (10) days after the election.

Section 3. Elections

Elections shall be by secret ballot, **except** when there is only one nominee for an office, and then it may be a voice vote.

Section 4. Nominations

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in advance by one of the following procedures:

- A. At the August regular meeting of the Club, a Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot. Each Active Member in good standing and in attendance will be allowed to submit five (5) names on the elective written ballot. The five (5) members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as the Nominating Committee, with the person receiving the greatest number of votes as chair. Any tie shall be decided by a run-off ballot. A Corporate Director will be on the Committee as a non-voting advisor.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall meet within ten (10) days from its election and shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in November, and shall secure the consent of each nominee. These candidates shall be published in the September Pawprint and announced at the September regular meeting of the Club.
- C. Additional nominations may be made at the October regular meeting of the Club by any members in attendance provided that the person so nominated has signified in advance and in writing his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position. Additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.
- D. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

As Amended as of September 7, 2019



A Note from Your Training Director

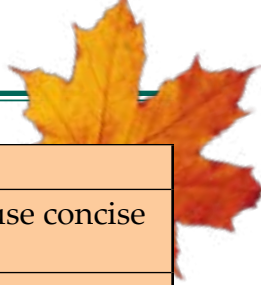


Written by David Elliott, Training Committee Member

On the 14th and 15th of September Paul and Debbie Cantwell conducted a **Heeling Seminar**. This was the first time they had done a seminar on Heeling. It was a very informative class with thought provoking ideas with group and individual participation. The Training Committee would like to thank them both for putting the seminar together. We are so fortunate as a club to have trainers that have spent so much time learning skills and that they are willing to pass on their knowledge to our club members. Everyone present is looking forward to another seminar conducted by the Cantwell's. Thanks also to those who brought snacks on both days. Below is a list of just a small portion of the take aways we experienced.

A Baker's Dozens of Treats from the Heeling Seminar

Question 1	How important is it to plan your training?
Answer	Setting goals is very important. Use a journal. It will help you keep on track to accomplish your training goals. It is vital for long-term success.
Question 2	How important is it to journal your training plan?
Answer	This helps you track your progress and know your victories.
Question 3	What is the correct position for heeling?
Answer	In between the head and shoulder (neck) on the seam of your pant leg.



Question 4	How do you start teaching your dog the correct heeling position?
Answer	Luring is a good method. It has high rates of reinforcement. Be sure to use concise communication and take your time.
Question 5	How do you keep your dog's attention?
Answer	A significant number of repetitions will need to occur to ensure you have a strong "watch me" command. Create a strong relationship (spending time and building trust). Once the dog understands the watch command then start using random and or variable rates of reinforcement.
Question 6	Explain the difference in food values and how to use them.
Answer	Low-value treats are used for easy or known tasks. High-value treats are used for the most difficult tasks. Kibble is an example of a low-value food reward, cheese may be a medium food reward value, and meat rolls, hot dogs, or steak bites would be a high-value food reward. Start with the low-value food rewards to see if you can train or teach the behavior. Then progress to high values as needed.
Question 7	Why is it important to have a highly motivated dog?
Answer	The dog will be more willing to work successfully through difficult exercises.
Question 8	How important are reinforcers?
Answer	Reinforcers use the dog's drives to achieve desired behaviors.
Question 9	What is the difference between toys and training tools?
Answer	The toys the dog is allowed to play with are "their" items, to have around the house. The trainers' toys (tools) are items such as tugs, balls, etc. which are used to interactively reward the dog for short play sessions after completing the desired behavior. These tools are not for the dog to play with by themselves.
Question 10	How do you teach straight fronts?
Answer	Use a platform box or front frame to help the dog know the correct position. Use overlapping alternating hands so the dog does not favor one side to the other. Be sure to bring the treat to the center of your body.
Question 11	What is a nose bridge and why is it important?
Answer	A nose bridge is finger placement to keep your dog occupied and in position while waiting for the next exercise. It is a helpful behavior to have when there is a delay in the start of the next exercise.
Question 12	Where can you find the rules for showing and what is the advantage of reading them?
Answer	They can be found at AKC.org. The advantage is that you will be better prepared. "The team that is most prepared, is the team that will win."



Question 13	When should you stop your training session?
Answer	It is best to end training sessions while your dog is still engaged. End on a high note. To help the dog know when the session is over, use a turn-off switch command such as "All done." Stop training immediately and transition to other activities not part of the training routine.



Photos by David Elliott



If anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to see presented at the T3 (Train the Trainer). Please feel free to submit them to the training committee at: training@dallasdogtraining.org

More photos from Heeling Seminar

Photos by David Elliott and Lisa Gonzales





Session 6 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for session 6 which starts October 7 and runs through November 17. We are currently looking for volunteers for Session 6. If you are available, please contact the training committee.

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

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	Assistant
M O N	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	Oct 7 - Nov 11	Jorge Ayala	Tiffany Moira	Daniel Hill	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Oct 7 - Nov 11	Jose Rodriguez	Kat McCley	Brad Ralph	
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Oct 7 - Nov 11	Tawany Schaffer/Lisa Wharton			
T U E S	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	Oct 8 - Nov 12	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	DTCCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Oct 1 and Nov 5	Ruth Miles			
	DTCCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	Oct 8 and Nov 12	Ruth Miles			
	DTCCDC Club Training	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	October 29	TBD			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	Oct 15, 22, 29 Nov 19, 26				
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Mona O'Gorman			
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Pam White			
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Pam White			
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Michelle Hosey			
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Samantha Colvards	David Elliott, Colleen Gurguis, Alexos Jankowski		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Terri Schur	Lilha Finger	Pat Ingram	Lisa Gonzales
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Melissa Chojnacki	Lisa Gonzales		
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	Oct 10 - Nov 14	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	Oct 10 - Nov 14	Sheryl Barker/Shari Price/Reagan Chojnacki			
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Oct 10 - Nov 14	Sheryl Barker/Shari Price/Reagan Chojnacki			
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Oct 11 - Nov 15	Mona O'Gorman			
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Oct 11 - Nov 15	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Oct 11 - Nov 15	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes			
S U N	Adv Open*	11 a.m - 12 p.m.	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung			
*PREREQUISITE							
**NOCLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS							



Highest Average and Most Improved Obedience and/or Rally Scores Awards

If your dog earned the last leg toward an obedience title (CD, CDX or UD) or rally title (RN, RA or RE) during the period November 15, 2023 to November 14, 2024, you may qualify for one or more of these awards. All you have to do is fill out the Awards Submission Form located [pages 62-63](#) in this PawPrint and send your form(s) to Lynda Holman by November 15, 2024. The forms have more explanation and information – so get busy and see if your fur baby will win one of these awards at the Club’s Annual Winter Social & Awards Ceremony.

Good Luck,

Lynda Holman @ lyholman@flash.net

DTCDC Therapy Teams

Please send me an email updating me on how your therapy visits are going for 2024. Let me know which dogs are going, where they are going and how often they are going.

Thanks,

Mark

j_mark_malone@yahoo.com



Reminder!

If you signed up for the **"Teeth Cleaning Day at the Club"** the date is coming up soon.

Date: Saturday, October 12

Contact Becky Hill at 214- 351-6553 if you have any questions about when you and your dog(s) are scheduled.

Participants have already paid a \$20 deposit per dog to the club through Treasurer Barbara Elliott. Don't forget, to bring the \$50 balance per dog you have enrolled to pay Debbie Higgins, the dental hygienist.



Information We Need to Know

<p>1.</p>	<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>
<p>2.</p>	<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>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings: October Board Meeting will be held Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. November Board Meeting will be held Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: October General Meeting will be held on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. November General Meeting will be held on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. Register for the October Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZild-6rqj8sH9WQ-vB3_n9QGejgofRqYZjW</p>
<p>4.</p>	<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>
<p>5.</p>	<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>
<p>6.</p>	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for Oct. 19. Registration opens Oct. 4 at 8 a.m. at this link. Future Show & Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 11/2 🐾 12/28 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com with questions. See the flyer on page 49.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<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>
<p>8.</p>	<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>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Submit items for PawPrint to Editor Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<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>October birthdays will be recognized at the October 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 elynnnew@gmail.com.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</p> <p>Topic: TBD Date: October 29, 2024 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Watch your email for information on the upcoming Train the Trainer session to be held on October 29.</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 – September 3, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Barbara Elliott, Michele Hosey, Jan Bruner, Marye Boyce, Lisa Gonzales, Shelley Carr, Online: Mark Malone, Lisa Wharton, Lynda Hollman
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order 7:01 pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August Board Meeting and General Meeting minutes were published in the September PawPrint. Are there any corrections?
Conclusion	Approved by consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Total Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,575.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,134.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,442.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Sunshine Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expense</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.00</td> </tr> </table>	Total Income	4,575.63	Total Expenses	2,134.42	Total:	2,442.21	Sunshine Club		Income	43.00	Expense	0.00	Total:	43.00
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TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainers Topic: Unusual Rewards Date: September 24, 2024 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. • We had a very informative and beneficial seminar with Sylvie Nuzzolilo. • Next Therapy testing is scheduled for Sept 7th • Still working on jump mods • Paul Cantwell 2 day Heeling Seminar Sept 14-15 • Next session classes start week of Oct 7th
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next SNG September 21, 2024 • Future SnG's: Oct 19th Nov 2nd, and Dec 28th , 2024
Conclusion	.

