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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Judy L. Harmon	2/7
Valarie Walton	2/13
Stephane Desproges	2/14
Gary Holman	2/17
Randall Taylor	2/17
Tiffanye Taylor	2/17
Ken Hagmueller	2/26



A Very Happy Birthday To All!



Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support

and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your gifts. If you missed the month of your birthday or there was no meeting that month, you may bring your gift in a following month! Remember you can always donate to the **Sunshine Fund** on the club's Website.

	Dec-18	YTD 2018
Proceeds	\$20.00	\$688.00
Expenditures	\$-	\$(442.54)
Net	\$20.00	\$245.46

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2ND AT 3 P.M.
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY
BARBARA ELLIOTT

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
Vanessa Dominguez and Cesar Marnijo,
Miguel Reyes, Ronald (Ron) Somers-Clark
and Casey and Craig Stewart

A Word from Our President

Where do I start? There has been so much going on this January:

- The major construction is completed on the building addition. There are just some shelves to build, some painting where the jump brackets were moved and a little work to the floor at the doors. All of which the maintenance committee is working on.
- We have a new thermostat that is easily controlled and programmed to save money for the club while keeping it comfortable while we are holding classes and events.
- The winter social was well attended, and we all had fun.
- The first session of the year is well on its way and all those Christmas puppies are being trained to be great life time companions.
- We held our 1st Show-N-Go and it was packed.

[See "A Word from Our President" on page 5](#)



2018 Officers & Directors

President – David Elliott

Vice President – Vicki Jackson

Training Director – Jan Bajovich

Secretary – Margaret Culbertson

Treasurer – Shari Price

Member at Large – Carol Ford

Member at Large – Jan Hitchborn

Member at Large – Linda Shearin

Member at Large – Benita Zapata

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman

Mark Malone

Maurine Pearson



DTCDC



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Committees and Chairpersons

The Board thought it would be a good idea to publish all the committee chairs, the chairperson's name and some of the duties that the committees perform for the club. This is just a general list of duties and is not meant to present everything a committee may be doing for the club. If you have any questions about the duties of the committee. Please get in touch with that committee chairperson and they will be able to answer your questions.

I personally want to thank all those who serve or has served in the past. These are the people who really make this club operate to its full potential.

Best Regards,

David Elliott

Building Maintenance

David Yahraus

Responsible for repairs and maintenance required on building or grounds. Schedules Club Cleanup Days.

Building Rental

Sheryl Archer

Contact person for organizations (breed/specialty clubs, etc.) who are interested in renting the Club building.

Bylaws

Co-Chair Maurine Pearson & Lynda Holman

Responsible for Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and revision.

Citizen Canine

Robin Quintana

Schedules CGC, CGA, CGU & TRICK DOG TEST.

Commissary

Co-Chair Brad & Donna Ralph

Stocks and maintains supplies of refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.

Community Activities

Vacant

Schedules participation at community events to promote responsible dog ownership through obedience training.

Historian

Felicia Ruhter

Collects articles, letters, photographs and newspaper clippings for inclusion in the Club scrapbooks.

Legislative Liaison

Jan Hitchborn

Liaisons with Tri City Animal Shelter to determine if there is new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Reviews animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.

Library

Sally Browning

Maintains Club library. Reviews and recommends books and/or video tapes for library acquisition. Solicits donations.

Membership & Volunteerism

Terri Schurr

Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Presents new member application to the board for approval. Introduces prospective member at the next Club meeting. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.

Paw Print

Editor- Lana Shuman

Assembles, publishes and distributes the Club's monthly newsletter. Gathers information and articles from Club members.

Picture Wall

Terri Schurr

Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club building in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Which includes acquiring engraved wall plates as ordered by club members and assembling with the supplied photo.

Printing

Lynda Holman

Assures continuity, quality and adequate supply of all Club printed materials.

Promotional Distribution

Bob Mullins

Distributes promotional brochures to vets, pet shops, groomers, etc.

Public Relations & Advertising

Donna Heishman

Responsible for creating all DTCDC advertising and promotional materials to conform to current club logo and other current forms and work with members to insure a consistent and identifiable presentation. Place advertisements in local kennel club catalogs and present DTCDC event information to the media. Continue to sponsor the regular obedience First Place Novice A at all Texas Kennel Club Obedience trials.

Purchasing

Lynda Holman

Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies.

Registration

Margaret Culbertson

The registration committee is responsible for checking all puppy and beginner class students and dogs registration which includes the form they filled out, checking for aggression, dog's shot records and that they watched the orientation video. We check the other classes forms and make sure all looks ok. We email, text and call students if we do not have all the appropriate paperwork for them to take the class. Many students also email questions about the classes. We answer those questions to help guide them to the correct class or session. If a question comes that we do not know the answer, we pass that question on – usually to the training director. We use a gmail account, google docs and of course Eventbrite.

Roster updates

Margaret Culbertson

Updates roster with any corrections or additions as needed.

Show-N-Go

Co-Chair Pam Crystal & Margaret Culbertson

Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, judges and stewards. Creates and distributes announcement flyers.

Social Committee

Krystal Hatcher

Plans and coordinates social gatherings for the including a Summer Fun Day and a December Awards Celebration Banquet.

Social Media

Sandi Myers

Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media through the internet.

Sunshine

Laura Lipscomb

Sends appropriate cards and/or plants to members. These may be for illness, sympathy, celebration, etc. Coordinates birthday gift "chances" at monthly meetings.

Technology Committee

Donna Heishman

Manage and maintain the club's computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/pa/projector, & camera surveillance system.

Telephone Registration

Linda Shearin

Returns calls to prospective students, mails class registration forms when necessary, directs people to our web site and informs them how to register for classes.

Therapy Dogs

Mark Malone

Serves as a resource for club members to obtain information about the various types of therapy dog work and the various therapy dog organizations.

Training Committee

Jan Bajovich

Members are appointed by the Training Director. Formulates training policies, fees and enrollment requirements. Schedules classes, instructors and assistants. Develops and maintains class training procedures, student and instructor manuals and registration forms.

Website

Glen O'Gorman

Maintains the Club website and internal membership email list.

["A Word from Our President" continued from page 2](#)

So, with all that is going on I would like to take this time to thank all the club members who make this possible. I also want to encourage everyone to look at the upcoming events and see where you can help. After all it takes all of us to make this club as great as it is.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 1st Saturday in February at the club's general meeting. Come and say hello!

Your President,

David Elliott



Training Committee News

Our first mini seminar was a grand success! Thank you, Sylvie Nuzzolilo. The shelter photos and demo dogs were a big hit and gave our instructors and assistants tools for evaluating dog and handler teams as they enter the building and tips for how to handle the excited and over-excited dogs that come to class for the first time. Great information!

She also made me realize that the club does not have written protocols for our new instructors and assistants for handling difficult dogs, when/how we might refer a dog elsewhere, and other common classroom situations. The Training Committee will attempt to address that this year and add those protocols to the Instructor and Assistant manual.

Mark your calendars for the next training opportunity. On Thursday, April 11th (between session 2 and 3) at 6:30 p.m. Caroline Oldham will conduct training on clicker/marker mechanics and the science behind marker training. (A clicker is just a specific marker. The material will also be applicable to verbal markers we use in classes, so come learn more about markers!)

