

Dog Training Club of Dallas County Members Newsletter - www.dallasdogtraining.org

MARCH BIRTHDAYS! John Dowty 3/3 E'Lynne Elliot 3/5 Melissa Hau 3/6 Georg Burgess 3/6 Pamela Chrystal 3/8 Jana McBroom 3/17 3/17 Lauri Borras Victoria To 3/18 Kay Mashburn 3/19 3/21 Benita Zapata Jan Bruner 3/23 Melissa Chojnacki 3/24 3/25 Lisa Wharton 3/27 Jeff Young 3/28 Tamra Mason

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.

(See Sunshine Fund numbers in the February Board Meeting Minutes.)

March General Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided by Barbara Elliott and Lana Shuman.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Carol Richtsmeier has two dogs a Golden Retriever named Jake and Belgian Sheepdog named Millie.

A Word from Our President

Dear Members,

As we march on into our 2nd session of classes I want to thank all those who volunteered to teach and assist in Session 1 and those who are currently instructing and assisting this time. I also would like to encourage those who have not signed up to teach or assist yet this year to volunteer. Your experiences and knowledge are greatly appreciated and the fulfillment you get when you help a fellow dog owner to train their dog is priceless.

We also had our 1st movie night. The video was very informative. Thanks to Jan and the training committee -- is was a fun time.

Remember to smile! We now have our camera system up and running.

I am looking forward to seeing you around the club!

Best regards,

David Elliott





Training Committee News

The Committee is excited about Movie Nights. These will be informal so bring your favorite chairs or picnic blanket or pillows for you and your best canine friend to lounge and watch the DVD. We will try to offer a Movie Night between sessions whenever we can.

If you have suggestions for Movie Night DVDs, let us know. I would ideally like topics that offer new methods or tips for our members or equip our instructors and assistants with ideas to help our students or answer their common questions. Let us fill our training toolboxes with new tools!

By release of this Paw Print, our first Movie Night will already be in the books. If you attended, thanks for coming and joining in the fun! If you did not make the first one, plan to attend the second on Sunday, April 8th at 6 p.m. I have a fun topic planned! A hint is at right.





Forgive us. There were a couple of errors in the Session 2 Instructors and Assistants list last month plus we have added some new classes. Here is the current lineup for Session 2. Thank you to all who have volunteered!

Contact the training committee now to reserve the classes you prefer to instruct or assist for Sessions 3 - 6 before your preferred spots are taken!

SESSION 2						
Class	Day	Time	Instructor	Assist	Assistant	Assistant
Beginner	Mon	7-8 p.m.	Joe Warner	Donna Dudley	Hope McQueen	
Puppy	Mon	8:15-9:15 p.m.	David Elliott	Terri Shurr	Marsha Dillion	Kim Lullo
Conformation	Tues	6:15-7 p.m.	Jenny Dunaway			
Intermediate	Tues	7 - 8 p.m.	Teresa York	Sandy Weber		
Beginner	Tues	8:15-9:15 p.m.	Maron Baucom	Barbara Elliott	Vicki jackson	
Novice Rally	Wed	7-8 p.m.	Carol Wright			
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 p. m.	Sheryll Barker			
Beginner	Thurs	1-2 p.m.	Tamra Mason	Kim Componation	Pam White	
Adv Beg	Thurs	2-3 p.m.	Michele Hosey			
Novice	Thurs	7 - 8 p. m.	Mark Malone			
Beg Open/Utility	Thurs	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	Jan Bajovich/ Lynda Holman			
Beg Nosework	Fri	7 - 9 p.m.	Jan Bajovich	Georg Burgess		
Adv Nosework	Fri	7 - 9 p.m.	Danika Taylor			

Instructor/Assistant Corner:

 $\mathbf E$ ver have one of those dogs in class who just does not 'get' STAY? They seem to have a 1 second attention span and they are up and moving? Active dogs especially find the STAY difficult. Try this:

The handler should start with a large handful of treats and stand almost toe to toe with the dog. Have the handler SIT the dog and feed the dog rapidly and continuously for several seconds and then RE-LEASE the dog using their RELEASE word. The handler should remain quiet and calm, moving only their feeding hand.