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Applicant Judy McClelland-Sherman
Conclusion	Motion to accept Shelley Carr Second Jan Bruner

MAINTENANCE – Vernon Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing this month!
Conclusion	

SUGGESTION BOX – Ruth Miles

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

CGC – Terri Schur

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 28 at 9:30
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in helping with the IT aspects of the club. This includes setting up zoom hybrid meetings, security cameras, phone system, and anything else that falls into this dept.
Conclusion	

Social Committee- Lisa Gonzales and Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Menu for Winter Social Chili, Chicken, 4 Soups, Charcuterie board, and a Pasta dish. Crackers and Bread/Drinks Date for Winter Social- December 14th 4p.m.
Conclusion	Children and Guests are welcome, but this is a human only event.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – Jan Bruner, Marye Boyce, Michele Hosey, Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anything to share from members? Nothing this month• Thank you for sending out your emails to the Membership.
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City of Duncanville Proclamation presentation was a successful turnout thank you to all who attended.
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 5 ends week of 9/16 New Member Committee would like to hold a new member orientation meeting on Wednesday September 25th at 7:00pm• October 1st board meeting will be held via Zoom only and at that meeting we will choose our Board appreciation awards, please begin thinking about who you would like to nominate.• Our Nominating Committee has been slated for the 2025-year board, this list has been posted in PawPrint, please remember we will have our combined meeting in November. Please have your notebooks ready to turn over.
Conclusion	

Executive Session 7:40-7:55pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm
Respectfully submitted for approval by Lisa Gonzales

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – September 10, 2024

Agenda

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	August General Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes were published in the September PawPrint are there any corrections?
Conclusion	

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

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TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 6 starts Oct 7th needing assistants for many classes still. • AKC changing jumps (Jan 2025) TC working on retrofit. • Paul Cantwell seminar Sept 14 There are still 6 audit spots.
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SUNSHINE – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September's birthdays were read out loud at the meeting. • Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Winners: Melissa Chojnacki Michelle Mooreman, Shelley Carr, William (Ruth Miles)

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PawPrint deadline, Sunday September 22nd or sooner. • October's Pawprint Theme: Dog Toys please share you experience and photos • Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. <p>The new Traders Corner section will start in the September issue of the PawPrint. Dog related items only, no posting for live animals, or perishable items. The posting will run in 1 issue then must be resubmitted for additional postings. This is for members only. Do not post for non- members. Postings are not club business, any discussion regarding items posted should be discussed between the interested parties privately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.

MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member meeting on Wednesday September 25th at 7:00pm • 1 New Member applicant Judy McClelland-Sherman • The board has reviewed and recommends approval, let's open for discussion. • Motion to accept Shelley Carr Seconded by Melissa Chojnacki
Conclusion	Motion passed, all accepted unanimously

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering.
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Purchasing – Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETA for V-neck t-shirts and PP badges. Past president badges are in.
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CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Testing – Terri Schurr

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CGC September 28th at 9:30am • Please contact Teri via email if you would like to volunteer
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Legislative – Stephanie Schoolcraft

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie reviews articles, websites, information provided by various breed clubs, as well as attending AKC sponsored events to keep us up to date and animal related issues. A Sample letter for legislators will be on our website. Please read her article in the Pawprint. Go back to May and August too. Good information.
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Social Committee Lisa Gonzales/Samantha Colvard

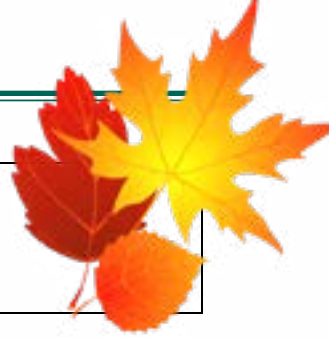
Discussion	<p>Winter Social December 14th. 4pm Menu: Chili, Soup, charcuterie board, breads, crackers and drinks Members please bring sides and desserts Homemade dessert contest, there will be prizes for the creators of the winning desserts. There will be door prizes and an auction</p>
Conclusion	

Old Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a reminder Teeth Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday October 12th • All spots are taken If you want to be on the waiting list please contact Becky Hill. • We had a great turn out at the City of Duncanville for our presentation of our 50th anniversary proclamation. Thank you to all who attended.
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New Business

Discussion	<p>Thank you to Wendy McQuiston for her years of volunteering as Commissary Chairperson. Wendy has done a fantastic job and is now passing the baton to Tawny Schaffer, who has stepped in to volunteer as our new Commissary Chairperson. Thank you, Tawny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee: Benita Zapata, Donna Heishman Carol Ford, David Elliott and Shari Price • Per DTCCDC Bylaws Our Nominating Committee has slated our 2025 year Board which was published in the September PawPrint. • Donna, please come up and announce our 2025 year slated board • Now I will read our Bylaws: Bylaws read
Conclusion	<p>President - Ruth Miles (2nd term) Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki (2nd term) Training Director - Mary Ann Magness (1st term) Secretary - Samantha Colvard (1st term) Treasurer - Barbara Elliott (2nd term) Member at Large - Shelley Carr (2nd term)</p>



	Member at Large - Kinnie Hardaway (1st term) Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski (1st term) Member at Large - Maysel McGown (1st term)
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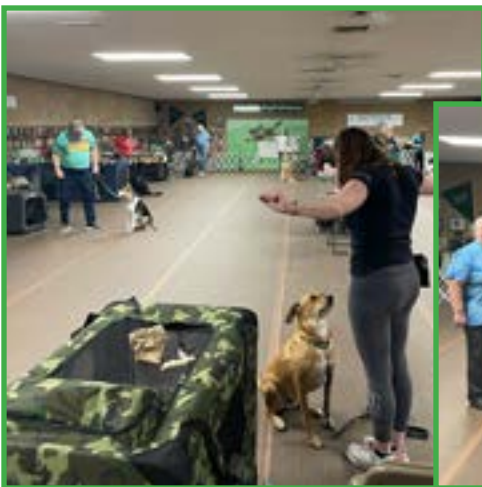
Adjourn meeting to brags at 7:45 pm

Snacks for the October meeting: Maysel McGown, and Michelle Mooreman

T3 - Unusual Rewards with Sandi Myers

By Lisa Wharton

In all aspects of life, we humans tend to go with the familiar or routine. Tuesday night, Sept. 24, was all about thinking outside the treat pouch and making rewards more fun for our dogs. Sandi presented a wide range of ideas. Using bowls to get a solid kickback stand. I was amazed at the speed the dogs picked up on that. Everyone learned how a brown paper lunch bag can stimulate our dogs prey drive and get them more engaged in the process. Sandi went over how simple household items, such as crumbled paper, could provide distractions. How changing the reward placement to your right side so the dog must go behind you can help prevent forging. Also, a discussion of using jackpots within the training area so the dog doesn't think that big rewards only happen when they are outside the ring. Sammy was such a cute demo dog...played his role perfectly. Thank you Sandi and Sammy for a fun and informative night.



Annie's Dinner as Jackpot

As created by Donna Rock, and transcribed by Sharon McDonald

(Permission has been granted to Sandi Myers to share this information, please do not copy for other classes).



Below is a description of the Jackpot reward methodology used with great success by Donna Rock for her Doberman, Annie. Donna was inspired to try jackpotting following a Bridget Carlson seminar. With assistance also from Julie Hill, Donna adapted the jackpot reward to suit Annie's specific motivational needs. Donna's adapted method is described below.