Caroline is an obedience competitor and a nosework judge and has recently joined our club. She is a dynamic speaker and knowledgeable trainer. You won't want to miss this opportunity! As before, send me an RSVP if you plan to attend.

This mini seminar will have 8 working spots available. When you RSVP, please indicate whether you want a working spot or audit spot. If there are more than 8 requests for a working spot, they will be assigned by a drawing on April 5th.

We are still needing volunteers for Session 2. Please check your calendar and let us know which day/time you are available to instruct or assist. Thank you!



Jan Bajovich

DTCDC Training Director

CGC and CGCA Testing

Testing will be held February 20th for CGC and CGCA.

Watch your email for more information.
Please contact Robin Quintana for details.
(214) 384-5207 or robinquintana@att.net



Instructor/Assistant Corner:

What are the greatest skills an instructor or assistant can have? To LISTEN and to OBSERVE. Listen to the handler and you will pick up on what is frustrating them so you can address that. Listen for the use of a cue (is it too soon to be using a cue, is the cue too soft or too harsh?). Listen for the use of the marker (is the timing right, are they consistent?).

Observe the handler. Are they fumbling with the leash? Are they having difficulty with the lure because the leash and treats are in the wrong hands, so they are awkwardly reaching across their body to the dog?

And remember, when you observe something they are doing right, let them know. You are training the humans and the same training principles apply to humans. Reward the behavior you want! "Mark" their right behavior with a "Yes" or "That's it!" or "Well done!" They will respond to it (like the dog does to a treat) and will repeat the rewarded behavior!

Jan Bajovich

DTCDC Training Director

SESSION 2 - 2019					
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date	Instructor
Overflow	Mon	6 - 7 p.m.	2/25/2019	4/1/2019	
Beginner	Mon	7 - 8 p.m.	2/25/2019	4/1/2019	Danika Taylor
Puppy	Mon	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	2/25/2019	4/1/2019	
Conformation	Tues	6 - 7 p.m.	2/26/2019	4/2/2019	Jenny Dunaway
Foundation Skills	Tues	7 - 8 p.m.	2/26/2019	4/2/2019	
Beginner	Tues	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	2/26/2019	4/2/2019	
Advanced Rally	Wed	7 - 8 p.m.	2/27/2019	4/3/2019	Sheryll Barker
Master Rally	Wed	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	2/27/2019	4/3/2019	
Beginner	Thurs	1 - 2 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	
Foundation Skills	Thurs	2 - 3 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	
Trick Class	Thurs	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	
Overflow	Thurs	6 - 7 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	
Novice	Thurs	7 - 8 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	Mark Malone
Beg Open/Utility	Thurs	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	2/28/2019	4/4/2019	Paul Cantwell
Master Nosework	Fri	7 - 8 p.m.	3/1/2019	4/5/2019	Jan Hitchborn
Beg Nosework	Fri	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	3/1/2019	4/5/2019	Benita Zapata
Adv Nosework	Fri	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	3/1/2019	4/5/2019	Vickie Jackson
Adv Open	Sun	1 - 2 p.m.	2/24/2019	3/31/2019	
Adv Utility	Sun	2 - 3 p.m.	2/24/2019	3/31/2019	
Novice Rally	Sun	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	2/24/2019	3/31/2019	
Overflow	Sun	11 a.m. or 3 p.m.	2/24/2019	3/31/2019	

Instructors and Assistants are still needed for Session 2 starting February 24th. Please contact Sally Brown-ing or Carol Ford to volunteer. Thank you!

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting –January 12, 2019

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting (Holiday Social)
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY David Elliott 6:09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Guest • Recognize instructors and assistants for the year • Thank Rita, Sharon and Shelia for the work and food for the party

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the November 3rd General Meeting.
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TREASURER’S REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Savings and Checking summary for December
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE – David Elliott for Rita

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have “The Best Dessert” contest with a framed diploma, gift card,
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Board Recognition 2018 & 2019 DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized the 2018 Board and the 2019 Board.
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – Kate Zimmer for JAN BAJOVICH

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize 2018 training committee & 2018 instructors • Introduce 2019 training committee • Sent around list to sign up ahead of time for instructors and assistants. • Discussed seminars coming up • Pay \$400 for Karen Deeds – motion Donna Heishman, Lana Shuman 2nd motion. It was approved by the membership.
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2018 Awards of Appreciation –David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Culbertson Jennie Dunaway, Carol Ford, Lana Shuman, Pam White, David Yahraus – Board Appreciation
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MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE - TERRI SCHURR

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce 4 new members for vote
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve all new members by Linda Shearin second by David Yahraus. New members were voted in.

Rally - Obedience awards –Kim Zimmer or Carol Ford for Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most Improved Rally Score -Marilyn Hopkins• Highest Average Rally Score – Julie Whitehead• Most Improved Obedience Score – Mona Gorman
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Therapy Dog Committee –Mark Malone

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit Award – David Elliott
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dues are due and they can be paid today
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Next month's snacks provided by.

Motion by Shannon Quinn and seconded by Gary Holman for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned to auction at 6:50

Respectfully Submitted by Margaret Culbertson

THANK YOU

To the following club members for helping with the January 19th Show & Go. These volunteers braved the frigid weather to help handlers work their dogs fifty times and raise approximately \$425 in entry fees.

*Peggy Phelps ~ Vicki Jackson ~ Jan Hitchborn
~ Angela Averhart
For running handlers & dogs through the different levels*

*Marilyn Hopkins ~ Gail Lyssy ~ Margaret Culbertson
~ Laurie Liversidge ~ Pam Chrystal for stewarding the different levels*



Comments from a new exhibitor:

I'm the lady with the small black Lab. I didn't get a chance to thank the Open judge. She said she was a novice, but she handled everything very, very well. It was obvious she knew what she was doing :)

Thanks to all of you for having the Show 'N Go. It was a great way to spend a morning! – we will definitely be back.

Terry & Quinn

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – January 12, 2019

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	David Elliott, Mark Malone, Linda Holman, Carol Ford, Linda Shearin, Shari Price, Margaret Culbertson
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:04 – David Elliott	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss motto What is best for the club • Reviewed the new building addition

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David ask if there were any corrections or additions to the October minutes. If not the minutes of the November 3th meeting are approved by general consensus. • Mark Malone was at the November board meeting but was left off the attendees list. • There was some confusion about the upcoming seminar listed in the November board minutes. The club is not paying for Sylvie. Per the club bylaws, no member can profit from the club. It was just noted that usually Sylvie would charge \$400 for this seminar. No charge for DTCCDC. • We will send a bcc email to all those that have not paid by 1/15 for a dues reminder.
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TREASURERS REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read statement on the reviewing of the Financial statements <p>Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Cash</p> <table style="margin-left: 80px;"> <tr> <td>Operating</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$53,575</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PayPal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$337</td> </tr> </table> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Profit and Loss Statement</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">December</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">YTD</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Total Proceeds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,552</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$37,480</td> </tr> </table>	Operating	\$6,038	Savings	\$53,575	PayPal	\$337	Profit and Loss Statement	December	YTD	Total Proceeds	\$1,552	\$37,480
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – Carol Ford for Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Went over upcoming seminars• Sylvie Jan 20th 9-1• April or June – Carol Oldham – Clicker seminar• Paul Cantwell – Tug play• Combination codes for equipment cabinet, door and gate changing Sunday 1/13• Annual form due in notebook by door.• The possibility of committees to take on new 2018 member as a learning experience was discussed.
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Registration- Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session one classes have started.
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Suggestion Box – David Elliott for Vicki Jackson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visors – find out minimum order and cost, then present to members• Monthly calendar events – listed in Paw Print
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BUILDING MAINTENANCE –David Elliott for David Yahraus

