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# Junior National Champs



***Renee Raschio and Evie compete at the 2024 World Canine Freestyle National Championship.***

*(Above) They compete in Freestyle performing to "It's a Hard Knock Life" from Annie.*

*(Left) They pose with their two awards.*

*Read more on pages 19 and 38.*

**Dog Training Club  
of Dallas County, Inc.**

*Celebrating*

# 50<sup>Years</sup>

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1974-2024

11/1	Carleton Coffin
11/1	Danika Taylor
11/2	Reagan Chojnacki
11/2	Beth Hurley
11/5	Sylvia Nuzzolilo
11/6	Cindy Sullivan
11/19	Mark Malone
11/22	Connie O’Gorman
11/22	Brandi Pfaff
11/24	Shelly Carr
11/24	Oscar Esparza
11/29	Melissa Jordan
11/29	David Ralph
11/30	Todd Leffingwell

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 12 @ 7 P.M.**

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

**THEME: PET INSURANCE (NO SUBMISSIONS)**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**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**

	<b>Sept</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$407.88</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$407.88</b>

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# A Word from Our President



Hi Friends, I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather.

Recently, we've had several successful activities for our members, including seminars and dog teeth cleaning events.

These events wouldn't be possible without the support and participation of our wonderful members. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making these events a success. Your dedication helps keep our club thriving and I look forward to more exciting activities in the months ahead.

Your President,  
**Ruth Miles**



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**2023 Officers & Directors**

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

**Corporate Directors:**

Lynda Holman  
Mark Malone  
Maurine Pearson

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

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

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

# DTCDC Volunteer Committees

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

<b>Nicole Litterio</b> <b>Ruth Miles</b>	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	<a href="mailto:nlitter2@gmail.com">nlitter2@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:milesdtcdc@gmail.com">milesdtcdc@gmail.com</a>
<b>Promotional/Community Events/Advertising</b> – 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.		
<b>Lynda Holman</b> <b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:lyholman@flash.net">lyholman@flash.net</a> <a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Purchasing</b> – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
<b>Reagan Chojnacki</b>	919-810-5428	<a href="mailto:reaganchojnacki@gmail.com">reaganchojnacki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Registration/Registrar</b> – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Show 'N Go</b> – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Social</b> – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apollomts.com">glen@apollomts.com</a>
<b>Social Media</b> – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>E’Lynn Elliott</b>	214-549-4170	<a href="mailto:elynnnew@gmail.com">elynnnew@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sunshine</b> – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Technology</b> – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
<b>Shari Price</b>	214-929-3919	<a href="mailto:skptir@sbcglobal.net">skptir@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Telephone</b> – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
<b>Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price</b>		
<b>Treasury Review</b> – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

<b>Jan Hitchborn</b> <b>Benita Zapata</b>	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	<a href="mailto:2jsdoghaven@att.net">2jsdoghaven@att.net</a> <a href="mailto:bzapata21@yahoo.com">bzapata21@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Wall</b> – Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Includes engraved wall plates and ordered by club members and assembly with supplied photo.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apolloomts.com">glen@apolloomts.com</a>
<b>Website</b> – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
<b>Current Training Director – Lisa Wharton</b>		<a href="mailto:msdogmom@sbcglobal.net">msdogmom@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Training Committee</b> – 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Training Director - Mary Ann Magness (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Secretary - Samantha Colvard (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Treasurer - Barbara Elliott (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Member-at-large - Shelley Carr (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Member-at large -Kinnie Hardaway (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Member at Large - Maysel McGown (1<sup>st</sup> term)

As there were no additional nominations made at the October General Membership Meeting, election of the slate above will be held at the November 12 General Membership Meeting.

See Bylaws Article VI for more information on page 7.





## 2024 Board Nominees

Left to right: Ruth Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Kinnie Hardaway, Samantha Colvard, Alexis Jankowski, Barbara Elliott and Maysel McGown. (Mary Ann Magness is not in the photo.)

### 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.

# A Note from Your Training Director



Another dog training year is coming to an end, we are in our final session for 2024. This session marks the completion of fifty years of training dogs and their people and establishing the groundwork for the next fifty years. So many people have been a part of getting the club to this point and so many more will be responsible for guiding it through the years to come. The groundwork has been laid successfully by you and our leadership.

I want to thank everyone that gave of themselves by instructing and assisting classes, by presenting seminars and by participating in training nights. This club has a wealth of knowledgeable members and the sharing of what we know helps each of us become better trainers.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Training Director. I couldn't have done it without Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, and Pam White who served on the Training Committee. Each of them brought their own perspective to each discussion, this guided us to better decisions. We always hear the difficulty involved in the Training Director position, from my perspective there is another side that should not be overlooked. The Training Director and Training Committee have the amazing responsibility of helping others learn more about training, learn more about the activities we can participate in with our dogs, and rejoicing with others as their goals are achieved.