PREFACE: I have personally trained with and observed Annie both before and after Donna began using this method of reward. This, combined with a dedicated and deliberate training program, made a noticeable difference in Annie's ring demeanor. I recently sat with Donna and had her describe the reward methodology to me so that I could use it in my own program with my dachshunds. Since my memory stinks, I prepared the below description. Donna reviewed and edited so that I get it as accurate as possible. // Sharon McDonald

Foundation thoughts:

- "Name" your jackpot. Donna used "dinner." Select a word that you may already use at meal time and you'll have a head start.
- Build slowly; this cannot be stressed enough! You must build the drive for the jackpot and slowly add in the jackpot as a reward following work.
- Once you start, dog should not get dinner without some level of working.
- One "session" means one day or one feeding/meal.

Week One: Introduction and Conditioning of the Jackpot

"Dinner" is Annie's jackpot word.

1. Prepare dinner in front of dog.
2. Talk to dog as you prepare the food, repeatedly using your name for the jackpot. You are building excitement and interest. (Ex: Ooooooh, is this your DINNER? Look at this DINNER! Yummy yummy DINNER!)
3. Divide dinner into 2 - 3 portions, with only one portion in the bowl at a time.
4. Place bowl on ground, but do not let dog have it yet.
5. From a distance of about 10 ft from the bowl, restrain dog by collar or leash, direct the dog's attention to the bowl and say: Ooooh, there's your DINNER! Are you ready for DINNER? and so forth.
6. When the dog is clearly showing excitement/energy, perhaps lunging forward (which is great!), release while saying "OK - Go get your DINNER!"
7. This is important - ALLOW dog to consume the entire contents of the bowl. Do not interrupt.

8. Once dog consumes the contents, let dog see you refill with yet another portion, again making a big deal as in step #2. Repeat steps 2 thru 6 for each portion.

Note – Dog may get bored with too many portions. Limit to 3 during this critical conditioning period.

Week Two: Introduction of Informal Work (Tricks)

The dinner was essentially “free” in Week One. Now add directed work so the dinner becomes a reward.

1 – 4: steps #1 through #4 of Week 1 are a foundation that will always be repeated in each session.

We pick up where there is a bowl of food on the ground, dog is excited ...

5. Tell dog “it’s time to WORK” ... “Wait, you have to WORK” ... and other such comments to punctuate the word “WORK”.

6. Select a trick that the dog knows and really likes to do, and is very simple, such as speak, spin, twist, sit up, give paw, wave ... You will perform only that one trick for that working session. (Ex: Monday, spin; Tuesday, speak; Wednesday, wave.)

7. Ask the dog to perform the trick. When dog does, mark with “yes”.

8. Immediately release dog by saying “OK, go get your dinner”

9. Repeat using same trick for remaining portions of dinner.

Week Three: Building Informal Work

Perform exactly as in Week Two, but now add in one more trick; so you are asking dog to do two tricks before releasing to the jackpot.

- Again, do the same two tricks for all repetitions of that session.

Note – Keep tricks as fun, easy, and informal work!

At this stage, dog should be getting pretty excited when you are prepping dinner, showing excitement to perform the tricks, and great energy to dash to the bowl for reward when released. IF NOT, continue to work at building the drive for the tricks. Moving too fast into formal work may cause you to lose your jackpot.

Week Four: Introducing Formal Work

Now it’s time to introduce formal work ... such as competition obedience exercises.

Since you are simply “introducing” formal work, a “formal run thru” of an entire exercise from set up to finish is not advisable at this conditioning phase. Each formal exercise can be broken into its’ individual training components.

Keep in perspective that, in this process, your focus is on conditioning the reward (give me this formal work and you get the reward).

Your choice of exercises will depend on the level of obedience training your dog is presently working.

Steps 1 – 4 are same as always.

5. Select one single exercise to work for each session. For this illustration, let’s use heeling.

6. Having completed step 4, tell dog “It’s time to WORK. Let’s get to WORK”

7. Set up and perform a very short 10ft heeling pattern, maybe one turn and one halt.

8. The FIRST time the dog performs satisfactorily, mark with yes, release saying “OK, go get your dinner”

9. If dog is amped to get the dinner and is having difficulty focusing on the exercise, just be patient and keep demanding “Ah ah ... time to work or Not yet, work first”

10. DO NOT drill the exercise over and over before releasing. Don’t rush this process.

11. Repeat the same exercise using the remaining portions of dinner.

Week Five: Gradually Build Formal Work

GRADUAL is a crucial word in this process. Each obedience exercise can be broken into training components. Gradually build your formal work to add the various components to each exercise.

In this week, using heeling as the example, simply increase the distance and number of turns of the heeling pattern.

* Special Note: While building the formal, intersperse formal work with tricks. EX: Perform a formal exercise for portion 1, then a trick for portion 2, then back to formal for portion 3.

Week Six: Even More Formal Work

By week six, try a formal run thru of an obedience exercise. Use this as your gauge ... where are you? If dog is losing enthusiasm, back up and continue to work Week 5. If pepped and ready, continue at the more formal level.

Week Seven: Final Formal Build and Randomizing

Continue to increase number of exercises OR repetition of exercises.

However, begin to randomize the timing of when you release. Randomize and be truly unpredictable.

Randomizing and being unpredictable will be key in maintaining the dog's enthusiasm and energy throughout and will decrease the likelihood of energy extremes (too flat or too frenzied.)

Final thoughts:

- * Patience and do not rush – can't stress enough!
- * Avoid use of other treats as "instant reward" (at least not until you've perfected the jackpot).
- * Incorporate jackpots at matches / show-n-go's.

Photos below taken by Michele Hosey.



New Members Meeting

by Shelley Carr

Our second new member meeting of 2024 was held on Sept. 25 bringing together our new members with our board members and several club members. In attendance were Stephanie Schoolcraft, Melissa Chojnacki, Regan Chojnacki, Mary Ann Magness, Jan Bruner, Emily Baca, Shelley Carr. New members were Diana Dienell, Lilha Finger, and Coleen Gurguis. We ate pizza and discussed how the new members can get involved by volunteering. Melissa spoke on behalf of Ruth Miles and Lisa Wharton. Stephanie and Regan spoke about their committees and Jan spoke about her role as a member-at-large. We ended the night with each one going home with a door prize!



Cooler Weather is Coming Soon!

2024 DT CDC Halloween Costume Contest



General Meeting - October 8

RULES IF YOU ENTER:

- Your dog will be judged by the members. Your human costume, if you so chose, may or may not help in your winning. Dog must have a costume.
- You and your dog must be present (in person) at the club at the meeting to be judged.
- No Zoom entries.
- In person and Zoom attendees can vote. No absenteeed "mail in" voting allowed.

Pictures will be published in the November PawPrint.

Prizes for winners, of course!!!

Come with your dog and costume!

This is always a fun time. Let's make it the best ever!



Winter Social Information!

By the Social Committee

The Winter Social will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

Our annual Winter Social is for Humans only.

The theme of the day is "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas.**"

Dress up or Dress casually, or dress as a Grinch or Who, whatever you like! Just have fun with it.

MENU: We will be serving multiple soups, Chili, a Pasta dish, and Chicken. A huge Charcuterie board, different breads, crackers and drinks.

There will be **door prizes**, and we will have an auction. This is always a lot of fun.