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Building• We have paid Best Texas Construction 10,374.51 of the 23,393.02 of the original bid. There were additions to the bid for the engineered slab, permit to the city of Duncanville, shelving and gutters for a total of 2067.30 Bringing to a total remaining to pay of 15,085.81 for a grand total of 25,460.32. This is 3540.68 dollars below the 29,00.00 that was approved by the board and the membership and a 1000.00 below the 2nd bid that also did not include any of the extra items. Best Texas Construction received their remaining monies after the walk through of the final items. We have a green tag and lien release. Everything is completed by both parties.• New Nest thermostat was installed• Possibility of emblem and more paws painted on building• Adding shelving to addition• Painting small wall left of door
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

OLD BUSINESS – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By-Law Changes – tabled to next meeting when all board members are attending
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New Business -

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form for dues not actually emailing as it is advertised...Donna/Glen to be notified
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By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 4:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Culbertson

Dog Rescue and Fostering



Note from the editor:

It never ceases to amaze me how many of our members are such wonderful writers with great stories to tell. This month's theme is "Dog Rescue and Fostering." I hope you enjoy reading these as much as I have.

Thank you to all of you who contributed.

My Rescue Dogs

By Jan Bajovich

Both of my Miniature Schnauzers have come from a wonderful rescue group, Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of North Texas. They patiently listened to the traits I was looking for and called me when they had a dog meeting those requirements.

My Chloe had a sweet disposition and made a wonderful therapy dog. She was especially attracted to the older folks and visited many nursing homes over her 6-year therapy career. She also did obedience (only because I asked it of her) and was showing in Utility when she had to be retired due to spine and heart issues.

When Chloe had to be retired, I returned to MSRNT and asked them to find me a young, high drive mini. Boy, did I get what I asked for! Kelly is happiest when he is working – obedience, barn hunt, nosework, tricks – any work!

My message to those who have never adopted a rescue dog is that rescues are not always abused or neglected dogs. Some of the best dogs in the world can find themselves without their original home. Owners die, get sick, move into nursing homes. There are various reasons a loved and well cared for dog can find themselves in need of a new home. One of the advantages to getting a rescue is you can evaluate the dog before adopting and find a dog with the traits you are looking for.



Xoloitzcuintli Primitive Breed Rescue

By Margaret Culbertson



Xoloitzcuintli's are one of the original dogs dating back over 3000 years. They were never bred by humans to be anything, so they are just wild dogs. Only recently have they been taken from the wild and been domesticated. Therefore, they need special handling by experienced dog owners for a successful life. They shut down or misbehave in shelters, so they are hard for shelters to adopt out.

Two ladies and I started Xoloitzcuintli Primitive Breed Rescue in 2014. We had to build our mission statement, bylaws, policies and procedures and all our contracts. Once that was done, we applied for our 501c3 which states we are a non-profit organization. Although we are required to submit a lengthy tax form every year, we are exempt from taxes with the 501c3. Also, the 501c3 is honored by many vets and shelters. It allows us to take donations which are tax deductible for the donor.



We are nationwide. Two board members are in Texas, one in California and one in Indiana. We have fosters across the US. We rescue between 20-30 Xolos a year. We have a web page xolopbr.com, a Facebook page and we list our dogs on Petfinders. We have rescued dogs in the US and Mexico with our adopters in the US and Canada.



We often transport our dogs across the country. We do not ever allow our dogs to be in the cargo bay of a plane. For our smaller dogs, we have a retired lady whose son is a Delta pilot. She will fly standby for free to a location, meet foster with the dog at the airport, fly the dog in coach to the new location, deliver to the appropriate person at the airport, then fly back to her home. Our larger dogs we will try PilotsNPaws which is an organization of private plane pilots that will take a dog with them in their plane if they are going to the required destination. Also, for our larger dogs, we have found a lady that is a truck driver – her route is Hwy 20 from California to Georgia and back each week.

We have had 2 notable rescues. One in California where a reputable breeder became a hoarder. She became ill and later died, leaving her dogs. Three other rescues and we saved a total of 60 Xoloitzcuintles. Sadly, some of the dogs were in terrible shape and did not survive. The other notable rescue was a dog we rescued in Indiana that needed to be transported to the west coast for adoption. We used PilotsNPaws for this transfer. When our foster arrived at the airport, she was greeted by the pilot and his wife, actress Allison Sweeney.

Volunteering for SSCA Rescue

by Donna & Bill Heishman

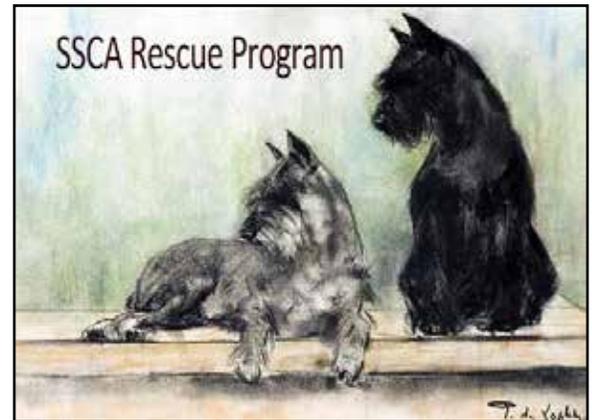
According to AKC Official Breed Standard:

A *The Standard Schnauzer has highly developed senses, intelligence, aptitude for training, fearlessness, endurance and resistance against weather and illness. His nature combines high-spirited temperament with extreme reliability.*

With a reputation as “the dog with a human brain”, it’s no doubt they can be a challenge and sometimes end up abandoned.

Bill and I joined Standard Schnauzer Club of America and volunteered for their Rescue Committee in 2009 after adopting Sparky. We joined DTCCDC during Fall of 2010. Since then we’ve been involved with six rescues. Five of these, we also fostered.

- Belle, 3-years old, was an owner surrender. Her family had gone thru a job loss and were downsizing to an apartment. They could no longer afford Ms. Belle Belle. My daughter and I drove to Tyler to pick her up. It was an hour-long tearful goodbye. Belle was fostered by a friend for about 3 weeks. Then placed with a family from Albuquerque, who dropped everything and drove straight thru to Dallas for delivery. Belle is a happy, healthy and spoiled girl.
- Rocket, approx. 5-years old, was found at the Fort Worth Animal Control Center. He was given that name by animal control since he ran so fast! I later found out that he was also a climber. He could scale an x-pen like a cat. Undoubtedly, he had escaped from his family. Even though he had a chip, the owner had never paid for the registration. Poor Rocket also had heartworms. We fostered him for about 4 months while he was treated. Yes, our organization pays to get these dogs back to health. Today, Rocket lives with his family in Southlake. To stop the climbing, they removed some of the fence posts. He can visit the neighbor dogs whenever he wants. Rocket enjoys spending time with his family on the trampoline or in the pool.
- Royal, 7-years old, was an owner surrender. His family was going thru a divorce. The mom was not well enough to take care of him. The dad was not interested. The dog needed more than they were able to give. It was another long tearful goodbye. We fostered Royal for about 3 months. He had some cysts that needed to be removed. Royal was with us long enough to earn his CGC. Today, Royal is happy and healthy living with his family in Allen. The mom, who surrendered him, just recently passed away.