My term as Training Director has been filled with a lot of work and one of the most rewarding jobs, I never knew I wanted. I know Mary Ann Magness will bring new ideas and ways to continue the training program as we move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the club in this capacity. Please continue with your training and helping others.

Happy Training!

**Lisa Wharton**

**Training Director**



me walking the course: i got this

me in the ring: i dont got this

*Things Dog Handlers Say*







# Session 6 Training Schedule

Below are the classes for session 6 which started October 7 and runs through November 17. A special thank you to all who have volunteered to teach and/or assist. We have had a successful year because of you.

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

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

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	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		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	Oct 15, 22, 29 Nov 19, 26	Jan Bruner/ Hope McQueen		
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	Pat Ingram	
	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	Colleen Gurguis, Alexos Jankowski	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Oct 9 - Nov 13	Terri Schur	Lilha Finger	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						



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](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

## 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 42-43](#) 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](mailto: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](mailto:j_mark_malone@yahoo.com)






# Information We Need to Know

1.	<p><b>Lock Codes:</b> Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>) if you need the codes. We have <b>replaced the combination lock</b> on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the <b>code has NOT</b> changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
2.	<p><b>Incident Reports:</b> Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p><b>Upcoming Board Meetings:</b> November Board Meeting will be held Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. January Board Meeting will be held Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. <b>Upcoming General Meetings:</b> November General Meeting will be held on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. January General Meeting will be held on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Register for the November Zoom access at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=ZcodeivqTgoE9BXyDMCWUPOy6uvgYRMc57A">https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=ZcodeivqTgoE9BXyDMCWUPOy6uvgYRMc57A</a></p>
4.	<p>Fill out <b>Class Registration Sheet</b> for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a <b>Zoom account for meetings</b>. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (<a href="mailto:donna@heishman.net">donna@heishman.net</a>) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>)</p>
6.	<p>The next <b>Show 'N Go</b> is scheduled for Dec. 28. Registration opens Dec. 13 at 8 a.m. at this <a href="#">link</a>. More information is coming out soon. Future Show &amp; Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 12/28  Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at <a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a> with questions.</p>
7.	<p>The club's <b>Wi-Fi and password</b> information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically.</li> <li>• Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name &amp; password.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p><b>FOR MEMBERS ONLY!</b> The <b>code for class registration</b> is: <b>livetraintrial</b> Classes are found at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</a></p>
9.	<p>Submit items for <b>PawPrint</b> to Editor Lana Shuman at: <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, <b>maintenance</b> chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: <a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a> or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>



# Information We Need to Know

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

# Information We Need to Know



18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

*Ruth Miles*

19.

### Leash Reminder

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

*Lisa Wharton*

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### 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 – October 1, 2024

## Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	In Person: N/A zoom only this month Online: Ruth Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Barbara Elliot, Lisa Wharton, Mark Malone, Lynda Hollman, Lisa Gonzales, Marye Boyce, Michelle Hosey
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Miles called the meeting to order 7 pm</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lisa Gonzales

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

### TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Total Income	895.33
	Total Expenses	2,138.48
	Total:	-1,243.15
	Sunshine Club	
	Income	41.00
	Expense	0
	Total:	41.00

### TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train the Trainers Topic: Session 6 starts Oct 7. Fully staffed Sandy Myers seminar was well attended and informative.</li> <li>Next Therapy testing is scheduled for November 9th</li> </ul>
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### SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next SNG date: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024</li> <li>Future SNG dates: Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024</li> </ul>
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**MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No New Member applicants</li><li>• Mary Ann Magness is changing her membership from Individual to family</li></ul>
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**MAINTENANCE – Vernon Miles**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nothing this month</li></ul>
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**Social Committee- Lisa Gonzales and Samantha Colvard**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date for Winter Social- December 14<sup>th</sup> 4p.m. Preparations ongoing.</li></ul>
Conclusion	Please remember this is a human only event. Guests welcome.

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anything to share from members?</li></ul>
Conclusion	No

**OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teeth Cleaning is schedule for Saturday, October 12 Becky Hill will be at the club while the cleanings are going on.</li><li>• November meeting is a combined meeting with 2024 Board and 2025 year slated Board. Please remember to bring your binders to our November board meeting and have them ready to turn over.</li></ul>
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**NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Appreciation Awards 3 members selected</li><li>• Lonestar Obedience Club sponsorship, DT CDC will once again sponsor Lonestar Obedience Trial awards, \$200.00</li></ul>
Conclusion	Funds approved to use Lonestar Obedience. Ruth will email Francis regarding novice A portion.

