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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



E'Lynne Elliott	3/5
Melissa Hau	3/6
Chris Parikh	3/6
Pamela Chrystal	3/8
Jana McBroom	3/17
Ronald (Ron) Somers-Clark	3/18
Kay Mashburn	3/19
Benita Zapata	3/21
Jan Bruner	3/23
Melissa Chojnacki	3/24
Pamela Joyce	3/24
Lisa Wharton	3/25
Marye Boyce	3/27
Jeff Young	3/27
Tamra Mason	3/28

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.

Sunshine Fund Report

	Jan 2020	YTD
Proceeds	\$196.57	\$196.57
Expenditures	(304.46)	(304.46)
Net	\$(112.89)	\$(112.89)

**MARCH MEETINGS:
TUESDAY, MARCH 3
BOARD @ 6 P.M.
GENERAL @ 7:30 P.M.**

Refreshments provided by
**Jan Hitchborn, Robin Vogel
and Kathi Chandler**

Hound Group Issue

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A Word from Our President

Since we are recognizing hounds this month, I think back to when I got a pair of borzoi sisters. My sheltie, Spencer, had just died. I still had 2 shelties, a collie and a fake Scottie. I wanted a dog whose temperament would fit in with the other dogs, not over-bearing, but playful and independent.

I had become very interested in the greyhound rescue groups. I would see them at the boat show or at a shelter exhibit. But something was missing.....hair! I had never had a short, smooth-coated dog. Solution: a borzoi, a big, hairy greyhound-type dog! So back then, 1993, you looked in the classified ads of the Dallas Morning News. And there they were: one ad for borzoi puppies. A Russian couple in north Dallas had a litter; they had both parents, and a room of long-legged pups. I took the two girls, Kate and Murphy, 19 and 17 pounds at 10 weeks old.

The collie treated them like her puppies; the shelties taught the borzois to play. We also went on walks, a sheltie and borzoi together. I took the borzois to obedience training with Helen Cariotis. Whereas shelties like to please and perform, the borzois would just quit if they were hot or tired. They were not real enamored with sits and since our classes were outside, they were

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2020 Officers & Directors

President – Shari Price
Vice President – Pam White
Training Director – Joe Warner
Secretary – Terri Schurr
Treasurer – Marilyn Hopkins
Member at Large – Benita Zapata
Member at Large – Linda Shearin
Member at Large – Shannon Quinn
Member at Large – Jana McBroom

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman
Mark Malone
Maurine Pearson

Happy St. Patrick's Day



From the Training Director's Corner

So, by now, you are seeing that Joe has asked each of his Committee members to write a brief article for the Paw Print! Joe chose his members wisely, as he wanted a member that represented a different facet of the club. It is important to him to be able to hear all the voices, not just a few. It is our hope that if you have concerns, ideas, or something happy and fun, you will pass it on to either Joe or a committee member!

With the idea of "Let's Just Get Along!" We all come to the club to spend time with people that are like ourselves and we all think our dog is the greatest! So, let's smile for a while, and be jolly with our dogs! (Wouldn't it be nice to just let any old differences go, celebrate the little time we spend at the club to just "embrace everyone and their dog?") As for ME? My dogs are worth it! How 'bout you?

~ Carol D Ford

SESSION 2 - 2020					
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date	Instructor
Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date	
Int open prac	Sun	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	3/08/2020	4/26/2020	
Adv Open	Sun	1 - 2 p.m.	3/08/2020	4/26/2020	
Adv Utility	Sun	2 - 3 p.m.	3/08/2020	4/26/2020	
Novice Rally	Sun	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	3/08/2020	4/26/2020	Mary Ann Magness
Puppy	Sun	5 - 6 p.m.	3/08/2020	4/26/2020	Mary Ann Magness
Overflow	Mon	6 - 7 p.m.	3/9/2020	4/27/2020	
Beginner	Mon	7 - 8 p.m.	3/9/2020	4/27/2020	
Puppy	Mon	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	3/9/2020	4/27/2020	Terri Schurr
Board Meeting	Tues	6 - 7:30 p.m.			
Club Meeting	Tues	7:30 p.m.			
Conformation	Tues	6 - 6:45 p.m.	3/10/2020	4/28/2020	Jennie Dunaway
Novice	Tues	7 - 8 p.m.	3/10/2020	4/28/2020	Mark Malone
Beg Open/Utility	Tues	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	3/10/2020	4/28/2020	Paul Cantwell
Advanced Rally	Wed	7 - 8 p.m.	3/11/2020	4/29/2020	
Master Rally	Wed	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	3/11/2020	4/29/2020	
Beginner	Thur	1 - 2 p.m.	3/12/2020	4/30/2020	
Intermediate	Thur	2 - 3 p.m.	3/12/2020	4/30/2020	Pam White
Trick Class	Thur	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	3/12/2020	4/30/2020	Michelle Hosey
Intermediate	Thur	7 - 8 p.m.	3/12/2020	4/30/2020	Robin Quintana
Beginner	Thur	8 - 9 p.m.	3/12/2020	4/30/2020	
Master Nosework	Fri	6 - 7:15 p.m.	3/13/2020	5/1/2020	Jan/Benita
Beg Nosework	Fri	7:30 - 9 p.m.	3/13/2020	5/1/2020	Jan Hitchborn
Adv Nosework	Fri	7:30 - 9 p.m.	3/13/2020	5/1/2020	Benita Zapata
Show N Go	Sat		3/14/2020		