- Lulu, 3-years old, & Callie, 2-years old, were owner surrenders from Arkansas. They had only had Lulu for 3 months and Callie for 1 month. The dogs would not bond with them. They were fearful and hid most of the time. No signs of aggression. I picked up the dogs in Oklahoma City from another SSCA Rescue Volunteer. Actually, they were pried from their crates. Would not walk on a leash - just collapsed to the ground. When we arrived home, they were again pried from their crates. Lulu quickly responded to our love and Beginner class with Pam White. She was placed in Tomball about 2 months later. Callie is still with us. She is improving but not ready for placement. From what we understand, these girls were not properly socialized and were left in crates way too long at their breeders. Callie is a puzzle. She loves me and my mom, but runs from Bill unless he has a leash in his hand. They love their walks now! Callie is in Beginner class for second time.
- Katie, 5-years old, was an owner surrender. The dad in the family tragically passed in an auto accident. The mom could not handle 3 dogs and 2 young children. Katie had to go. We fostered Katie for 3 days, then applied for adoption. At this moment, she is in Bill's lap. Expect to see her as a future therapy ambassador.



Rescuing and fostering is demanding and emotional at times. Yet, it's satisfying to see how these dogs respond to a little love and training. These dogs deserve a second chance at happiness. I've been able to stay in contact with all the families involved. It makes our hearts happy when we hear about the impact they've made on their new "forever" families.

I must acknowledge, the training and experience we've obtained as members of DTCCDC has made this all possible.

Here is the link to the Standard Schnauzer Club of America's Rescue Program:

http://www.standschnauzer.org/rescue_program.htm



Adventures of Golden Retriever Rescue Volunteers

The story of our first week as newbie golden retriever rescue volunteers...

By Jan Hitchborn



They adopted Abbie, Hunter, Chance, and Major before the year was over.

I am standing shivering in light flannel pjs in the middle of my garage late one February night in 2004. It's cold!! I cast a weary eye around pausing to look over three large dog crates each housing a panting, howling, drooling, scared or agitated golden retriever male dog. This cacophony of noise has been going on for hours and I am panicking – “How are we going to get through the night? Surely soon the authorities are going to descend on us to find out what horrible things we are doing to these poor creatures to cause all this commotion.” How did this happen? How could it have happened to such organized, structured individuals as my husband and me?

Let me start out by saying that my husband and I have both been animal lovers since we were small children. Once we were settled after my husband's retirement from the military and had “roots”, the number of animals we seem to find, take on, or go seeking continued to grow.

In 2001, the day after Thanksgiving, I set out to purchase a new golden retriever puppy. It had been almost 2 years since our special girl had gone on before us at the age of 14. I accomplished my task and my husband and I busily and happily set about raising our little Sadie with the help of our Yorkie, a few assorted cats we had found over the years and an old mix breed gal. It is here my story needs to fast forward two years to just before Thanksgiving of 2003 in order to explain my near nakedness standing there in the cold garage with three very agitated golden boys.

The fall of 2003 saw us seriously considering another golden retriever puppy. My husband had just fully retired and would be able to take this on. The more we discussed this possibility, and the pros and cons of another puppy, we started thinking about adopting a golden retriever from one of the local Golden Retriever Rescue Groups in our area. I had a good friend who had become active in one such organization and it just seemed like a good thing to do. The more we poured over the pictures of dogs looking for homes at the various websites of these organizations, the more determined we were to do this. Just before Thanksgiving of 2003, there must be something about this holiday and us and goldens, we adopted Abbie, much to our Sadie's initial disgust.

Now once you take two dog lovers, introduce them to the world of rescue and the need for rescuing these dogs to save them from worse fates, things can get interesting. We were invited to come out and volunteer to be "extra hands" on the Saturday adoption mornings. With each visit, our desires to be more involved grew until my husband volunteered to become the next Intake Coordinator and to also be a transportation arranger for pick up and drop off of these wonderfully needy dogs. Volunteer organizations are an entity all their own and as active volunteers are few and the jobs many there is usually not much time for a lot of training. And so, it was for my husband. He jumped in with both feet and a flurry of energy and soon, with what instruction he did receive, he became the front person every shelter called and to whom all surrendering families were directed. He set up his transportation pick-ups and drop offs at the designated location each week with the detail and planning of a smooth-running military campaign. The one "controlling factor", was the President of our group. He did advise and direct in his laid back way and so each shelter pickup was checked with him and all owner surrenders were done at his house on Friday night and then Saturday morning he set out early to transport all new goldens to the organization's dedicated rescue vet located 90 miles away returning with those ready for foster homes and leaving behind those needing vet attention. The number of dogs taken in varied from week to week with no explanation of why. Jim never questioned, just adjusted and redefined that week's strategy.

Then came the third week in February of 2004. The President of the rescue group went out of town on business and was not going to be back until the start of the following week. In order for things to not just stop with the in taking of goldens as they had done in the past when he traveled, Jim stepped up to the plate and said he would do it all – coordinate his shelter pick-ups and owner surrenders, see to the pickups (rather than have the dog dropped off at our home) and then drive the dogs to the vet on Friday during the day rather than Saturday morning. That way no dog would have to overnight at our house. After all, he was retired and what else was there to do but dedicate yourself to rescuing dogs. Sounded like a good plan. Hmmmmm!

First hiccup for the week. A golden in a shelter two hours away was set to be euthanized on Friday morning of that week. This shelter was only open from 3-4 pm daily for people to come in and get a dog, no exceptions. That would not work for this Friday as the schedule was growing and Jim was planning with great strategy to get it all done and drive to the vet's Friday afternoon. So, arrangements were made to pick up this golden on Thursday at 3 pm. It was decided that we could crate this dog in our garage for the one night. My husband arrived at the shelter at the designated time, was granted access into a true hellish dog pound. No dogs were let outside to relieve themselves, they had to do it inside and who knows when clean up took place. The place smelled to high heaven. There in the back of a large crate was a scared, painfully thin golden retriever male, cowering while a puppy of some sort ran around messing everywhere. This golden boy had been incarcerated there for his designated two weeks. Papers signed, leash clipped on, this golden boy took the leash in his mouth and with a wag of his tail, lead the way out to daylight and freedom. He got loaded up in a crate in the back of our suburban, got given the name of Hunter and off on the trek back to our house.



Chance was only suppose to live until age 2 as he was a level V/VI SAS dog - sub aortic stenosis. He lived to be 13 1/2 passing in Jan's arms October 2016. He dove of the pool until 12.

so the suburban now had this very distinctive smell of dirty, smelling dog mingled with the aroma of dog vomit. Things finally settled down and we got Hunter settled dryly for the night. The remainder of the night passed uneventfully. Oh, little did we know that with the rising of the sun would come "one of those days."

That Friday morning, Jim had to drive north about 40 miles to the facility which had kennels to hold those golden retrievers who came in when a foster home was not available and where the rescue group was able to park the van used in the vet runs. He would leave our vehicle and depart back south in the van. He had two goldens to pick up on his way back into our area for another pickup before heading to a shelter 4 hours south of our house.