**Executive session started at 7:26pm - 7:38pm**

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Lisa Gonzales

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – October 8, 2024

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Sign in sheet
	<p><b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online.</li> <li>• As always please keep reports and discussions concise</li> <li>• Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. Thank you to Mayzel and Michelle for bringing snacks</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ruth Miles

Discussion	Septembers General Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes were published in the October PawPrint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report presented</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>Total Income 895.33                  Total Expenses 2,138.48                  Total: -1,243.15                  Sunshine Club                  Income 41.00                  Expense 0                  Total: 41.00</p>

### TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 6 started this week.</li> <li>• T3</li> <li>• Therapy Testing Nov 9th</li> </ul>
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**SUNSHINE – Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Octobers birthdays - read out loud</li><li>• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Winners:</li></ul>

**PawPrint – Lana Shuman**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PawPrint deadline October 23rd</li><li>• November Pawprint Theme: Pet Insurance</li><li>• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. Traders Corner section is open 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.</li><li>• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.</li></ul>

**MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new members for October 2024</li></ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• V neck shirts are in, and former president badges</li></ul>
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**Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next date October 19<sup>th</sup></li><li>• Future Dates Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec 28<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need volunteers to help with show n go. It's a great way to learn new things.</li></ul>

**Social Committee Lisa Gonzales/Samantha Colvard**

Discussion	Winter Social December 14 <sup>th</sup> . 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
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**Old Business**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a reminder Teeth Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday October 12th</li> <li>All spots are taken If you want to be on the waiting list please contact Becky Hill.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominating Committee: Benita Zapata, Donna Heishman</li> <li>Carol Ford, David Elliott and Shari Price</li> <li>Per DTCCDC Bylaws Our Nominating Committee has slated our 2025 year Board which was published in the September PawPrint.</li> </ul> <p>Donna, please come up an announce our 2025 year slated board Bylaws Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 4: P C.</li> </ul> <p>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 (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.</p> <p>Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section No nominations from the floor tonight.</p>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President - Ruth Miles (2nd term)</li> <li>Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki (2nd term)</li> <li>Training Director - Mary Ann Magness (1st term)</li> <li>Secretary - Samantha Colvard (1st term)</li> <li>Treasurer - Barbara Elliott (2nd term)</li> <li>Member at Large - Shelley Carr (2nd term)</li> <li>Member at Large - Kinnie Hardaway (1st term)</li> <li>Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski (1st term)</li> <li>Member at Large - Maysel McGown (1st term)</li> </ul>

**New Business**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lynda Holman/Donna Heishman to speak about Most active member and sportsmanship award.</li> <li>Most Active New Member Vote</li> <li>Sportsmanship Award</li> <li>Nominees: Kinnie Hardaway, Vicki Jackson,</li> <li>Costume Contest 1st Matthew Magness and Katey, 2nd Kadee Inglehart and Sully, 3rd Sandi Myers and Sammy</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>Vicki asked if we could consider adding nosework to the award process. The nosework instructors will meet to determine what variables to use for this award. Sandi suggested finding a different way to honor the nosework participants.</p>

Drawing for Sunshine: Maryanne Magness Johnny (Marye Boyce) Jan Bruner

Snacks for November Meeting: Samantha Colvard Lisa Gonzales

Adjourn meeting to brags at: 8:00pm



World Canine Freestyle Organization

PROMOTING THE JOYS AND FUN OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP THROUGH MUSICAL CANINE FREESTYLE

# Canine Freestyle

by Renee Raschio



Renee and Evie compete in the Junior Championship competition for Freestyle. See her photo on the front cover.

that instead of focusing on the usage of the various positions, there is more of a focus on distance work, between the legs moves, jumping, and any other creative or fun move the handler decides to use or create.



Canine Freestyle, also known as Dog Dance, is a fun sport between dogs and their handlers, encompassing two main variations.

The first is Heelwork to Music, which is a routine to music consisting of close-in heeling and tricks. There are eight main heeling positions, but the handler is also free to create their own unique positions and moves. The standard positions are, Left and right-side heel facing the same and opposite direction of the handler, and in front and behind the handler facing left, or right.

The second is Musical Freestyle (referred to as Freestyle Heelwork to Music in Europe). Freestyle differs from heelwork, in

In both, one of the main focuses is on the bond between the dog and handler, and one of the most important aspects of the routine is if the dog and handler are having an enjoyable time. Unlike in Obedience or Rally, there are no required sequences or moves. The handler is free to build their routine to their, and their dog's strengths and tastes in music. Costuming and use of props are highly encouraged, and many competitions have best prop and costume contests.

Their Heelwork program was performed to "Man! I Feel Like a Woman" by Shania Twain. They are Junior National Champions in both variations.



## History of Canine Freestyle

The idea for canine freestyle started in the 1980s, with the first official dog dance group governing body founded in the early 1990s. It was first popularized in Canada and Great Britain, with the first display of Heelwork to Music performed by Mary Ray at Crufts in 1993. Soon after, Heelwork became an official competition at Crufts, with Freestyle Heelwork to Music being added later. In 1999 the World Canine Freestyle Organization was created from a combination of older now extinct organizations, and groups. It is the most active canine freestyle titling organization in the United States.

## How to get started dancing with your dog

One of the best ways to get started is to build a solid foundation of basic obedience. High-level obedience skills, while helpful, are not necessary, though many Rally and Obedience moves can be turned into fun freestyle and heelwork moves.