For all attendees, we ask that you **bring a side dish or dessert.**

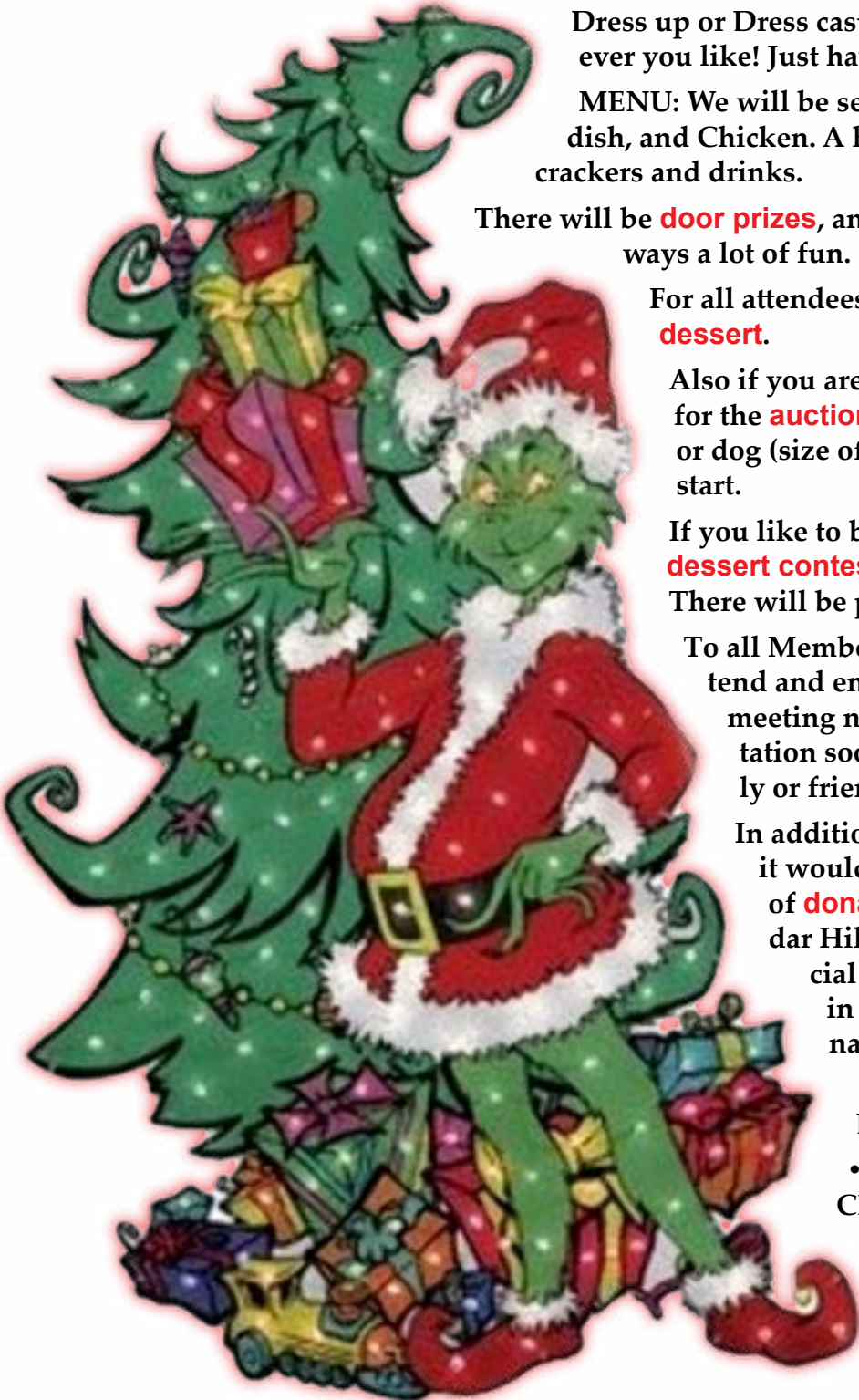
Also if you are able to, please bring a wrapped item for the **auction** - labeled with the identifiers - human or dog (size of dog), approximate value for bidding start.

If you like to bake - we will be having a **homemade dessert contest** - this is voted on by all the guests. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

To all Members; we hope you will all be able to attend and enjoy this time visiting with friends and meeting new members! We will send out an invitation soon. Please include yourself and all family or friends coming with you.

In addition to the fun of the evening, we thought it would be nice to have an optional collection of **donations for Tri-City Animal Shelter** in Cedar Hill as has been done in the past. The social committee will deliver those donations in the club's name following the party. To name a few things they need:

- Costco's Kirkland Brand & Purina One Brand Dry Dog/Puppy /Cat Dry food
- New or Used Blankets and Towels and Clorox Wipes.
- They have more listed on a wish list on <https://www.tricityfriends.org/wish-list>



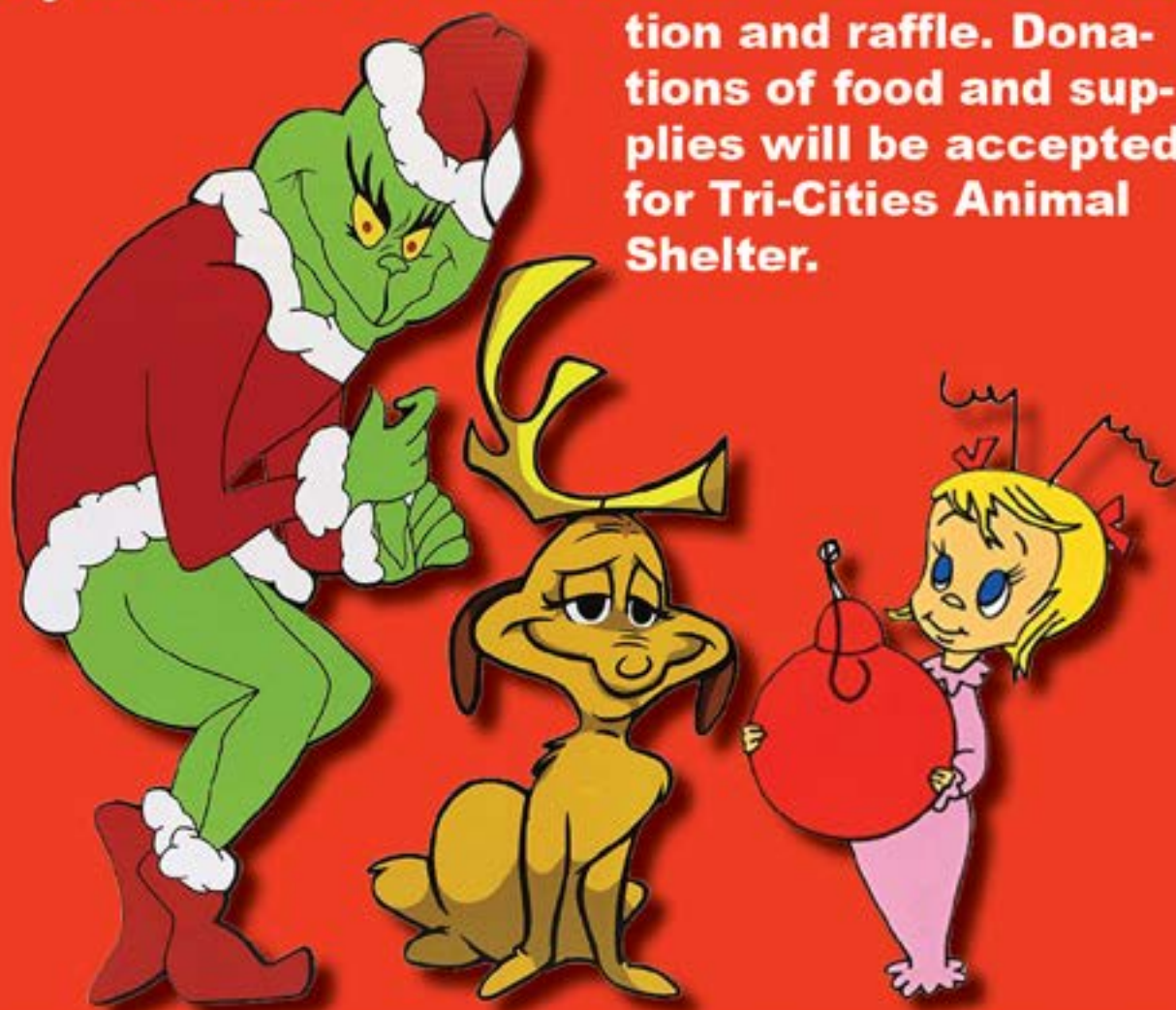
2024 WINTER SOCIAL

Saturday, December 14
4 p.m.

MENU INCLUDES: Chili, soups, pasta, chicken, charcuterie board, desserts (and contest).

Come dressed as your favorite "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" character, casual or dressy - it is your choice. We will also have the annual auc-

tion and raffle. Donations of food and supplies will be accepted for Tri-Cities Animal Shelter.



HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS





Toys for Our Dogs Who Are 80 Pound Bulldogs

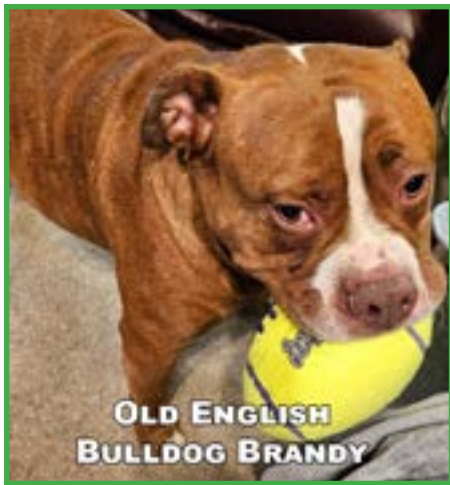
by Stephanie Schoolcraft



We like to buy very durable dog toys as our dogs love to chew them up and have very powerful jaws. We look for things that squeak as that adds a level of excitement as does anything that can be thrown and used to play tug with us. So our favorite brands and items are as follows:



Kong Wubbas: XL size for us! They come in S, M, L, & XL and squeak, are made of durable reinforced nylon and have long floppy strings. There are actually 2 balls inside, one for the bounce and one for the squeak:) Kong sells lots of kinds of Wubbas, some with cute heads and ears, some made of silky materials and the ones we get, the Kong Wubba classic. We have tried them all, the ears and cute heads get eaten off, the silky fabric doesn't hold up to a string or two in the mouth while a human pulls the other end. So we stick with the classic plain ones as they last a long time. The squeaker part dies within 2 weeks or so but the actual toy is still good for throwing and tugging for a good 6 weeks or so.



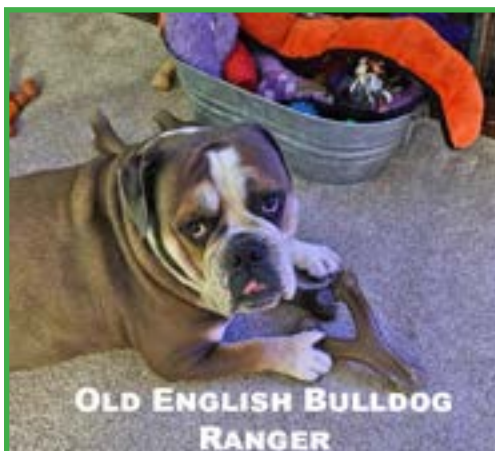
Kong AirDog Football: Large for us! Comes in S, M & L. This also squeaks and is made of the non-abrasive felt to be safe for dog teeth. It has an erratic bounce due to the shape and they love to retrieve it when we throw it and then come tease us by annoyingly squeaking it and wanting us to try to grab for it. They run around squeaking and playing with them, (they each have one) until we bring out Greenies so that they will trade us the football for the Greenie. These last about a week or two as they do like to “pop” them with their jaws and then they work on chewing them “open” and then we take them away.



We also like some of the Outward Hound toys, again for durability and we recently tried some Bite-Force toys that squeak too. But neither of these lasts as long as the Kong Wubbas which are a daily play session toy.



On the weekends, we also use Chunkit! Flying Squirrel Dog Toys for long runs in an open field and we also like the Chunkit! Kick Fetch Ball (looks like a sort of weird soccer ball.) But the ball is made of rubber and foam so if our monsters each want the same ball and both try to “tug it” it can quickly pull apart or tear open and then they go for the “gutting action” to destroy it. So we use 4 squirrels and 4 balls so that one of whatever is always in motion, being thrown so they keep focused on chasing and not just tugging between them.



We also use Benebone chew sticks and wishbones for the dogs to chew on. The dogs can quickly get them chewed up (so they are spiky and rough) so my husband uses his grinder to grind them smooth and then the dogs can chew again. This makes them last a very long time which is good because each bone or stick is about \$20 so we want them to last as long as possible. We of course have to buy the largest sizes provided.



Toys I Recommend

by Belinda Tantalo



I have great results with this Stufferz beaver toy that you can stuff with an empty water bottle. It makes a crackly sound when it's compressed, and a long beaver tail for holding that end while my dog is busy crunching the body. For added attraction I throw in some smelly treats in the body cavity along with the bottle.

The photo shows the tail folded to the body. I got it at Amazon [here](#). My dogs aren't into tug war but I can get them pretty involved with this and then the fun (and reward) can start.

Toys My Dogs Love

by Jerri Martin



The Frisbee is cloth and made by Chuck It and the orange toy is made by West Paw Zogoflex Quizi Dog Toy.

Both toys are found on Amazon.





Toys Our Dogs “Fight” Over

by Lana Shuman

We have four dogs: a miniature schnauzer, two standard schnauzers and one giant schnauzer. The two that like to play with toys the most are one of the standards, BeBe, and our giant, Luna. The photo above shows a game of tug-of-war they recently played. It would be almost constant if we let them. Because one of them is a giant breed we had to recently purchase some more sturdy toys for these two to play with. All of them are available on Amazon.



These two are goDog dragon and aligator. They both have squeakies and good solid seams and stitching.



This is a Tuffy Rabbit. It has a nice solid fabric body and excellent seams. It can take a lot of chewing.

Coverdog

Photo shoot



Amy Witmer shared this photo of Waterbound Place Your Bets RI (with RA pending certification by the AKC). His call name is Wager. He is a Nederlandse Kooikerhondje who will be celebrating his 3rd birthday in October. Happy Birthday, Wager!

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



Belinda Tantalo's dog Max shows his agility jumping skills in the photo taken earlier this year during trial. Beautiful!



TRADER'S CORNER

For Sale:

A large dog crate. The black things on top in the middle photo are the fasteners. We would like \$20.00.

Contact: Barbara Elliott

Cellphone: 214-234-6546

Email: bunebabs@sbcglobal.net



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

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

We hope this will serve as a help to you. Questions? pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

Advanced Master Rally Photos, Session 5



Photos by Miriam and Kadee Inglehart



2024 AKC Fast CAT Invitational October 8 - 12, 2024 ~ Wilmington, Ohio ~



Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir are excited. Ruffino has qualified, for the fifth consecutive year, to compete in the AKC Fast CAT Invitational. Team Ruffino is attending this year, their first time. Ruffino is 6 years old. They are ready to see how he does against the younger dogs. Go, Ruffino!



Congratulations

**Bokate'Bit Twisted Don Cucho's Ruffino Perroado RM SC
NJP CAX FCAT₂ ACT₂ ACT_{2j} SCN SIN SBN RATS CGCA
CGCU TKN VHMA**

is invited to attend the 3rd Annual
2024 AKC Fast CAT Invitational on
Tuesday, October 8 - Saturday, October 12
at the Roberts Center (Holiday Inn),
123 Gano Road,
Wilmington, Ohio 45177

To accept your invite, please submit your entry by
Sunday, September 22, 2024 by 12AM (EST).
Please view the [prize list](#) for all details.

Entries open Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9AM (EST).

Congratulations on attaining this special achievement. Through this accomplishment, you will have the special opportunity to represent the Peruvian Inca Orchid at this national event.

We hope you can attend and take part in this enjoyable event!



2024 AKC RACH Invitational December 12 & 13, 2024 ~ Orlando, Florida ~



Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir are excited. Eichler has been invited to compete at the 2024 AKC RACH Invitational Dec. 12 & 13 in Orlando, Florida. Due to work demands they will not be able to attend.

Congratulations, Eichler, Jose and Steve. Good work!

The American Kennel Club

is pleased to invite

RACH Daveren's Wolfgang Von Eichler CD RM4 RAE2 OAP OJP CAA FCAT ACT2 ACT2J
SWN SCE SIE SBA RATO CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA
WS50424604
German Pinscher

To participate in the Inaugural

AKC RACH Invitational

December 12 & 13, 2024

*Orange County Convention Center, North/South Building
9800 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819*



Your dog is among an honored group of RACH dogs to receive an invitation to this prestigious event. Your entry must be received no later than **Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. ET.**



AKC®
2024 RACH
INVITATIONAL

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)



Titles earned on
September 28, 2024

Congratulations to:

- Greg Lambert & Lola
- Amy Wilmer & Wager
- Belinda Tantalo & Luca
- Vanessa Martinez & Bevo



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the CGC tests: E'Lynne Elliott, Sherry Wood, Robin Vogel and Miriam Inglehart. And my grandson, Oliver Puente.