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more interested in viewing whatever might be moving over in the next block. Letting them work off-lead was out of the question, I surely couldn't catch them! They were also couch potatoes, especially Kate. Kate on the couch, humans on the floor, then she would kick and fuss until she had at least one hand, preferably two, petting her. Murphy was content to go back to the bedroom and stare out the window.

In 2006, on Valentine's Day, I added my male borzoi, Levi. The girls let him know his place; he got stuck in the middle bed while they took the two outside ones. He decided the shelties were more fun to play with and one day, as a sheltie went running down the yard to catch a Frisbee, he ran alongside her and snatched it out of the air. She pouted! He played Frisbee the rest of his life.

As pet owners, we can research the breeds and their personalities and decide what fits our lifestyle, our budget, the activities we want to do, and how a new dog will fit in with any we already have. Now look at our instructors. They volunteer to teach a class of 8-12 dogs of various breeds, temperaments, backgrounds, etc. working with pet owners with varying degrees of experience, or not. THAT is a commendable skill and commitment that presents a new set of challenges each week. THANK YOU! What you do each week helps each of those pet owners development a dog that they can enjoy in their homes. And when they do want to add another dog, hopefully they will use the skills you have taught them!

Your President,

Shari Price



DTCDC Suggestion Box



The board responds to your questions and suggestions placed in the DTCDC Suggestion Box.

Each month, the Board reviews the suggestions that are submitted to the Suggestion Box and tries to come up with a solution and/or answer. We seem to be going in circles on a few items so I wanted to put them out there for the membership.

1. **Location of the Suggestion Box.** After the security cameras were installed, requests were made to move it out of the camera line to preserve anonymity. The restroom was the best place. We now have the new storeroom addition, but that entails potentially walking through a class to get back there and could be obvious.

a. **Solution:** Move it to the east or south wall in the restroom so it's not over the toilet.

2. **Pictures over the toilet.** This subject has been brought up several times over the past 6 months. I inquired as to the history. Several years ago (more than 3), it was decided that we should put up pictures in the restroom. A member presented several options to the Board and the ones selected were approved by the Board. After it has been voiced through the Suggestion Box that these are offensive and should be removed, several board members have randomly asked people their opinion. Many had not noticed them (don't face that direction) and others didn't care. Some think they are cute. But, it obviously offends one or more members as it keeps appearing in the box.

The Board wants to address any and all concerns of the DTCDC members. We also don't want to make changes that are going to cause another member or group to react in opposition (picture playing whack-a-mole). With close to 200 members, we will encounter many opinions, thoughts, and beliefs. We want to support as many as we can.

I invite you to email or call me if and when you have very strong feelings about something that you don't feel is being adequately addressed. We can discuss how many people are being affected and hopefully come up with solutions or a compromise.

Your President,

Shari Price



Club Information You Need to Know

1. Coming Soon - New Roster - as soon as the dues are all finalized.
Email Margaret at: dogtrainingroster@gmail.com
2. Please let Laura Lipscomb, our **Sunshine** Committee Chair, know about situations with club members that warrant a card, plant, or other gesture of caring.
Email Laura at: bouvsgri@aol.com
3. Please remember when you lock a **combination lock**, you need to twirl the dials to complete the process. This applies to the gate locks and the inside cabinet lock.
4. The monthly **Board Meetings** will start at 6 p.m. followed by the **General Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays at DTCCDC:
 - March 3
 - April 7
 - May 5
 - June 2
5. Upcoming **Show 'N Go** Schedule: March 14, April 11, May 9
6. **CGC/CGCA Testing** is scheduled for March 4.
7. **Lost and Found:** There are items left at the club. Instructors please ask your students to look through the bucket on the refrigerator for items they may have lost or left behind. The items **will be kept until March 7** then donated to a rescue group. If you have a small or medium size dog rescue group to suggest please contact Vicki Jackson at: whippet1@att.net
8. **Building Painting:** Due to the weather, number of volunteers, and the process necessary to do it correctly, the Maintenance Committee is going to obtain three (3) bids from outside painters. After the bids are reviewed, we will decide how best to accomplish this task. We will keep the membership informed as to options and costs.
9. If you have new instructors or new members that need **name tags**, we are putting together an order! Please email or text Pam White so that order can be submitted in as soon as possible. Email: Bogenstadt@aol.com Phone: 214-789-3162
10. The new 2020 **Eventbrite member registration code** is:
dog2020club