Renee and her 14-month old Dax also competed. They earned their Beginner Cabernet title.

beginner-level routines are allowed to be either on or off leash, and the beginning length of the routine is between 1:30-2:15 minutes.

Want to read more about WCFO? Here is the organization's website:

<https://www.worldcaninefreestyle.org/>

See [page 38](#) for their brag and pictures of their wins.

*Renee and Evie have agreed to do their junior national championship programs at the November General Meeting. Be ready to be amazed.*

In addition to obedience, teaching your dog a variety of fun tricks is a great start. Some popular tricks include spins, circling objects, circling the handler, jumping, variations on shaking hands and waving, and interacting with props such as buttons and opening things.

To get started competing through the World Canine Freestyle Organization, there are both online and in-person competitions. Online competitions are a fun and inexpensive way to get started. These competitions are judged via video that you send to the club hosting the competition, and then the judge scores the routine and then sends out placements and scores. There are five levels of titles in both Heelwork and Freestyle. The



# Upcoming AKC National Events



December 14 & 15

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December 13

If you and your dog(s) have competed in AKC dog sports this year, you could be qualified for one of these four events being held in Orlando, Florida, in December.

Several club members have received invitations and plan to attend. Please let the PawPrint know if you are one and haven't told us yet. Here are the ones we have heard from:

Member	Dog Name	Event	Attending?
Sheryl Archer	Tango	Obedience	Unsure
Pam Chrystal	Dio	Obedience	Yes
Joan Jung	Que Sera	Obedience	Most likely won't
Darlene Schermerhorn	Chase	Obedience	No

### AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Update

We are pleased to announce that starting in January 2025, dog owners will have the option to choose AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy as an official AKC title that is listed on the dog's title record.

To get STAR as an official title, dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or Canine Partners number.

Dog owners may still elect to get the STAR certificate only without it being a title.

For dogs who have earned their AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy award in the past, there will be a grandfathering option.



# 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.**

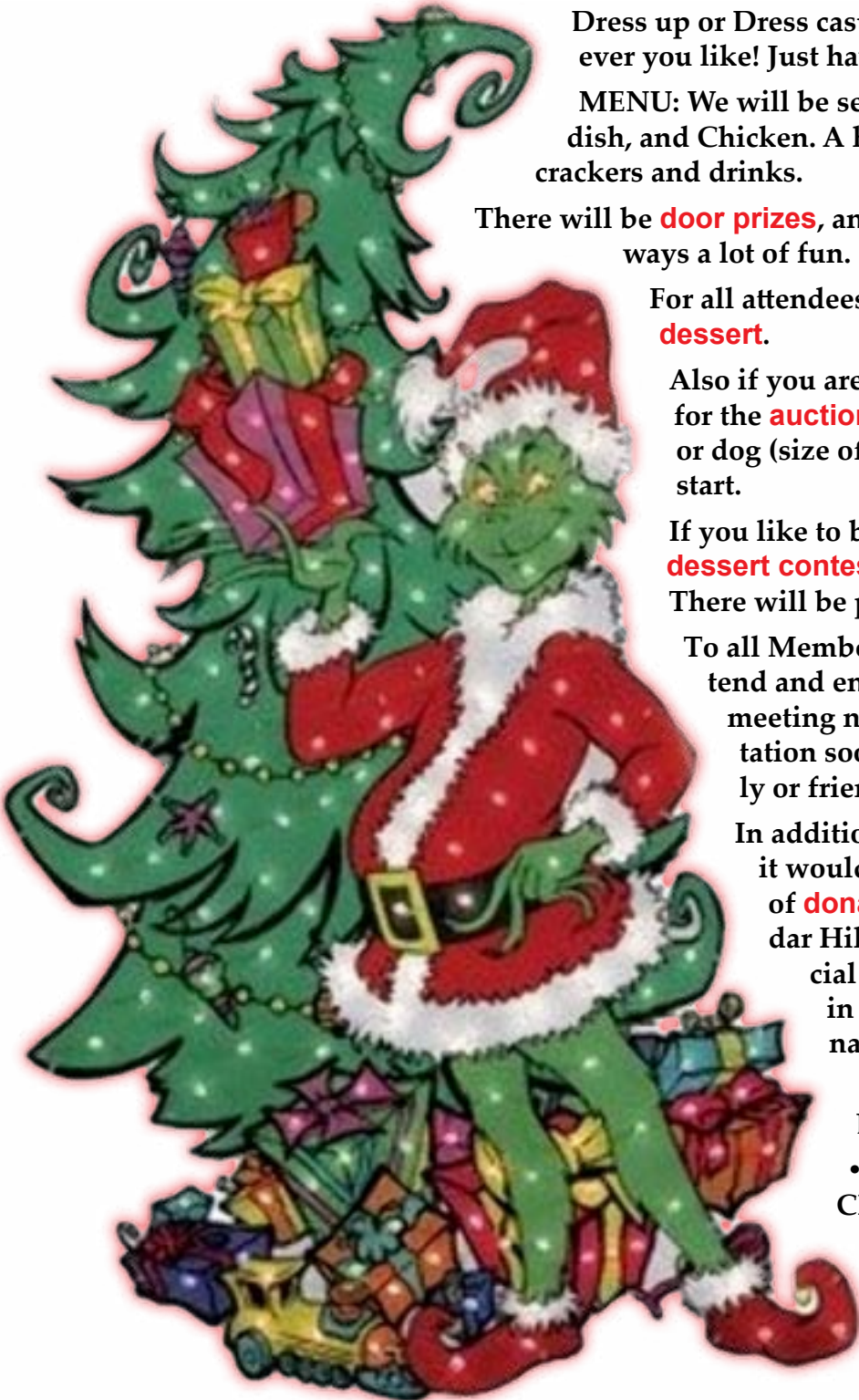
Also if you are able to, please bring a wrapped item for the **auction** - labeled with the identifiers - human or dog (size of dog), approximate value for bidding start.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