Over time, the handler can slow down the feeding until there is several seconds between treats. Then slowly add more time to the stay. And again slow the feeding. Repeat this until the dog can stay for longer periods of time without constant feeding.

This method results in successful stays without the dog breaking over and over. If done correctly and gradually, the dog never breaks.

Jan Bajovich
Your Training Director

Citizen Canine Committee Report:

We had 8 dogs earn CGC titles and 2 dogs earned CGCA titles on February 20th. There were six members and three non-members. (See lists of the club members and their dogs earning CGC titles on page <u>14</u> and CGCA titles on page <u>15</u>.)

I would like to thank:

EVALUATOR: **Pam White** for conducting the evaluations with empathy and advise

MEET & GREET TEAM: Sandi Myers & Mr. Tali

DISTRACTING JOGGER: Michelle Coffin

DOG HOLDER: **David Elliott** held dogs for the out-ofsight handler & kept the dogs quiet by eating chicken in-between dogs

MILLING CROWD: Felicia Ruhter, Sandi Myers, Pam Chrystal, Benita Zapata and others who stepped in

ENCOURAGING INSTRUCTOR: Benita Zapata for cheering her students on who were dealing with last minute issues and nerves

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Pam Chrystal

Happy St. Patrick's Day



SESSION 2				
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date
Beginner*	Mon	7-8 PM	2/26/2018	4/2/2018
Puppy*	Mon	8:15-9:15 PM	2/26/2018	4/2/2018
Conformation	Tu	6:15-7 PM	2/27/2018	4/3/2018
Intermediate	Tu	7 - 8 PM	2/27/2018	4/3/2018
Novice Rally	Wed	7 - 8 PM	2/28/2018	4/4/2018
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 PM	2/28/2018	4/4/2018
Novice	Th	7 - 8 PM	3/1/2018	4/5/2018
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 PM	3/1/2018	4/5/2018
Beg Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	3/2/2018	4/6/2018
Adv Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	3/2/2018	4/6/2018
Adv Open	Su	1 -2 PM	2/25/2018	4/8/2018
Adv Utility	Su	2 - 3 PM	2/25/2018	4/8/2018

SESSION 3

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Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date
Beginner*	Mon	7-8 PM	4/16/2018	5/21/2018
Puppy*	Mon	8:15-9:15 PM	4/16/2018	5/21/2018
Conformation	Tu	6:15-7 PM	4/17/2018	5/22/2018
Intermediate	Tu	7 - 8 PM	4/17/2018	5/22/2018
Novice Rally	Wed	7 - 8 PM	4/18/2018	5/23/2018
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 PM	4/18/2018	5/23/2018
Novice	Th	7 - 8 PM	4/19/2018	5/24/2018
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 PM	4/19/2018	5/24/2018
Beg Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	4/20/2018	5/25/2018
Adv Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	4/20/2018	5/25/2018
Adv Open	Su	1 -2 PM	4/15/2018	5/20/2018
Adv Utility	Su	2 - 3 PM	4/15/2018	5/20/2018
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Beginner*	Mon	7-8 PM	6/11/2018	7/16/201
Puppy*	Mon	8:15-9:15 PM	6/11/2018	7/16/201
Conformation	Tu	6:15-7 PM	6/12/2018	7/17/20
Intermediate	Tu	7 - 8 PM	6/12/2018	7/17/20
Novice Rally	Wed	7 - 8 PM	6/13/2018	7/25/20
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 PM	6/13/2018	7/25/20
Novice	Th	7 - 8 PM	6/14/2018	7/19/20 ⁻
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 PM	6/14/2018	7/19/20
Beg Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	6/15/2017	7/27/20
Adv Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	6/15/2017	7/27/20
Adv Open	Su	1 -2 PM	6/10/2018	7/22/20
Adv Utility	Su	2 - 3 PM	6/10/2018	7/22/20
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SESSION 5				
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Da
Beginner*	Mon	7-8 PM	8/6/2018	9/17/20
Puppy*	Mon	8:15-9:15 PM	8/6/2018	9/17/20
Conformation	Tu	6:15-7 PM	8/7/2018	9/11/20
Intermediate	Tu	7 - 8 PM	8/7/2018	9/11/20
Novice Rally	Wed	7 - 8 PM	8/8/2018	9/12/20
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 PM	8/8/2018	9/12/20
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Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 PM	8/9/2018	9/13/20
Beg Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	8/10/2018	9/13/20
Adv Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	8/10/2018	9/14/20
Adv Open	Su	1 -2 PM	8/5/2018	9/16/20
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SESSION 6				
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Da
Beginner*	Mon	7-8 PM	10/1/2018	11/5/20
Puppy*	Mon	8:15-9:15 PM	10/1/2018	11/5/20
Conformation	Tu	6:15-7 PM	10/2/2018	11/6/20
Intermediate	Tu	7 - 8 PM	10/2/2018	11/6/20
Novice Rally	Wed	7 - 8 PM	10/3/2016	11/7/20
Advanced Rally	Wed	8:15-9:15 PM	10/3/2016	11/7/20
Novice	Th	7 - 8 PM	10/4/2018	11/8/20
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 PM	10/4/2018	11/8/20
Beg Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	10/5/2018	11/9/20
Adv Nosework	Fr	7 - 9 PM	10/5/2018	11/9/20
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Adv Open	Su	1 -2 PM	9/30/2018	11/4/20