One of the dogs to be picked up was being returned to the group. He was a 10-year-old male who had been adopted 5 years before. The family now had little children, the dog was having joint issues and also was said to be "too rough" with the kids. So, the owner had decided to return Blake. It was arranged that Jim would meet Blake and his family at this kennel facility to accept Blake back into Rescue. Blake turned out to be a very quiet, limping with age and infirmities, a mellow boy who drooled. His owner jumped out of her car, signed the papers, gave my husband Blake's meds, waved good bye and jumped back in her car and left. No hug, no tears, nothing. Now perhaps this was her way of dealing with sadness, but it infuriated my husband. He held check to his anger and tongue, loved on Blake, loaded him back into the van and drove off to pick up #2.

On the drive home, it did not take too long for my husband to realize that the odor of the shelter did not entirely stay back at the shelter. This dog smelled awful!! Jim rolled windows down and shivered his way back to town trying to air out the suburban and his lungs! Upon arriving at the house, the smell had reached such a level, that a bath had to be attempted. So, Jim offloaded Hunter, put him in a crate in garage with the garage door open and fans running, let our "kids" out to relieve themselves while he gathered up shampoo, reattached the spray nozzle to the backyard hose and located some old towels. Then with our dogs back in the house watching intently from the kitchen windows, Jim walked Hunter into the backyard, a very scared, gentle, docile boy who just wanted to lean on your side or put his head between your legs and be petted. A very needy subdued dog. At least until water and soap came his way! To this day I am not certain what all occurred, but a successful bath for Hunter was not one of them. I came home to find towels around the yard, the shampoo lying on the grass, the hose still strung out and a very wet husband toweling off a somewhat wet, red, short curly golden retriever who had a very foul odor which seemed to grow. The suburban was parked in the driveway with all windows down to air out. Oh yes, it turned out that Hunter got car sick also and

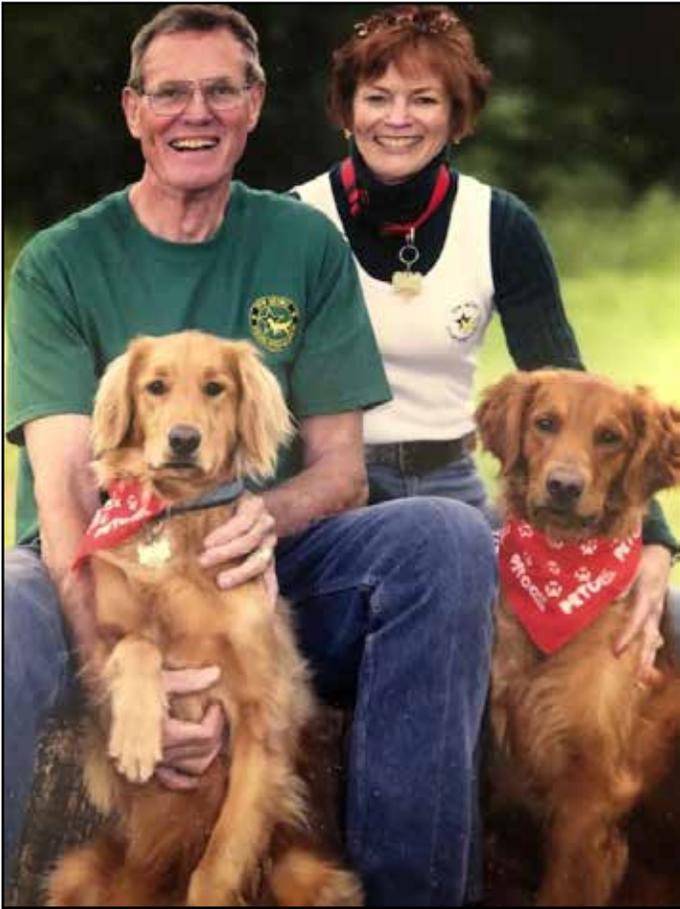
#2 pick-up was a beautiful older red male named RJ who was being fostered by one of the group's volunteer families. It was reported that RJ did not like other dogs very much. He was needing to make a return trip to visit the vet as it had been thought he was heartworm positive, but further tests had come back negative. So, more tests were possibly required. With RJ uneventfully loaded into the van in the back most part of the van and away from old Blake, Jim headed to our house to pick up needy Hunter, hoping that yesterday's sick tummy was a one-time occurrence.

With Hunter now in the van, away from RJ also, the next stop was one town over for Cody. A 2 ½ year old small male who had separation anxiety and had been adopted from the rescue group a year before. He was being surrendered back as his family worked during the day and their solutions for the anxiety had first been a large plastic crate in a darken garage - Cody eventually ate his way out of the crate destroying it and a lot of other items or to leave Cody tied to a tree in backyard. Both caused a lot of barking and neighborhood complaints. The owners had no intention of being there although they had promised a "perhaps". It was arranged that they would leave the signed paperwork outside on the picnic table and that Cody would be tied to a tree. When Jim pulled up, the barking was nonstop and loud! Praying that the dog was not also aggressive, Jim cautiously went around back to the yard, picked up the papers off the table and turned just as this golden tied to a tree launched at him. The rope brought Cody up short, but rather than an aggressive lunge, it had been "Happy Days are Here, a person, a person." If a tail could have wagged off airborne, Cody's would have gone straight to heaven. So now with happy, exuberant, wild with excitement Cody loaded into the van, the drive turned into a 4-hour long haul south.

At this shelter one very large stray golden male the workers had named Roy was to be picked up. He appeared to be a mellow boy, had a growth on the top of his head needing to be removed and he weighed a mere 95 pounds and was not overweight. Problem, none of the crates were large enough for Roy. Jim used his ingenuity and anchored Roy to a crate on short lead with the dog lying on the floor in front of Blake who now was drooling like a leaky faucet and Cody who became even more ecstatic at the possibility of a playmate. Oh, have I mentioned that Hunter had thrown up a few times along the way? Joy was going out of Mudville so to speak!!

Now to head north to the rescue vet's property, but not before meeting a volunteer along the way who had picked up two goldens at another southern shelter. Finally, with the last two on board, Hunter cleaned up again, Blake toweled off in the jowl area, Cody bouncing around and Roy contentedly sleeping, and the two new ones dozing off, it was time to make what we believed to be the final drop off for all the dogs and Jim would head home for a calm and restful Friday night.

At 5 pm that Friday night, I received a call at work from my husband. He was home and had 3 of the goldens with him for the night - Blake, RJ and Cody. All were healthy, current on shots and heartworm preventative and neutered and so the vet had sent them back to go up to adoptions the next day to either be placed in a foster home or in one of the kennel runs until either an adoption occurred, or a home opened. Blake was to go on for further evaluation as he had many "feelable tumors" and some apparent neurological issues to be diagnosed. Aghast, I asked my husband what we were supposed to do. He had made a call to the traveling president who had told him to just leave the dogs in the van, walk as needed, feed and then let them spend the night in crates in the van. I insisted that a crate pad be put in the big garage crate we kept up in an alcove (said crate now still a little aromatic from Hunter's night there) and that old Blake be able to rest his old body there and spend the night in our garage. My husband, sounding more than a little harassed by this time, agreed. I told him I would be home soon. Of course, our girls and the yorkie were full of curiosity and had been watching my husband walk each of these goldens one by one in the back yard and they knew "something" had been and was again in their garage!