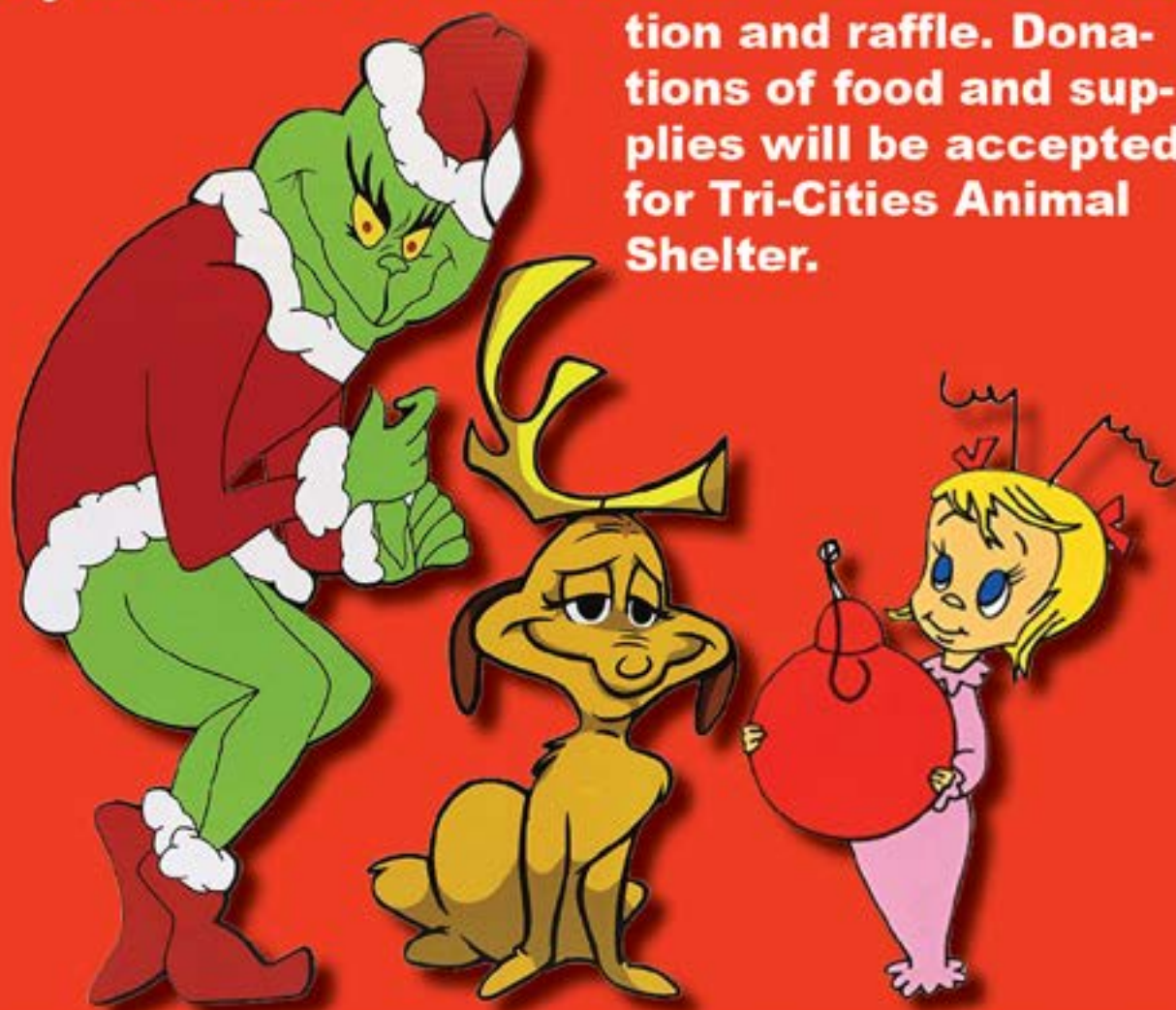
# 2024 WINTER SOCIAL

**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**

# 2024 DTCCDC Costume Contest Results



**Matthew Magness & Katey**



**Kadee Inglehart & Sully**



**Sandi Myers & Sammy**

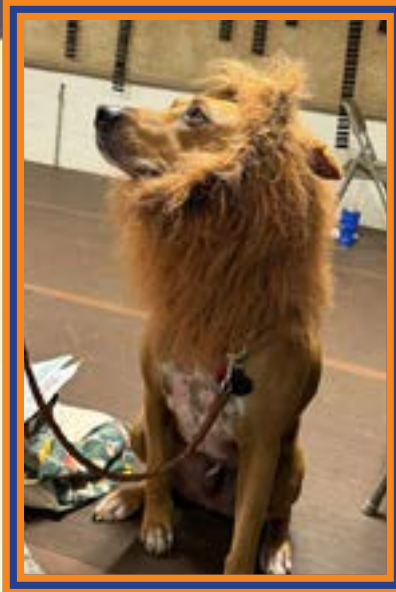




# 2024 DTCCDC Costume Contest Results



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Thank you to Alexis Jankowski for taking the costume contest photos.

# TRADER'S CORNER

## Pat Ingram offers the following items:

**What:** Partial pack of puppy training pads.  
They also work good under water bowls at home or shows.

**Price:** Free



**What:** 3 metal buckets, quart size plus 2 holders to attach them to a crate

**Price:** \$10

**Contact:** Pat Ingram

**Cell:** 817-996-4316

**Email:** [priomom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:priomom@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](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)