Terri Schurr



Trick Dog Titles



**Titles earned on
September 28, 2024**
Congratulations to:

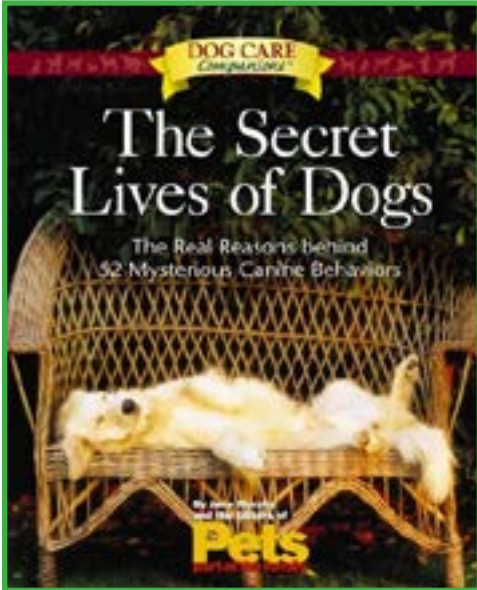
- **Amy Murphy & Wager - TKN**
- **Belinda Tantalo & Luca - TKN**
- **Belinda Tantalo & Max - TKI**
- **Greg Lambert & Lola - TKN**



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

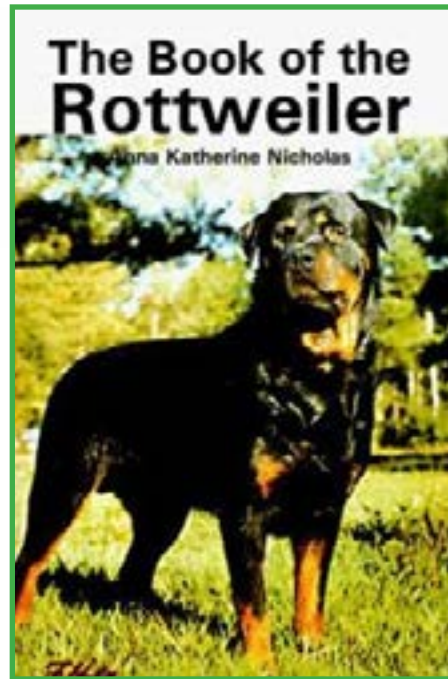
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Recommended Resources:



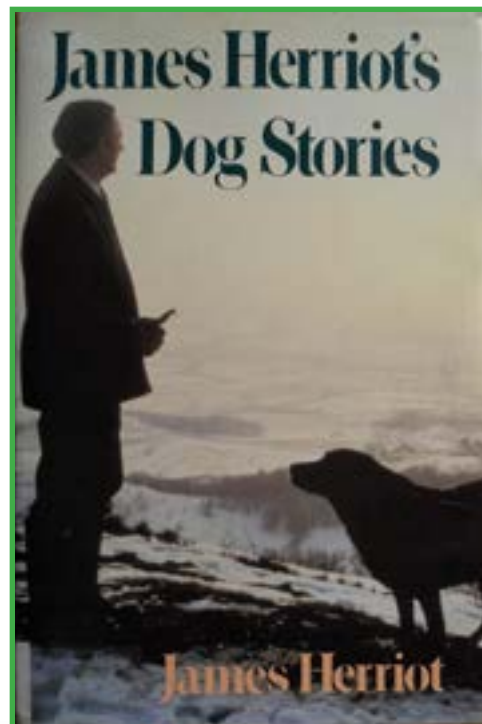
The Secret Life of Dogs by Jane Murphy

The real reasons that dogs do the things they do! You'll discover what's behind your dog's everyday actions, with intriguing, practical advice on topics such as digging, chewing sticks, eating grass and getting wet.



The Book of the Rottweiler by Anna Nicholas

Traces the history of the rottweiler breed, shows U.S. champions, and gives advice on raising, training, and showing these dogs.



James Herriot's Dog Stories (fiction)

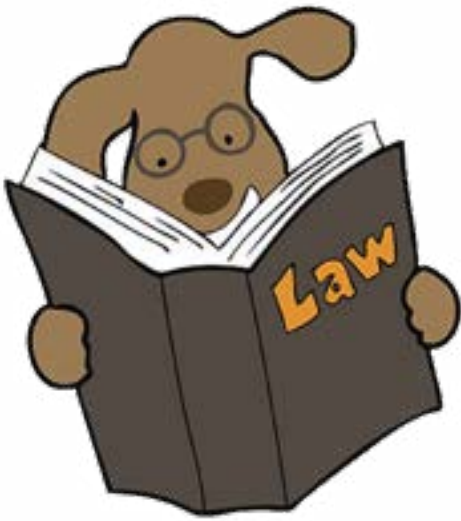


A complete list of the library's current holdings is listed on the DT CDC website. Here is the link: <http://www.dallasdogtraining.org/members/dtc-dc-library/>

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

After I stood up and discussed Legislative issues at our Sept. DTDCDC General Meeting, I was asked some questions. I wanted to share the correct answers with all of you as I was a bit “fuzzy” and “nervous” about speaking in public and on camera at the meeting so some of my info was lacking correct specifics or proper explanation. So here is a follow-up for anyone who didn’t attend the meeting, or see my post to our DTDCDC Facebook page with this info the day after our September meeting.

1.) I am currently watching the status of 32 bills in our U. S. Congress although none are more than 50% of the way through the legislative process so I do not report on them unless it looks like

they may become law.

2.) In terms of the Texas Legislature, it will resume in January 2025 and we will see what dog related legislation is introduced and report on it as needed.

3.) The countries that have banned or restricted the breeding of brachycephalic dogs are Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Norway.

Note: Brachycephalic breeds are dogs who have shortened heads, short snouts and/or flat faces.

4.) The state in the U.S. that was attempting to also ban or restrict the breeding and sale of brachycephalic dogs was New Hampshire in March 2024. Legislation was introduced for this ban and was vigorously opposed by AKC and New Hampshire dog enthusiasts, thank goodness! The reason this type of restrictive legislation is alarming is because there are a great many breeds that are either brachycephalic or have ancestors who were brachycephalic so some breeds or just some dogs within a breed, can still have those brachycephalic traits and issues.

5.) Here are some of the brachycephalic breeds:

Affenpinscher, Affenpug, Airedale Terrier, American Cocker Spaniel, American Staffordshire Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Boston Terrier, Boxer, Brasileiro, Brussels Griffon, Bull Terriers, English, French and American Bulldog, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chihuahua, Chow Chow, Dogue de Bordeaux, Japanese Chin, Lhasa Apso, Mastiff, Newfoundland, Pekingese, Pug, Rottweiler, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Shih Tzus, and I am sure there are others.

So you can certainly see why AKC was greatly concerned about New Hampshire’s desire to ban the breeding and sale of these breeds!

I do hope you all went back and read the May and August PawPrint Legislative Liaison Update columns about how we can help AKC to influence legislation in our favor in both the Texas Legislature and the U. S. Congress. If you haven’t gone back to read those articles, please go do it now! Remember, back issues of PawPrint are available to us in our members’ section on our DTDCDC website.

If anyone has any other questions or wants to join the Legislative committee please don’t hesitate to reach out! My email is: stephschool@yahoo.com

Sample Club Letter of Introduction to Legislative Representatives

Note: The letter that appears below was discussed during our Sept. meeting in terms of the topic of our club's involvement with helping AKC to shape our Texas legislation. This sample club letter of introduction was provided to DTCDC by Jacob Hupp, AKC's Legislative Analyst and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Central US. This letter can be sent to our representatives, governor, local officials and other office holders. ~ *Stephanie Schoolcraft*

Sample Club Introduction Letter

Instructions: The text below provides a general guideline for a letter of congratulations/introduction to your representatives following their election. This letter may be altered for state representatives, governors, local officials and other office holders. This letter may be emailed, printed and mailed, or for maximum effect, consider writing it neatly by hand on nice stationery and mailing or hand-delivering it your representative's office.

If you are writing on behalf of your club, consider including a page or two that briefly outlines the good things your club does in the community.

Text:

The Honorable <name of legislator>

Address

Dear <Enter official title and last name>:

On behalf of the <insert club name>, located in your <district, city, county, state>, I would like to thank you for your willingness to serve our <state, community> in this role.

There has been increased public attention and legislative activity across the country relating to the care and treatment of dogs. As a group of local responsible dog owners and breeders, we are very concerned about the conditions in which some dogs live and want to ensure that those who mistreat animals are held accountable for their actions. At the same time, legislation should not negatively impact people who <own, show, breed, raise, train> dogs in a responsible manner.

As you encounter legislation relating to dogs, or hear about concerns regarding dogs in the state or our community, our club would welcome the opportunity to be a resource and share our expertise.

Personalize here – tell about your club. How long have you been in existence? Does your club have a goal or mission statement? What is the makeup of your club? (For example: Our club is comprised of members representing over 100 cumulative years of experience in showing, breeding, and rescuing dogs.)