This photo was taken just six months after they got started with DFW Metro Golden Retriever Rescue - Jim, Jan, Abbie and Hunter...

As I drove up my street to the back of the house where the driveway is located all appeared calm and under control. I left my car parked on the street as the van was in the driveway and I did not want to put fumes in the garage because of Blake. As I punched open the garage door, woofing and howling started up inside the van. I dashed into the garage and quickly closed the door while I held my breath. Jim opened the door to the house, and he looked just a little tired! Everyone had been fed and all we had to do, he assured me, was to walk them once more before bed and then shut them up to sleep until morning. The howling was subsiding and so I went blissfully into the house to change, eat and get ready to walk dogs when needed.

I took Blake out first later that evening. He looked so distraught, confused and upset, but calmly walked on the leash with me to the backyard through the side gate. When he got in the yard, I took the leash off, loved on him and he started to wag his tail, he sniffed the air and started to prance around. Yes, he had some difficulties, but a puppy still lived behind those eyes. I studied him and played with him and decided I was going to fight for him to be given a chance, if it came to that.

After getting Blake settled for the night, we both tackled the van. I opened the side door and a whirling red dervish tried to leap past me. Luckily, I was able to body block it and keep whatever it was in the van. A cautious peek and I saw it was the red golden – RJ. He had gotten out of his crate after dinner and had been running around inside the van. My first thought was Cody as RJ was supposed to be dog aggressive, somewhat, but they appeared to be getting along. Of course, Cody was still in his crate and at the sight of PEOPLE, he started a joyful howl. So, we walked them, played some, kept them apart and put them back in the van with one small window open for air as it was a cold February night. With a deep sigh of relief, Jim shut the van door and together we walked through the garage and into the house to turn in for the night.

As we were getting ready for bed, a faraway noise caught my attention. As I listened, to my horror the barking and howling started, granted muffled somewhat, but I could hear it. Jim was sure the two in the van would settle down soon enough and so we turned out the lights and went to sleep. Or at least one of us did. Jim was out like a light after his last 36 hours of adventure. I tried to make myself to sleep, but no go. I woke Jim up and insisted we had to do something. Warily Jim got up and together we set up two more crates in the garage and moved RJ and Cody inside. The small portable radio we played softly when a dog was in residence in the garage had a singer crooning a western love song. As soon as the other two were settled, it appeared all would now be well for the night and we turned off the light and went back to bed.

Cody gave us just enough time to get settled when he started alternating between the most pitiful of

howls and frantic loud barking. Sheer exhaustion was evident on my husband's face. He assured me again it would all settle down soon and then he was sound asleep. After more than 45 minutes, it seemed to me the noise was escalating and so I got up and crept down the hall, into the kitchen and up to the garage door. RJ was now joining in the chorus. So much for settling down. Driven by desperation, I turned off the alarm, threw open the door to the garage, flipped on the light, walked out into the garage, turned and looked at them and yelled, "What!!!" Tails started wagging and at that point the only sounds were of panting. Blake was lying there drooling as well as wagging and panting.

This is how I came to be standing in my garage, shivering, in the middle of the cold February night. I went for my down ankle length coat, came back and sat down on the floor in the middle of them and just looked at them. Then a wondrous thing happened – silence! I sat there looking at them and they sat or lie there looking at me. I lay down on the garage floor and Cody and RJ lay down in their crates. By this time, I was so tired, and it came to me there was only one way for all of us to sleep. I went into the house and collected a large comforter, my pillow and put multi levels of socks on my feet. I went back to the garage, pulled the 3 crates into a close circle sort of like circling the wagons in those westerns on tv, spread out the comforter, turned off the lights, adjusted the radio a little lower and climbed into the comforter and snuggled in. There was a little noise from Cody and panting from Blake. I told them to hush, I was there and would take care of them all through the night. One by one there was a deep sigh and settling sound from each of the boys. Still a little whining from Cody and so I put my hand and arm into the crate. He wrapped his paws around it, put his head in my hand and promptly fell asleep as did I.

My husband told me that about 3 am or so, he realized I was "missing" and started the search. He eventually came to the garage and switched on the light and there I was buried under this comforter, hand in a crate with Cody holding on tightly and three sleepy sets of golden eyes turned to look at him. No one stirred, but he says he got the distinct feeling they were wishing him away and that I was theirs for the night. My loving husband turned off the light, slowly closed the door and returned to bed alone. We all slept peacefully and blissfully for the remainder of the night.

Saturday morning was a crisp, clear day. After everyone was feed and walked, we loaded up the van and with my husband driving the van and my driving my car, we headed to adoptions with our now precious cargo.

Saturday our delivery to the adoption area was uneventful. RJ and Cody got to socialize with all the volunteers, and I was told that Blake would be going home with one of the board members. RJ and Cody would be going into the kennels there until a foster home opened up. At that point you would have thought I was surrendering my own goldens. I started bawling about the boys going into a kennel. I was terrified something would "be done to Blake". We'll all turned out well for all three boys. Cody and R.J. went on to new forever homes, Cody to a home with a stay-at-home mom. Blake was eventually adopted by the board member who took him home that day.

That evening as we sat in the kitchen and reflected over the last few days with a chuckle here and a sigh there, my husband casually said, "You know, there was something about that Hunter. How about fostering him until he is adopted? If we like him, well" With that, I was off up the stairs to my computer to send an email to Rescue. But Hunter is a story for another day.

Postscript – Blake lived a wonderful two years after coming back to Rescue. In fact, his bed was that of his 9-year-old master and he doted on his new mom. Blake passed away in his sleep almost 2 years to the day we brought him back to "safe harbor". His family was distraught, but they are so glad they had those few short years with him. This is for all the Blakes out there.

Fostering dogs - a journey of love and a little heartbreak

By Georgann Truitt Hughes

My husband and I have been volunteers with Border Collie Rescue Texas (BCRT) for just over 20 years, with forays into independently fostering and Jack Russell Terrier Rescue. As the title suggests, it is a journey of love and a little heartbreak along the way.

We became involved as a result of my first border collie, Cody, whom those who have been in the club for those past 20 years will remember. He was from my original 3 dogs I had when I met and married my husband, Don. I had a toy poodle, Sally; a standard poodle, Merlin; and a border collie Cody.

I was well involved in obedience and flyball by the time we married in 1997. Cody was such an awesome dog that we felt we could serve the breed by fostering border collies in need.

Shortly after our wedding, an email plea came across for help in fostering a border collie in dire need in the Dallas area. Don and I discussed it briefly, then volunteered to take in Maddie, a beautiful, mostly white border collie. She was sweet and a very easy foster to work with who found a wonderful home in Argyle a month later. What a wonderful feeling to place a deserving dog in a good, loving home that understands the need of the breed.

We are fortunate in that BCRT pays all vet bills and we have a protocol for fostering, how long a dog needs to be fostered, home visits and acquiring the ok from our board for bringing a dog in and adopting to an appropriate home. We will not adopt out a dog before at least 2 weeks, more likely one month. The dog must be spayed/neutered before adoption, except for a puppy. The adopter must sign a spay/neuter contract specifying a certain period within which the puppy must be sterilized.

Fostering can be very rewarding! Seeing a foster dog go to the right home where the dog and adopter(s) click is thrilling. It also can tear just a little of your heart out to release a dog you've worked with, watched grow from an unsure, scared dog that was thrown away into a confident, trusting individual to that new home. Many a time I've driven away from delivering a foster to a new family and home with tears pouring down my face - but they are happy tears. Those of us who foster with BCRT have shared updates sent to us from adopters, including when those dogs have lived out their lives and have gone to The Bridge.