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

# TRADER'S CORNER

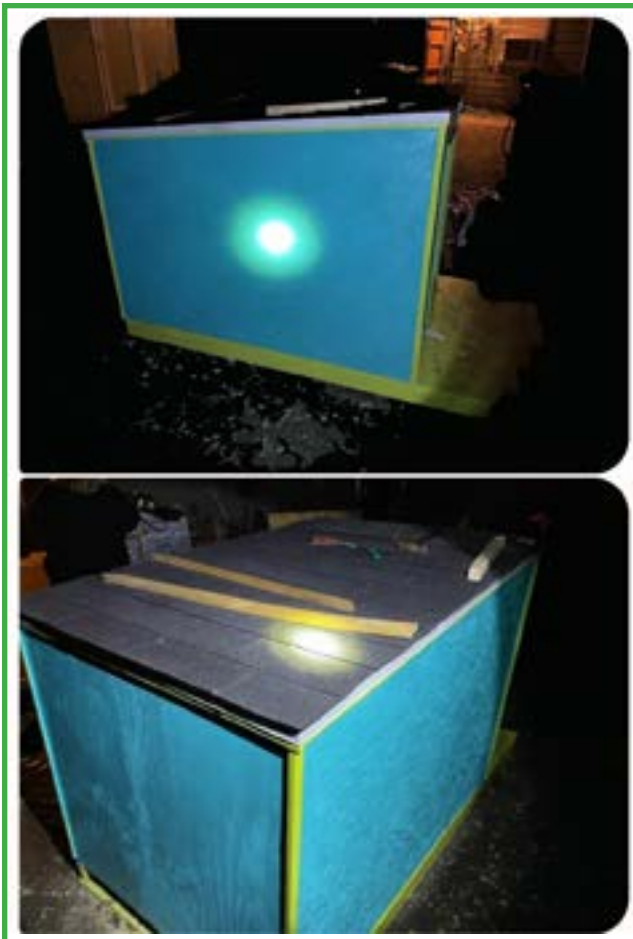
Kinnie Hardaway offers the following:

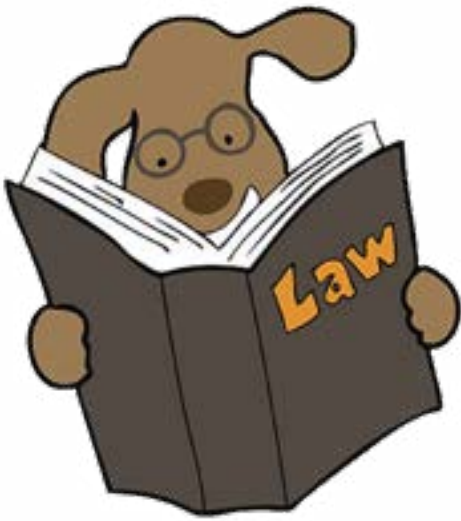
**What:** A dog house built by her nephew. It's BIG! It is approximately 4' x 6' x 4'. A large man and a Great Pyreneese can fit inside.

**Price:** \$150 (negotiable)

**Cell:** 903-515-1807

**Email:** [mykin50@gmail.com](mailto:mykin50@gmail.com)





# Legislative Liaison Update

## National, State and Local

At the DTCCDC new member meeting on Sept. 25, there was some discussion about dogs and restaurant patios that allow dogs and exactly what is Texas law on this issue? This article is due to that discussion so that we may all know what the Texas law is on dogs in outdoor restaurant areas.