Check Eventbrite each session for day/time of these added classes.

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting - February 3, 2018

Minutes

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
3:16 PM	 JANUARY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY David Elliott Instructors and assistants for Session 1 were recognized and thanked. Not a quorum Thanked Carol Wright and Donna Heishman for bring the snacks

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - LAURA LIPSCOMB

SECRETARY'S REPORT -MARGARET CULBERTSON

Discussion	 David asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the January 6th minutes of the General Meeting.
Conclusion	 By general consensus, the January 6th 2018 General Meeting minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHARI PRICE

Discussion	Financial Statement Summary	
	January financial statements were passed	
	Shari went over the income and expenses for both	

WALL COMMITTEE - BARBARA ELLIOTT

Discussion	Discussed the wall plaques and requirements.

PAW PRINT EDITOR - DONNA HEISHMAN FOR LANA SHUMAN

Discussion	March theme is trick dog
	 No pawprint family – jar at home with Lana and has germs – will do a retro Paw Print family
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BUILDING MAINTENACE - DAVID YAHRAUS & DONNA HEISHMAN

Discussion	Cameras installed
	 4 installed inside and 4 to be installed outside
	DVR recording
	 Corporate Directors, President, and Training Director
	 Monitor to be installed inside to give ability to watch parking lot

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - RITA MORENO

Discussion	No report	
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TRAINING COMMITTEE - JAN BAJOVICH

Discussion	 Instructor & Assistants error for session 2 Adv Beg Thursday afternoon Sandi Meyer Movie night – training DVD – February 22 7pm Correction policy – see board minutes for this new policy
Conclusion	

PURCHASING COMMITTEE - LYNDA HOLMAN

Discussion	 Toys are available for graduation Graduation certificate available
	 Shirts restocked Instructor name tag – contact Lynda

BUILDING ADDITIONS COMMITTEE - DAVID ELLIOTT

report

SHOW N GO COMMITTEE - DAVID ELLIOTT FOR PAM CHRYSTAL

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CITIZEN CANINE COMMITTEE - DAVID ELLIOT FOR PAM CHRYSTAL

Discussion	Need committee chairperson
	 Need CGC evaluators
	 February 20th next CGC & CGCA exam

COMMUNITY EVENTS - DAVID ELLIOTT FOR SHANNON QUINN

Discussion	Sign up for Pet Expo and Bark for Life
	March Essentials Oil class after March General Meeting

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING - DONNA HEISHMAN

Discussion

THERAPY DOG COMMITTEE - LYNDA HOLMAN FOR MARK MALONE

Discussion	 Sandi Myers' Cyan would have been 14 years old. Lynda read remarks about Cyan. He had over 800 therapy dog visits in his lifetime.
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MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM - TERRI SCHURR

Discussion	Member to vote on
Conclusion	
	Voted but still need membership

LIBRARY - SALLY BROWNING

Discussion	 Need Instructors and assistants – please call Sally and volunteer. Library
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OLD BUSINESS - DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	• None
Conclusion	·

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM to Break for refreshments and brags.

Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson.

12 Dog Jokes to Tell Your Friends

Why did the dog walk into the bar? He was looking for the man who shot his paw.

What do you call a cold dog sitting on a rabbit? A chili dog on a bun.

How does a dog stop a TV show? He presses paws.

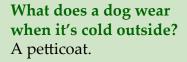
What type of dog doesn't bark? A hush puppy.

What kind of dog does Dracula have? A Bloodhound.

Did you hear about the dog who had puppies on the sidewalk?
She was ticketed for littering.

What does a dog say before eating? Bone appetite!

How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.



What does a Dalmatian say when he's scratching an itch?
Ahh, that's the spot!

Why did the tree think the dog was talking to him?

He kept saying "bark, bark,"

A police officer was sitting his car with his K9 partner in the back seat. A man walked over and asked, "Is that a dog in the back seat?" The officer said, "It sure is." The man responded, "Wow, what did he do?"



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – February 3rd 2018

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Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	David Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Jan Bajovich, Felica Ruhter, Vicki Jackson, Lynda Holman, Shari Price, Carol Ford

	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – DAVID ELLIOTT
Discussion	David called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT - DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	 David asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January 6th minutes. The minutes of the January 6th meeting are approved by general consensus.
Conclusion	The minutes of the January 6th meeting are approved by general consensus.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHARI PRICE

Income from classes and duesDiscussion about dues and payme	ents
Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2018:	
Operating \$6,046 Savings \$60,547 PayPal \$319	
Profit and Loss Statement January Total Proceeds Total Expenditures	\$ 6,197 \$(1,599) \$ 4,598
	Discussion about dues and payme Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2018: Cash Operating \$6,046 Savings \$60,547 PayPal \$319 Profit and Loss Statement January Total Proceeds

Sunshine Account:
Jan. 2018
Proceeds \$74.00
Expenditures \$(124.49)
Net \$(50.49)
 Extend membership renewal date to February 14 midnight Motion by Vicki Jackson and 2nd Carol Ford

TRAINING COMMIT	TEE - JAN BAJOVICH
Discussion	 Corrections policy – One with and without list of harsh corrections Movie night – Fun night – watch a training DVD Feb 22 7pm bring dog
Conclusion	 Accept Policy and Position Statement on Humane Dog Training and Behavior Intervention Practices with a list of deemed harsh corrections. Motion made by Jan Bajovich, Seconded by Shari Price. Policy passed.
	Dog Training Club of Dallas County, Inc. Policy and Position Statement on Humane Dog Training and Behavior Intervention Practices
	Purpose
	This policy serves to govern the use of harsh or abusive methods or corrections at the Dog Training Club of Dallas County, Inc. (DTCDC) including any event held at the club or in which DTCDC members are representing or demonstrating dog training, dog sports, or behavior intervention on behalf of DTCDC. Members should keep in mind, first and foremost the objectives of the club (Bylaws Article I. Section 2.)
	The purpose of this document is to impress upon the members the importance of the public's perception of our club, club members, and instructors through our classes, events and the methods by which we train dogs. Members should consider before choosing a method or correction this test: whether a family attending a class or event for the first time would be likely to decide, after witnessing such a method or correction, that participating with or at our club is not for them. While the number of people witnessing an incident should be taken into consideration, conduct that is known to only one or two people could also be considered prejudicial to the club.
	Any discipline that results from a violation of this policy will be handled according the DTCDC Bylaws Article VII and any other applicable bylaws sections or policies. Safety of humans and/or animals involved will also guide disciplinary actions.
	Goals
	The goal in instituting this policy is to protect the trust the public and peers place in DTCDC to teach desirable behaviors using science-based and reward-based methods, to develop our dog's self-control and self-confidence, and to develop a trusting relationship between dogs and their handlers.
	Policy
	Humane, motivational dog training methods will be used at all times in conjunction with DTCDC activities. Methods/corrections that would not be considered acceptable under this policy might include but not be limited to:

- Restricting the airway of the dog in any manner.
- Lifting a dog by the collar, leash, or scruff (hanging the dog).
- Rolling a dog over and pinning them to the ground.
- Applying a collar or cattle prod or other device to deliver excessive electrical stimulation.
- Applying a toe or ear pinch either with the hand or with a tool of any sort.
- Striking or shaking the dog
- Any intentional and extreme use of force that results in the dog crying out in pain or fear

Conclusions

This policy is not meant to be all-encompassing in the description of harsh or abusive methods or corrections. DTCDC strives to promote humane training and socializing of dogs to optimize positive interactions with their owners and to build on the human-animal bond. DTCDC believes science-based methods are effective in training pets, therapy and service dogs, working dogs, and performance dogs and are the preferred methods for all DTCDC events.

REGISTRATION- MARGARET CULBERTSON

Discussion	Data base update
Conclusion	

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - DONNA HEISHMAN FOR DAVID YAHRAUS

Discussion	 Camera system – 4 installed rest installed later and will hang monitor so we can see outside camera To notify all students a statement is on Eventbrite, there is signage, instructors for first session were told to inform the students Internet (approve bundling with current ATT service as long as it is not over 50 addition dollars a month) Thermostat 	
Conclusion	 Corp directors, president and training director will have access to view on a for cause basis, Donna Heishman will create a policy for viewing for a vote next month 	

PAW PRINT - DAVID ELLIOTT FOR LANA

Discussion	 Develop a policy that the editor of the Paw Print has final say on member submitted articles.
	 Add disclaimers on member submitted articles.
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS - DONNA HEISHMAN

Discussion	 At November 2017 meeting, review 2015, 2016 & 2017 financials were 	
	deferred to David Elliott. Need to set a date. Per the club Bylaws (Section 2,	
	E, b) "At the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all	
	moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. As soon as	
	practicable, following the Annual Meeting, there will be a review of the	
	financial records of the Club by the President and two (2) qualified Club	
	members appointed by the Board."	
	Policy on desk top use if we get a desk top	

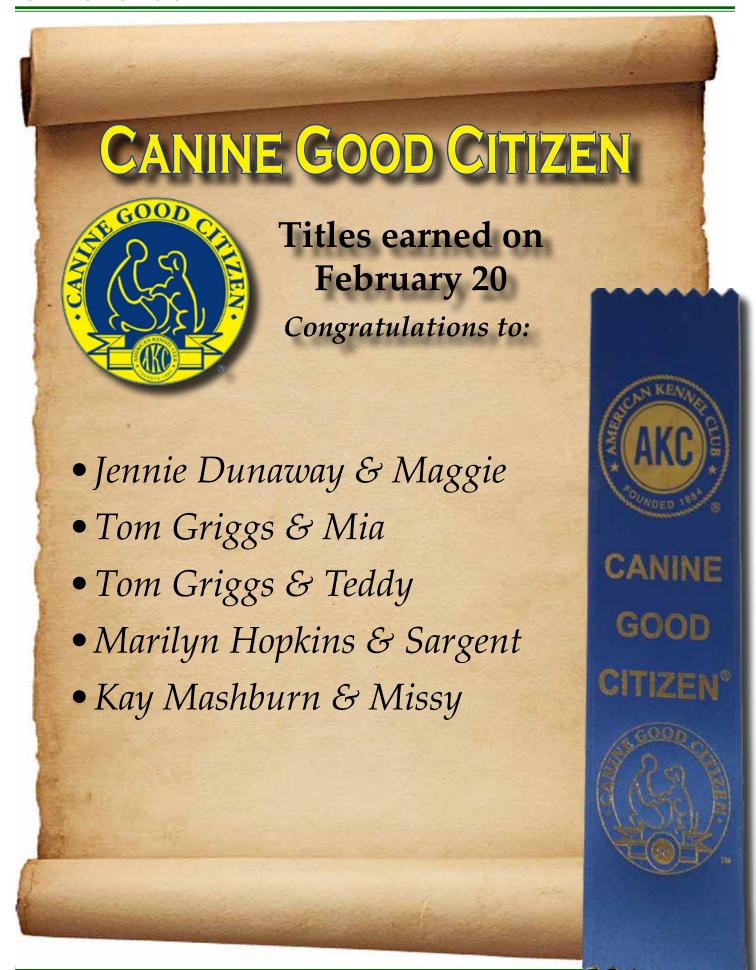
	 Suggestion box by Vicki Jackson Essential Oil class postponed – after March meeting
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS -

Discussion	 Show N Go pricing flat fee first 5 min \$7 and the \$1.50 for each min after.
Conclusion	 A motion for the new Show N Go pricing was made by Margaret Culbertson and seconded by Felica Ruhter. Motion passed.

By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m. Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson









Titles earned on February 20

Congratulations to:

- Pam Chrystal & Maverick
- Marilyn Hopkins & Sargent



AKC COMMUNITY CANINE





THE APRIL GENERAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3 P.M.

THE APRIL BOARD MEETING IS AT 1 P.M.



SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

MAY	RALLY	
JUNE	OBEDIENCE	
JULY	CONFIRMATION	
AUGUST	DOCK DIVING	
SEPTEMBER	AGILITY	
OCTOBER	THERAPY DOGS	
NOVEMBER	THANKFULNESS	
DECEMBER	HOLIDAY FUN	

SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:

- March 17
- April 14

MARCH DOG CALENDAR:

- Poison Prevention Awareness Month.
- March 3: If Pets Had Thumbs Day.
- March 4-10: Professional Pet Sitters Week.
- March 8-11: Crufts. Held in Birmingham, England, this is the world's largest dog show, featuring nearly 28,000 canines in its four days.
- March 13: K-9 Veterans Day.
- March 18-24: National Poison Prevention Week.
- March 18: Sparky the Fire Dog's Birthday
- March 23: National Puppy Day.
- March 30: Take a Walk in The Park Day



When: April 14, 2018. ~ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Where: Midiothian Multi-Purpose Stadium (1800 South 14th Street)

Bark for life was a great time last year and word is it's even bigger this year! I'm looking for volunteers to come share with others what an amazing club we have!

Please email me at lawlover23@yahoo.com or send me a text if you would like to volunteer!

Shannon Quinn





Save the date for 2018 Dallas Pet Expo



The club will have a booth and need volunteers to staff.

Saturday, May 19		Sunday, May 20	
Volunteers	Times	Volunteers	Times
First Crew	10 a.m. – Noon	First Crew	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Second Crew	Noon – 2 p.m.	Second Crew	1 – 3 p.m.
Third Crew	2 – 4 p.m.	Third Crew/Take Down	3 – 4 p.m.
Fourth Crew	4 – 5 p.m.		

I am looking for volunteers for the Pet Expo! The preferred times are listed above, but we still need more people for Saturday, May 19^{th} for the Noon – 2 p.m., 2 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 20^{th} we need all shifts filled.

Last year we had a blast, got a bunch of freebies, met some great vendors and able to network, and just have a great time with other club members! You don't want to miss your chance, let's show everyone what an amazing club we have!!

Please email me at lawlover23@yahoo.com or text me at 214-478-9848.

Shannon Quinn





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.



My Friend Cyan



am very sad that Cyan is gone and I know that both Sandi and Ken are heartbroken. He was a wonderful therapy dog. He and Sandi were awarded our club's Spirit Award over a decade ago, but they would have been a good choice in any subsequent year due to their endless therapy work.