Cody, Dakota Cody UDX AS-CA-CDX RN HIC NA ONYX, free-style dance partner, OTCh pointed. 1993-2007



Keno, former foster, with his best buddy in Austin. This is the best ending!



Halle, a present foster



Our most recent adoptions! Swish, border collie, and Jazz, Pekingese honorary border collie!



Dot, a border collie/cattle dog/lab mix, the returned foster pup, at 10 months old.



Riley, border collie, maybe staying with us...

Fostering can be tough. Sometimes a dog comes in with such health or behavioral problems that he/she must be euthanized. That is not the norm, but in the course of fostering for many years, it does happen. We make sure to be with that dog when he or she is euthanized. Each dog deserves to know he/she was loved at that time.

Sometimes the home that seemed perfect for that dog doesn't work out. We recently had our first returned foster dog. The sweet couple thought they were ready for another herding breed and this pup's high energy, but found she was too much for them. They also didn't follow through with finding a good, positive obedience training school or club in which to work with her and she came back just remembering what we had taught her and that needed review! It was better they realized their mistake and brought her back to us. It is something that all rescue groups go through, hopefully rarely.

A danger with fostering, as well, is wanting to bring in every dog in need you read or hear about. Unfortunately, we can't save them all. I have had to walk away from shelters in the past, leaving a border collie there for which we had no fosters available. That is heartbreaking. Fortunately, there are several very good rescue groups in our area and most border collies and border collies mixes do get saved.

It is important to remember your own dogs! It is wise to keep a dog brought in from a shelter or off the street separate from your own for at least the incubation period of the deadliest diseases and kennel cough. You want to be sure your dogs' immunization is strong.

Another danger is "Foster Failure!" That's a misnomer, because it's really a foster success - it's when you foster a dog who fits your own family to the point you can't see your life without that dog in it. The danger is too many of these! Remember, every dog you place in a good home opens a spot to save another. We have had, and still have, our share of these.

If you have room in your home and dogs that are accepting of a new dog coming into your home, please consider fostering. If you favor a particular breed, there is probably a rescue group for that breed that will give you support. There are so very many dogs who are basically thrown away who deserve a second chance. If you cannot foster, please consider donating funds or needed supplies to rescue groups and/or shelters.



Jack Russel Terrier Tigger in front; Pekinese Jazz; Smooth Border Collie Keno; and rescued Border Collie Swish...



Hannah, senior foster smooth coat border collie...



Elvis, Border Collie/Aussie, now living in Austin.

Final three photos from Georgann Truitt Hughes...



Sheba's 13th Birthday Visit at the Ronald McDonald House

By Mark Malone

Sheba turned 13 on December 18th and spent part of her birthday visiting the kids at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). Sheba has been visiting the RMH for eleven years. She has been an incredible therapy dog her entire life and I really appreciate that this is something we can still enjoy together. Sandi and Sammy as well as Terri and Chester were on hand to extend birthday wishes to Sheba.

As an update to this report Sheba visited the RMH again on January 15th 2019. In researching my records, I found that Sheba made her very first visit to the RMH on January 15th, 2008. She enjoyed spending time with another 13 year old girl of the human variety. Terri, Chester, Sandi and Sammy also started the new year off right by sharing their time with the RMH kids.

Welcome

New Members



Vanessa Dominguez & Cesar Marnijo

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Work Phone:	805-240-6090 Vanessa
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Birthday:	12/9 Vanessa 9/1 Cesar
Dog Name(s):	Onyx and Thor
Breeds:	Poodle/Lab Mix and German Shepherd



Miguel Reyes

Name:	Miguel Reyes
City:	Duncanville
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Birthday:	11/18
Dog Name(s):	Zeus and Nas
Dog Breeds:	Rottweiler Rottweiler



Ron Somerset-Clark & Casey Stewart

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Birthday:	3/18
Dog Name:	Teddy
Dog Breed:	Havanese

Name:	Casey Stewart & Craig Stewart
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Dog Breed:	Standard Poodle
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2018 Spirit Award

By Mark Malone

Once again it is my privilege to honor an outstanding therapy team for their great accomplishments. The Spirit Award was named to honor Charlotte and Tom's Sheltie Spirit. He was a true pioneer for our club in the therapy world and many of us might not be involved in therapy work without his example. Many great dogs have followed in Spirit's paw steps and have been awarded the Spirit Award. Some of those would include: Sasha; Vandy; Cosmo; Steffi; Lassie; Cyan; Echo; Fiona; Charlie; Raider; the Quintana Quintet of Chance, Jax, Parker, Maya and McKenzie; Sheba; Chester; and Daniel.



The honor that was bestowed upon Mickey and me by being awarded the Spirit Award for 2018 is so humbling. We really do owe this honor to DTCDC without which we would have never had the discipline and skills to have achieved the level it takes to become a registered Therapy team. We would also like to thank ATD for all their confidence they had in Mickey and me and for certifying us as a registered therapy team. The last 4 years have been a wonderful experience of all kinds of therapy visits. From the one on one visits to those that were a little more involved. We have enjoyed them all and are looking forward to all those in the future.

Thank you again,

David and Mickey

Mighty Big Therapy Dog with a big heart. This team is able to relieve stress for individuals in a very stressful and chaotic environment. An added bonus is that people are not used to seeing a therapy dog at this venue and it is a great surprise. Otherwise, these people would be a little flighty.

Incredible temperament to bring therapy relief to large crowds of people without any issues. Not all dogs can handle being surrounded by strangers in an unfamiliar place, but this one is great at it. The other member of the team is also able to handle crowds of people (sometimes unruly) and maintain a calm control. Sort of like an air traffic controller.

Caring team that is able to put people at ease. They do a great job of representing our club. We are lucky to have them as members. They are also great peacemakers when needed. Size matters.

Kindred spirits, so much so that when one is hurt the other feels the same ache as in a symbiotic relationship. They still fight through the pain to continue their great therapy and club work.

Energy and strength to leap a small building or at least build one. It also requires time and great dedication to do therapy work.

You get your best friend cleaned up and then you travel a great distance and spend your time making someone else's day great. That's time you could have spent with your family, but it is a sacrifice you are happy to make. They also sacrifice a great amount of their time on club projects.

Youthful exuberance, this team has a youthful exuberance or at least one of them does, the other one not so much. Aside from the great therapy work done by this team and reflecting upon last year's speech, this individual has been dedicated to making our club great. They are accountable for their actions and request that we do the same. Numerous describes the number of jobs they perform for our club. They try to inspire us to do better for our club and be excited about our future. Their leadership is their forte as they manage our 45th year.

Mighty — Incredible — Caring — Kindred — Energy — Youthful. M-I-C-K-E-Y. Mickey.

Please join me in congratulating the 2018 Spirit Award Recipients: David Elliott and Great Dane Mickey.

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1.00 each additional minute
(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)



Doors open at 7:30 A.M.
Utility & Grad Open Run-throughs begin at 8:00 AM
Day of Show Entries 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Other classes Run-throughs begin after Utility/Grad Open
Day of Show Entries 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Novice runs include one Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise

Additional runs of same dog in same class are done when first entry runs are completed.