In Texas in the past, restaurants that wanted to be dog-friendly were often required by the city where they were located, to apply for a permit, and/or have extra restaurant inspections and often the restaurant had to pay as much as \$265 for a renewal permit. Other cities didn't seem to care and put no restrictions or permit requirements on restaurants in their boundaries.

Due to the discrepancies between different cities requirements about this issue, the Texas Legislature decided to create Senate Bill 476 in Jan. of 2019 to essentially change the state's health code so that there would be a uniform way to handle the increasing popularity of dogs going with their owners to restaurants while still maintaining the health and safety of the diners at restaurants. The bill was passed almost unanimously in both houses of the Texas Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott signed it into law on June 4, 2019.

As a result of this law: Cities are now prohibited from putting restrictions on restaurants that want to allow their customers to bring their dogs to the restaurant's outdoor dining area such as a patio or sidewalk seating area. No permits or fees can be charged to restaurants by cities for allowing dogs in their outdoor areas. The cities may not put conditions on the restaurant in any form other than enforcing the rules set down by the Texas Legislature over this law.

### The rules are:

- The restaurant must post a sign in a conspicuous location in the outdoor dining area stating that dogs are allowed in that area. This is so that people who might object to being seated in an area with a dog are alerted to the fact that a dog could be in that area so they can choose to sit elsewhere.
- A dog and its owner must access the outdoor dining area from an outdoor location such as a walkway or gate or sidewalk adjacent to the dining area.
- Customers with a dog are not allowed to enter the restaurant to gain access to the outdoor dining area.
- The dog must be kept on a leash and controlled at all times.
- The dog is not to be allowed on a seat, table or countertop in that area.
- The restaurant is not allowed to prepare any food in that outside dining area due to the fact that they have chosen to allow dogs in that area.

Note: The rules that govern service dogs are slightly different and set by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) which basically states that service animals can go anywhere the public can go including an indoor dining room but they are not allowed on chairs or tables in the restaurant.

# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

The trick this month is  
from [rd.com](https://www.rd.com)

Happy training!  
Michele Hosey



## Head Down on the Floor



**Step 1:** Start with your dog in the down position.

**Step 2:** Wait for any tiny head movement toward the floor. Immediately say “Yes!” to mark the movement, then deliver a treat on the floor.

**Step 3:** Repeat until your dog has caught on and is deliberately lowering their head. Over time, wait for movements that are gradually closer to the floor until your dog is consistently touching their chin on the floor.

**Step 4:** Next, add a split second of duration before saying “Yes!” and giving the treat. Add more and more duration until they’re resting their chin on the floor. The secret is to always offer the treat close to the floor.

# CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing

## CGC, CGCA & Trick Dog Testing:

**Saturday, November 23 @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Held at the DTCCD Training Facility.

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

**Price:** \$25.00 per entry



## CGCU Testing:

**Saturday, December 7 @ 10 a.m.**

**Where:** Hillside Village, Cedar Hill

**Who:** Dog teams who have passed the CGC.

**Price:** \$25.00 per entry



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

We need 4 to 5 volunteers to help with the tests on September 28. We also need an AKC evaluator to assist.

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





# DTCDC Bulletin Board



## **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 12 @ 7 P.M.**



## **NOVEMBER PAWPRINT**

### **THEME: HOLIDAY FUN**

Here is your chance to have a little fun with our annual Holiday Fun theme. We are again hoping to receive lots of photos of you and your dogs ready to celebrate the holidays.

**DUE DATE: Wed., Nov. 20 (or earlier)**

### **UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:**

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](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)**



## **NOVEMBER 2024 DOG CALENDAR:**

- National Pet Awareness Month
- National Senior Pet Month/Adopt A Senior Pet Month
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Pet Diabetes Month
- Nov. 1: National Cook For Your Pets Day
- Nov. 1: International Pet Groomer Appreciation Day
- Nov. 3-9: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- Nov. 7: National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
- Nov. 10-16: Human-Animal Relationship Awareness Week
- Nov. 12: World Animal Enrichment Day
- Nov. 15: National Shop with Your Dog Day
- Nov. 16: National Slobber Appreciation Day
- Nov. 17: National Take a Hike Day
- Nov. 19: National Get a Pal For Your Pet Day
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 23: Thankful for My Dog Day
- Nov. 24: National Border Collie Day
- Nov. 26: Coton de Tulear Day
- Nov. 28: National Dog Show
- Nov. 30: World Pet Day



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



## TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

## Junior Scholarship

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





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*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 DTCDC? 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 its use are inside the box the AED is located in.



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



# DTCDC Bulletin Board

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!







**Renee Raschio brags:**

Evie, my Standard Poodle, and I were invited to compete at the World Canine Freestyle National Championship in the Junior Championship competition at the beginning of September. We were invited to compete in Musical Freestyle, and Heelwork to Music, both at the championship level. Evie did amazing in both, and we won both the 2024 Junior Freestyle National Championship and the 2024 Junior Heelwork to Music National Championship on Thursday, September 4. In addition to the championship day, we also competed on the regular competition days, where we placed first again in both along with earning our championship titles, which is the highest title you can earn in each.