Share a couple bullet points of specific ways your club is involved in the community. Do you have public education days? Microchip clinics? Offer CGC tests? Donate money for K-9, search and rescue or other notable causes? Are you involved with rescue activities? What do you do to promote responsible dog ownership and make a positive impact on the community/state?

If your club hosts a show in the district, mention the show, how many days it lasts, and the entries. Consider including a copy of the AKC's Economic Benefits of AKC Dog Shows brochure to demonstrate the show's impact on the community.

If your club has an upcoming show, competition, field trial, or other event, consider inviting the lawmaker to attend. Offer them a tour, and consider inviting them to present the Best in Show award. Let them know that this is an excellent opportunity to meet other dog-owning constituents and learn what you are doing to promote responsible dog ownership in the community.

Please contact our club at _____. Insert club name looks forward to the opportunity of working with you to promote responsible dog ownership in our <state and/or community>.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

Contact information



Name	Judy McClelland-Sherman
City	Rowlett
Home Phone	972-475-2068
Cell Phone	214-490-3292
Email	jdmscher@verizon.net
Birthday	1/18
Name	Celebration
Breed	shetland Sheepdog
Titles	BN, CD, CDX, CGC
Full Name	Kismet's Serendipity Celebration



TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON WHERE YOU AND YOUR DOG ARE NOW VS. WHERE YOU WERE BACK THEN. TIME HAS PASSED AND YOU BOTH HAVE PROGRESSED SO MUCH SINCE THEN, AND FOR THAT YOU SHOULD BE SO PROUD.

Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Training a dog to kiss is one of the easiest tricks to teach. While not everyone enjoys a big, wet doggie smooch, this dog trick usually goes over very well with kids. By putting a little treat on your cheek and adding the command, you'll soon be able to get all the affection you want from your pet!

Thesprucepets.com

Happy training!

Michele Hosey



Dog Training Club
of Dallas County, Inc.

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50^{Years}

Dog Training Excellence
1974-2024

604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show 'N Go

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 6 hours of ring time



Classes Offered:	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
Details:	\$9.00 first five minutes \$1.00 each additional minute (5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum) Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
Pre-Entry Details:	"Events" on DTCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org Link: DTCDC Show & Go Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, October 4 Entries close @ Noon Friday, October 18 (or when limit is reached) Run-thru emails will be sent the evening of October 18 at the latest.
Upcoming Dates:	11/2, 12/28
Questions:	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



*No bitches in season allowed at the
DTCDC building*





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OCT. GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 10 @ 7 P.M.



OCTOBER 2024 DOG CALENDAR:

- Adopt-A-Dog Month®
- Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month
- National Pit Bull Awareness Month
- Small Dog Awareness Month
- Oct. 1: National Fire Pup Day
- Oct. 1: National Black Dog Day
- Oct. 2: Canine Companion Day
- Oct. 4: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- Oct. 6-12: National Walk Your Dog Week. First full week of October
- Oct. 9-15: National Veterinary Technician Week. Sponsored by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America
- Oct. 11: National Spoodle Day
- Oct. 11: Veterinary Nurse Day
- Oct. 13-19: National Veterinary Technician Week
- Oct. 15: National Pug Day
- Oct. 19: National Fetch Day
- Oct. 22: National Make a Dog's Day
- Oct. 26: National Livestock Guardian Dog Appreciation and Awareness Day
- Oct. 26: Muddy Dog Day
- Oct. 28: National Pit Bull Awareness Day
- Oct. 28: Plush Animal Lovers Day. A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate... as they unstuff those plush toys
- Oct. 30: National Treat Your Pet Day

NOVEMBER PAWPRINT

THEME: PET INSURANCE

Taking care of your dog and vet visits can be expensive. What experience do you have with pet insurance? Which do you recommend? Do you have one you tried and it was a bad experience?

DUE DATE: Wed., Oct. 23 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THE-MES:

NOVEMBER	PET INSURANCE
DECEMBER	HOLIDAY FUN
JANUARY	NO ISSUE OF PAWPRINT
FEBRUARY	RAINBOW BRIDGE 2024

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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AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

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

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



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



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The items on this page are for informational purposes only.

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>

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!





Kadee Inglehart plays Hungry Hungry Raptor with Finn.



Eichler and Ruffino send their Halloween Greetings (along with Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir.)



Alexis Jankowski brags:

On Sept. 8, littermates "Int/Nat/Hnr CH DASH Stone Wood's Axel Gunner Steel" (seal boy) and "Int/Nat/Hnr CH Stone Wood's Oh My Goodness Gracie" (blue girl) completed their National and Honors Championship with IABCA in Taylor, Texas!

Both were granted best in breed twice of the four shows and both won the toy group (no competition) during show three and four. I wasn't planning on it, but we stayed for best in show because I don't know if they will ever be there again. I love seeing how they respond to the show environment!

Two of my dogs passed the AKC Temperament Tests (ATT) with the Austin Kennel Club on Sept. 22! Both Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC CGCA CGCU TKN "Anakin" and Stone Desert's Tearing It Up Spider RN CA DCAT CGCA FITS "Spider" earned the highest score of "4", except for a single "3" score on Anakin.

Then, CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine DCAT CGCA TKN FITS "Golden Rea" racked up 5 grand championship points with a Select Bitch / Best Owner Handled on Friday and Best of Opposite Sex both Saturday and Sunday!



Amy Witmer brags:



On Sept. 15, I participated in the Advanced Class at an AKC Rally Trial in Azle with my boy, Waterbound Place Your Bets ("Wager"). The trial was hosted by the Basset Hound Club of Greater Fort Worth. We won our third leg at this trial for Wager to earn his RA title.

Darlene Schermerhorn brags:

Stormy earned a second Excellent rally X leg at the ACSA trial at the end of August. One more to go before moving to Master. Chase earned 2 Novice X legs with a 197 (handler error) and a perfect 200 score the next day. Then last weekend Stormy earned her 3rd Master leg in AKC at the LAN show in Denton. Chase earned his first leg in Ladder with a perfect 100 and first place. Then on Sunday at the Ft Worth Bassett Club show in Azle he earned his second leg with a 90 (again handler error). Guess he needs a better handler but he is stuck with me. Really proud of my "fur kids"

Jan Bruner brags:

Ace won his veteran border collie class on Friday in Longview!

Then he earned 2 QQQ's on Friday and Saturday to finish his Rally Champion 2 title! Pending AKC verification, Ace is now GCHB CH RACH2 Mccidos Ace Up My Sleeve CDX PCDX BN RM6 RAE4 HT FDC DJ CGCA TKI!!

He finished his RACH2 July 27 at the Tyler Obedience Training Club Training Club Trials under Judge Nancy Grimm. Happy to have his breeders, Sonja and Jamime Asido present for this award!



Jane Palmer brags:



At an Hill County ASC club held an Nosework competition Sept. 14-15 at Alvarado, Texas. She got her 2 Q's in each Vehicle, Exterior, Interior and Container. She also received 3rd place in Exterior. We didn't compete Sunday because we want to get the title at ASCA Nationals in October held in Grand Island, Nebraska.



Karen Henry brags:

Fort Worth Kennel Club agility trials in August. Left to right: Journey earned two 1st places in Open Preferred Jumpers; Calle earned two 1st places - one in Novice Preferred Jumpers and one in Open Preferred Standard; Gambler earned a 1st place and a 2nd place in Novice Standard to complete his Novice Standard title!!



Calle had an amazing time at Small Dog Obedience Camp! Since it was her first time at camp, she had some catching up to do. She came home with two new AKC titles - her CGCA and her Farm Dog Certification, as well as FOUR new WCRL rally titles - Veterans, Intro, Level 1A, and Level 1 Flash!! What a good girl!!



Madison Gover brags



I flew with my basset hound Harper to quite the destination nationals for our very first BHCA National Specialty - Castle Rock, Washington and Albany, Oregon.

We entered the performance Triathlon challenge where one must get a Q in three separate non-conformation events.

Here's what we managed to accomplish:



BHCA National Specialty 2024
1st Place Open
All-Ages Field Tri-
al B*tch

I don't want to be wrong, but considering we just restarted field trialing in Texas after 26 years, I believe she's probably the first Texan 1st Place national winner in

a very, very long time,

BHCA Hunting Test Q - Solo Stake

Rally Novice A - 1st Place

Scent Work-

- Containers Novice B - 2nd
- Exteriors Novice B - 4th
- Containers Advanced - Q
- Exteriors Advanced - Q
- Interiors Advanced - Q
- Interiors Novice B - 3rd
- Exteriors Novice B - 2nd
- Containers Advanced - Q

And completed the Triathlon Challenge!