Cyan went on 808 visits for our club and Therapy Dogs International. He earned a multitude of TDI titles. I think TDI had to keep coming up with new titles because he made so many visits.

Cyan loved him some babies and some bags. He cuddled with babies and careened into bags looking for stuff. He trained people like Stella to keep

special toys in their bags so he could woof at them to put the bag on the floor.

Cyan was a character. I can picture him in his stroller sometimes looking out

the front and then peeking out the back to see where Sheba was. Sandi was a big fan of hats... Cyan not so much. It was always entertaining to see how long a hat would stay on his head before it became a feed bag under his chin. He could also do his Brahma bull imitation and buck the hat off like a missile. He was King of the Ottoman at the Ronald McDonald House. Sandi would put his blanket on this huge ottoman and then she could spin him around on it like a lazy Susan to visit with kids in all directions.



Cyan also earned other titles. He used his brain to gather Obedience and Rally titles. He used his Dachshund dashing good looks for his Conformation Championship. He used his nosey nose on those rabbits for his Field Trial Championship. He used his heart for his Therapy Championship.

Cyan will be greatly missed!

Mark Malone







Dear God,

How come people love to smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?



Dear God,

If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?



Dear God,

When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?



Dear God,

When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk! What's he been rolling around in?



Dear God,

Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the Jaguar, the Cougar, the Mustang, the Colt, the Stingray, and even, the Rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often

do you see a cougar, jaguar, stingray, mustang riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I realize every breed cannot have its own model... but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!



Dear God,

When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?



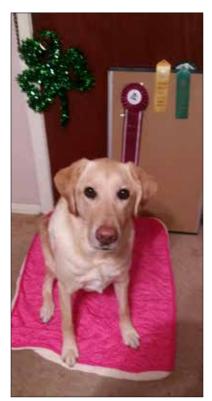
Dear God,

We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, scents, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?



Sheryl Barker brags:

Emma passed her Alliance of Therapy Dogs test and now has a job as a therapy dog.



Benita Zepata brags:

Raiden earned her Rally Novice C Title with a 3rd Place Win. She earned her title on January 28th at the Tarrant County Australian Shepherd Club trial.

Jan Hitchborn brags:

At the Tarrant County Australian Shepherd Club obedience and Rally trials at TriCounty in Azle weekend of January 27/28, Skye had her debut in regular novice obedience earning two legs and two first places. In her RAC runs she earned a first and second place with those also being qualifying RAX runs with a 197 and a 198!



Not to be outdone, Maggie earned her Beginner Novice title with a first and second place. In her Rally trials in RNC she earned two fourth places with one of those being her fourth leg with a 193.

Then the next weekend on February 4 at ASCA Rally trial hosted by TCASC at TriCounty in Azle, Skye earned her ASCA RAC and X titles with a 199.



Pam Chrystal brags:

At the Tarrant County Australian Shepherd Club Trials on:

January 27, 2018: Clover won Rally High in Trial, Rally High in Trial Other Breed & Rally High Combined

January 28, 2018: Clover won Rally High Combined

February 4, 2018: Clover finished her ASCA Rally Championship and became the first Belgian Tervuren in the United States to earn such a title.







Paw Print Photo Album

Sheryll Barker sent these two photos from Trick Dog testing...







Daniel on his wobble board.

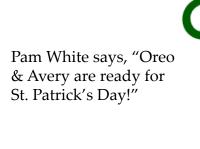




Sullivan is a 10-month-old Irish Soft Coat Wheaten Terrier. He is loved by Marsha Dillon and my grandson Atticus. This picture was taken on one of Sullivan's Meals on Wheels weekly deliveries.











Lynda and Gary Holman say, "Here are pictures of the Holman Leprechauns. They refuse to tell us where their pots of gold are!"



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DTCDC members met at the club building on Feb. 20 to participate in the first DTCDC Movie Night. Members watched Forest Micke's "Engagement Skills" and then applied their new skills with their dogs.