While there, I also competed with my 14-month-old miniature poodle named Dax. We competed in Canine Cabaret which is a series of choreographed tricks to music. We earned our Beginner Cabaret title.

The competition was held at All Dogs Can in Lapeer, Michigan, on September 4 - 8, 2024.



(Above) Renee and Evie won both the 2024 Junior Freestyle National Championship and the 2024 Junior Heelwork to Music National Championship.



(Right) Renee and Dax earned their Beginner Cabaret title.

**Alexis Jankowski brags:**

I have two brags!!!

First, at the Tyler Texas Kennel Club in Sulphur Springs, CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine DCAT CGCA TKN FITS "Golden Rea" earned a Best of Opposite on Saturday and a Best of Breed on Sunday!! This closed out her hunt for GCH majors and champion defeats!



CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea Of Sunshine DCAT CGCA TKN FITS

Next, my baby boy Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC CGCA CGCU TKN ATT "Anakin" amazed me by earning a Group 2 placement (six breeds in the companion group level) the UKC show held by the National American Eskimo Dog Association in Longview, Texas, on October 19! He is halfway there for his UKC championship after getting two competitive wins!! Golden Rea needs two more competitive wins before earning her UKC championship!



Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC CGCA CGCU TKN ATT



**Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir brag:**

With over 300 of the fastest dogs in the country competing, the 2024 AKC Fast CAT Invitational was a high energy event. The days were perfect & the nights were filled with Northern Lights. Dogs, acting like dogs, sniffed, howled, pulled and barked as the lure zoomed by with another high-drive crazed beast in pursuit. They loved it. We loved it. Ruffino met 7 other Peruvian Inca Orchids, earned Best in Breed and ranked top 15 out of 90 in his size class. I was also happy to see so many All American dogs competing. That was my favorite part.



**Jane Palmer brags:**

My Jenny did an awesome job at ASCA Nationals held at Grand Island, Nebraska. She earned her SDN4 (Scent Dog Novice) title. Jenny and I had hoped for more titles,

but alas she came in heat on the first day of Nationals. So we were not able to compete in Rally. But she did earn two Q's in Novice Obedience.

Zyra was only able to enter in 4-6 month puppy bitch class. She did get 4<sup>th</sup> place at one of the trials. Of course it's difficult to take a picture of her with the toy she won.





**Jan Bruner brags:**

Ace earned his Fetch Novice title on October, 18 at Dancing Dogs (Mary Swindell) in Boyd, Texas. He loves this new game, and says you don't have to be a retriever to do this!



**Danika Taylor brags:**

I have a brag. R2-D2 earned her BH-VT along with high scoring non GSD at the United States Schutzhund Club's Midcentral Regional Championship.



## Annual Awards Information & Forms

### 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Always Thankful**



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for all classes of membership shall be payable in full on or before January 1 of a calendar year. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after January 31st of each club year.

By selecting Active Individual or Active Family Membership, I agree to meet the requirements of Active Membership as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the DTCCDC Constitution and Bylaws as shown below:

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**Payment Options:**

1) Mail completed form and check payable to DTCCDC to:

Dog Training Club of Dallas County  
P.O. Box 380104  
Duncanville, TX 75138-0104

Mail is not accepted at the Club's physical address.

2) Leave completed form and check in **Drop box** at Club - located in right side of white cabinet closest to front door.

3) Online with PayPal or credit/debit card at [www.DallasDogTraining.org](http://www.DallasDogTraining.org)

Log In at DTCCDC MEMBERS and select Membership Renewal

Automatic annual renewal option is available. Dues can be deducted annually on the date you determine.

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### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Printed Name(s):

Check One:    \$50 Active Individual    \$75 Active Family    \$20 Junior    \$20 Associate    Lifetime

- Check this box if this is a change in membership level to Associate - Notify the Secretary.
- Check this box if this is a change from Associate to a Family or Individual membership - Notify the Board.
- Check this box to opt out of Sunshine related expenses including plants and cards.

Emergency Contact - include name, phone and relationship:

Please list any talents you possess that may benefit the club (for example: carpentry, computers, accounting/bookkeeping, photography/videography, organizing activities, etc):

Are you interested in serving on a committee?

**Complete the following questions ONLY for changes to the Roster or mark for  No Changes**

Address:

Email:

Phone Numbers (Home, Work, Cell - please indicate which type(s) & for which family member):

Dog's Information - Call Name/Breed/Highest Earned Titles - Do you want any dogs to be removed from the roster?

*Dues questions - [treasurer@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:treasurer@dallasdogtraining.org)*

*Website assistance - Glen O'Gorman [webmaster@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:webmaster@dallasdogtraining.org)*

*Roster questions - Margaret Culbertson at [dogtrainingroster@gmail.com](mailto:dogtrainingroster@gmail.com) or by mail: Margaret Culbertson, 227 Magic Lane, Sunnyvale, TX 75182*