Miriam and Kadee Inglehart brag:

Urquhart Collies competed at the IABCA confirmation the weekend of Sept. 7 and 8. El earned 2 titles, Honors Champion and Honors Champion



Bronze, was Best in Breed Bred By in all 5 shows, and earned 1st, 2 2^{nds}, and a 3rd in the Herding Group Bred By. Tigré earned 2 titles, National Champion and Honors Champion, was Best in Breed in all 5 shows and took Reserve (2nd) in



Best in Show Rare Breed. We are so proud of them and Kadee for handling and earning 2nd place in Junior handlers.



Ruth and Vernon Miles brag:



Williams' brags for 9/21 and 22 weekend's Fruitvale Scentwork Trial

First place advanced interior

Third place advanced, buried

Sheryll Barker brags:



Theo earned his Rally Excellent title at the DFW Lab Show on September 14 and the Collie Club of Austin Show on Sept. 21. He earned "High Scoring Collie" at the Collie Club show!



His winnings from the DFW Lab Show:

And winning "High Scoring Collie" while finishing his title.

Theresa Reynolds brags:

MPossible Betty Boop earned her Rally Master's title on Aug. 31 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She scored a 97 on her title run.



Annual Awards Information & Forms

MOST ACTIVE NEW MEMBER AWARD

At the October Meeting we will elect the **Most Active New Member**. Below is the list of new members who joined in 2023 and in January-September of 2024. Think of the new member that goes above and beyond the call of duty, the one who seems to be helping at every event. Do you see them assisting, working the Show-n-Go, volunteering at meetings, or lending a helpful hand without being asked? We are sure there are many to select from on this list. Who will be the one you select for the Most Active New Member? Attend the October meeting in person or by Zoom to cast your vote. Either way, this list of names will be available to you.

<u>2023 New Members</u>	<u>Jan-Sept 2024 New Members</u>
Sergio Arciniega	Sharon Cole
Kailing Cai	Diana Dienell
Erin Castillo	Lilha Finger
Alex Criswell	Turner Foreman
Kat Eggleston	Rano Grassi
Danny Eggleston	Coicean Gurguis
Oscar Esparza	Daniel Hill
Bryndon Franklin	Mary Hurley
Patricia Ingram	Melissa Jordan
Alexis Jankowski	Tom Jordan
Vanessa Martinez	Greg Lambert
Maysel McGown	Marilyn Martin
Michelle Moorman	Kat McClay
Courtney Nicholson	Judy McClelland-Sherman
Johnny Nicholson	Tiffany Miura
Kim Owens	Shin Miura
Dung Pham	Brandi Pfaff
Samara Piper	Tawny Schaffer
John Reeves	Belinda Tantalo
Nancy Reeves	Sherry Woods
Lilv Smith-Kirklev	



**HIGHEST AVERAGE OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY SCORE AWARD
AND
MOST IMPROVED OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY SCORE AWARD**

DID YOUR DOG EARN AN OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY TITLE DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 15, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2024? If so, you may qualify for the following awards DTCCDC will present at the annual Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony.

The **Highest Average Obedience Score Award and Highest Average Rally Score Award** are awarded to the club member achieving the highest average score on the three legs required to earn an Obedience Title (i.e., CD, CDX, UD equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC) and the club member achieving the highest average score on the three legs required to earn a Rally Title (i.e., RN, RA, RE equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC). **To qualify: By November 15th Club members submit the form on the next page indicating the dates, names of the shows, and the scores for each leg to the Purchasing Committee Chairperson**, who determines which club members had the highest average Obedience and Rally scores. The third leg of the eligible scores must be earned during the period of November 15 of the previous year to November 14 of the current year. There is no limit on the number of times a club member may earn and receive these awards. The awards are presented annually by DTCCDC.

The **Most Improved Obedience Score Award and Most Improved Rally Score Award** are awarded to the club member achieving the greatest point score improvement between any two of the three legs required to earn an Obedience title (i.e., CD, CDX, UD equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC) and the club member achieving the greatest point score improvement between any two of the three legs required to earn a Rally Title (i.e., RN, RA, RE equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC). **To qualify: By November 15th Club members submit the form on the next page indicating the dates, names of the shows, and the scores for each leg to the Purchasing Committee Chairperson**, who determines which club members had the most improvement between scores. The third leg of the eligible scores must be earned during the period of November 15 of the previous year to November 14 of the current year. There is no limit on the number of times a club member may earn and receive these awards. The awards are presented annually by DTCCDC.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCORES: Scores must be submitted via U.S. Mail or email to Lynda Holman **BY NOVEMBER 15, 2024**. Fill in the information on the Award Submission Form on the next page and send to Lynda. **Use a separate form for each award for which you are submitting scores.** Scores submitted are to be for each of the three legs required to earn the degree. 4th legs do not count. The first 2 legs of the degree can be received at any prior time, but the 3rd leg that earned the degree must be received during the period November 15, 2023 to November 14, 2024. Highest Average is an average of the legs that earned the title. Most Improved must be points between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, or 1st and 3rd legs. It cannot go backwards.

Send to Lynda Holman by November 15, 2024:

VIA EMAIL: lyholman@flash.net

or

VIA Snail Mail: 1531 N. Mockingbird Ln, Midlothian, TX 76065

Questions?: Email or call Lynda (214-662-3475/cell)



Award Submission Form (please type or print)

Please check the award for which you are submitting scores:

_____ Highest Average Obed. Score Award _____ Most Improved Obed. Score Award

_____ Highest Average Rally Score Award _____ Most Improved Rally Score Award

Your name: _____

Your email & phone: _____

Dog's formal name: _____

Dog's call name: _____

Title earned: _____

1st Leg Score: _____ 1st Leg Date: _____

1st Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

2nd Leg Score: _____ 2nd Leg Date: _____

2nd Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

3rd Leg Score: _____ 3rd Leg Date: _____

3rd Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

Welcome to Fall!



DTCDC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

HISTORY: The Gaines Sportsmanship Award was sponsored and furnished by the Gaines Dog Food Company for many years. The award item which Gaines furnished to clubs/organizations was a beautiful embossed medallion (pictured below). In 1998, Gaines (then known as Gaines/Pupperoni) no longer offered this award. Therefore, in 1998, DTCDC decided to continue its tradition, changed the name to "Sportsmanship Award" and began purchasing and awarding an engraved brass carriage clock as the "Sportsmanship Award" item.

Photo of the Retired Gaines Sportsmanship Award



DTCDC Sportsmanship Award Recipients

(Formerly known as the Gaines Sportsmanship Award until 1998)

1983: Norma Walker	2003: Pam Kernan Raymond
1984: Lynda Walker Holman	2004: Mona O’Gorman
1985: Maurine Pearson Leffingwell	2005: Toni Skiles
1986: Roberta Stout Mills	2006: John Warren
1987: Judy Harmon	2007: Paul Cantwell
1988: David Taylor	2008: Lisa Wharton
1989: Sally Browning	2009: Sandi Myers
1990: Gene Norman	2010: Jan Bajovich
1991: Peggy Phelps	2011: Felicia Ruhter
1992: Marla Bull	2012: Robin Quintana
1993: Jo Humphry	2013: Robin Romig
1994: Libby Palmer	2014: Chris Teel
1995: Virginia Grossman	2015: Jan Bruner
1996: Lee Fausett	2016: Karen Henry
1997: Cecelia Young	2017: Benita Zapata
1998: Cathy Garrett	2018: Kristal Hatcher
1999: Stella Moore	2019: Pam White
2000: Mark Malone	2020/2021: Donna Heishman
2001: Georgann Hughes	2022: Mary Ann Magness
2002: Charlotte Strom	2023: Ruth Miles

At the October meeting we will be nominating and voting on the 2024 Sportsmanship Award. Please attend the meeting with some nominees in mind.

The DTCDC Sportsmanship Award is awarded to club members that exemplify the finest traits of good sportsmanship. Anyone who has been awarded this award by DTCDC is not eligible to win again. Anyone who has received the Gaines Sportsmanship Award (previous name) or a Sportsmanship Award from a club other than DTCDC is eligible for this award from DTCDC. Recipients of the DTCDC Sportsmanship Award are nominated and voted on by the Club membership. The award is presented annually to the new recipient by the past year’s recipient.