Entering day of show? Check DTDC Facebook 
late Friday for Pre-entry numbers & approximate times

Pre-Entry go to “Events” on DTDC website or [DTDC Feb 9th Show & Go](#)

Pre-entries close at noon the Friday before & you will receive email with show order

MARK YOUR CALENDERS  UPCOMING DATES

 March 16th  April 13th  May 11th 



Directions: Driving South on 67- take Cockrell Hill Rd exit-continue thru intersection
Stay on access road - Turn Right at first street (Crest Lane)
Turn Left at next street (Crestside). Clubhouse is on left at the end of the block.
White building with black paw prints  across the front.

Questions??? Contact Pamela Chrystal @ (214) 415-1955
or valimari@msn.com

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MARCH MEETING

MARCH 2ND AT 3 P.M. FOR THE
GENERAL MEETING



FEBRUARY DOG CALENDAR:

- Beat the Heat Month.
- Dog Training Education Month.
- Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.
- Pet Dental Health Month.
- Responsible Pet Owners Month.
- National Prevent a Litter Month.
- Unchain a Dog Month.
- Feb. 11-12, 2019: Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show.
- Feb. 13-19: Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week.
- Feb. 14, 2019: Pet Theft Awareness Day.
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20: Love Your Pet Day.
- Feb. 22: Walking the Dog Day.
- Feb. 23: International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day.
- Feb. 24-Mar. 2: National Justice for Animals Week.
- Feb. 26: World Spay Day.



Do you have a suggestion for the club?
Put it in the DTCDC Suggestion Box!



SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:

- February 9th
- March 16th
- April 13th
- May 11th

MARCH PAW PRINT

THEME: GAMES WE PLAY WITH OUR DOGS

SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:
FRIDAY, MARCH 18 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:
APRIL: LURE COURSING
MAY: FLYBALL



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.

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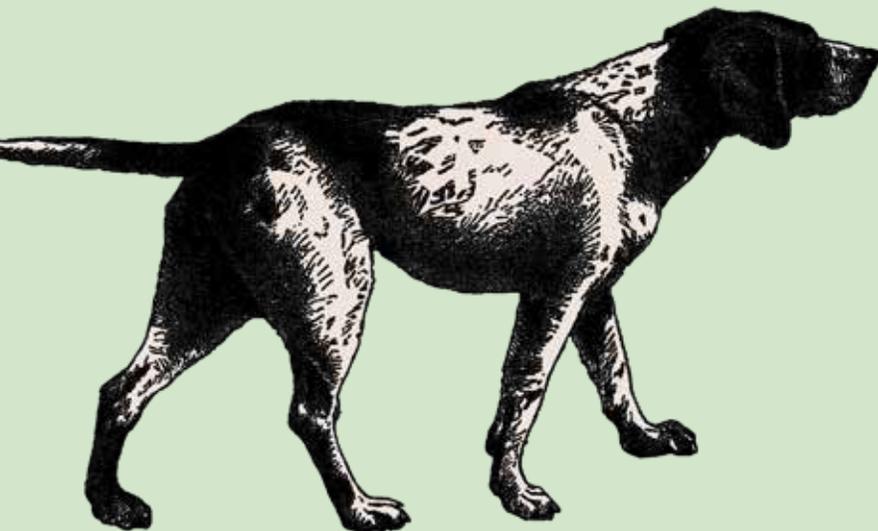
Chair leg rubber tips

Members, if the rubber tip is getting old on the bottom of the chair leg you are sitting in and will not stay on, please get a new one from the storage closet.

They are in the white USPS envelope hanging on the wall.



REMEMBER



Closing Checklist

- Backdoor is locked
- Garage door is locked
- HVAC is on program
- Ceiling fans are off
- Interior lights are off
- Lock the front door
- Lock the gate

Thanks for taking care of our building!



Angela Averhart brags:

Team Nikko earned our first AKC open leg in Glen Rose on January 6, 2019 with a score of 194/200 and second place.

Georgann Truitt Hughes brags:

Swish, Jazz and I participated in the Lonestar K9 Performance Club Nosework Trials Jan. 11-13. Jazz, Pekingese, finished his Novice Handler Discrimination Title and Swish, border collie, earned her Superior Vehicles Title and one Superior Exterior leg. In Trial 2 of Superior Vehicles, Swish was the only dog to find both hidden odors out of 12 dogs in Superior B & 4 or 5 dogs in Superior A classes, earning her 1st place & High In Trial for Superior Vehicles on a cold & very windy day.

Jazz is now PTE NN SC AV AI HDN The Jazz Man

Swish is PTE AN MC SV HDA BCRT Nothin' But Net CGC TKN NC.



Vicki Jackson brags:

Bolin Jackson brags for Nosework. Friday she placed 1st in Advanced Handler Discrimination and HIT. Second run she placed 1st in Excellent Handler Discrimination.

Saturday she placed 2nd in Superior Vehicle and on her second run she found 1 hide and we ran out of time and did not find the second hide.

Sunday she placed 2nd in Superior Exterior and moved up to Master Exterior and placed 2nd.



Dog Rescue and Fostering



John Cullen and Judy Werner: Judy's 'Teddy' and John's 'Rex' are both rescues from Judy's next door neighbor who is a frequent foster and who we have helped find great homes for some of his other rescues.

Shannon Quinn: These are our 2 rescued pups. Bear was rescued at 3 months old and has been a pistol since day one. Snickers was adopted at 2 years old and he many fears. Through the years he has become a spunky old man who loves to taunt Bear.



Craig and Lana Shuman: We had two rescues before we got our standard schnauzers. The first dog we adopted was "Lady" a Boston Terrier. She had been abandoned and we received her from our landlord. The second was "Cub". Cub was an American Eskimo-Chow mix. We found him as a four pound puppy with his head stuck in a chainlink fence.



An excerpt from the column...

Why We Love Our Dogs So Much

A new study published in the Journal of Science reveals one reason why we feel so close to our furry companions: When humans and dogs look into each other's eyes, both get a boost of the feel-good hormone oxytocin, which is the same hormone behind the special bond between new parents and their babies.

~ Feb 8, 2018

www.pawsitivesolutionssite.com/why-we-love-our-dogs-so-much/



Paw Print Photo Album



Attendees lined up at the buffet line, filled their plates and enjoyed the outstanding options and desserts.



Winter Social



At left, Sandi Myer was awarded the trophy for the best dessert at the social. President David Elliott liked her pecan brittle so much he tried to eat it while the photo was being taken. Social Committee chairman Rita Moreno poses with them. Above, members watched the presentation.



A special thanks for just a few of those who helped decorate for the social.





(Left) Members of the 2018 Board were thanked.

(Below) Members of the 2019 Board were introduced.



The tables were decorated with beautiful holiday themed paper and each centerpiece was similar to the one at right. We were told the tins were found in the club storage room when they were cleaning it out following moving materials to the new addition.



Board Appreciation Awards



Margaret Culbertson



Lana Shuman



Carol Ford



David Yahraus





Marilyn Hopkins was awarded Most Improved Rally Score for 2018 by Carol Ford.



Mona O'Gorman was awarded the Most Improved Obedience Score for 2018.



Above, Auctioneer Gary Holman introduced his special helper, Isabella Herod, Darlene Schermerhorn's granddaughter. At right, Isabella helps Marilyn Hopkins open her auction purchase...