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting
February 4, 2020

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Secretary	Terri Schurr
Attendees	Attendance: Shari Price, Joe Warner, Shannon Quinn, Pam White, Linda Shearin, Marilyn Hopkins, Terri Schurr, Jana McBroom, Benita Zapata
	CALLED TO ORDER BY Shari Price @ 6:10

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shari asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January Board Meeting minutes; there were none.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam made a motion to approve and Linda motioned seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marilyn Hopkins

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial report <p>Balance sheet as of January 31, 2020</p> <p>CASH</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Operating</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 8,426.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">51,998.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Paypal</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>0.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$60,529.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>Profit and Loss Statement</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">January</th> <th style="text-align: left;">YTD</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Proceeds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9,129.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Total Expenditures</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>(7,209.32)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Surplus</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,919.87</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Operating	\$ 8,426.97	Savings	51,998.15	<u>Paypal</u>	<u>0.00</u>		\$60,529.12	January	YTD	Total Proceeds	\$9,129.19	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>(7,209.32)</u>	Net Surplus	\$1,919.87
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner

Discussion	<p>Joe reported we are halfway through Session 1. Problems are being worked out. Some new policies are being considered for instructors. Agenda for advanced classes will be at the instructors' discretion.</p> <p>People on the waitlist are not always being contacted or provided alternatives; this needs to be addressed between Eventbrite, the Registrar and Training Committee. Schedules for upcoming classes have caused some confusion with the six- and eight-week sessions; the training committee will clarify this.</p>
Conclusion	<p>These new policies will be place in next session. Vetting will be used for non-members who want to take advanced classes.</p> <p>Eventbrite may need to be monitored more closely for the waitlist.</p> <p>The schedule for the upcoming session will be published one month in advance in the PawPrint.</p>

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE – Carol Ford

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shari proposed that the payment of dues be extended through February 14.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam made a motion to approve and Linda seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – Shari Price

Discussion	<p>Pam presented the Suggestion Box items. Most of the suggestions were repeats of prior suggestions. See page 5 in the PawPrint for further addressing of these suggestions.</p> <p>Someone asked where the recycling trash can was.</p>
Conclusion	<p>Vicki Jackson will check with the City of Duncanville about picking up recycling.</p>

NEW BUSINESS – Shari Price

Discussion	<p>Shari brought up security issues when the building is rented. The cameras were covered by the last group renting the facility. We discussed revising our Rental Agreement to address this issue as the purpose of the security system is to protect the club and its members.</p> <p>Shari suggested publishing other dog events taking place around the metroplex in the PawPrint. There are a lot of different events that member may be interested in and this may not be feasible.</p> <p>Vicki Jackson had asked to address the Board; she suggested giving some kind of recognition to instructors as a certificate or other type of acknowledgment.</p> <p>She also suggested each class have a cubby hole in the white cabinets. <i>(This has been done, thank you, Vicki).</i></p> <p>Lost and found items need to be claimed and/or then donated. <i>(See Vicki's email to the membership on Feb.10)</i></p> <p>Linda reported that Puppy Class for Session 2 is full.</p> <p>Laura Lipscomb needs new address labels for the Sunshine Committee.</p>
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Conclusion	Shari will talk to Sheryl Archer and Paul Cantwell before the policy is updated. Joe suggested only publishing other Show-n-Go's instead of all metroplex events. Recognition for instructors will be at the annual awards party. The video for Puppy and Beginner class has been unavailable to view. Orientations have taken place instead. Joe will talk to Donna Heishman about removing the video from Eventbrite unless it can be fixed. Laura will be reimbursed for Sunshine Committee purchases.
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Linda moved to adjourn. Jana seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting
January 7, 2020

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Secretary	Terri Schurr
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	CALLED TO ORDER BY Shari Price @ 7:35 (Started attendance and brag sheets)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Laura Lipscomb

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the purpose of Sunshine box-Benita Zapata
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The box was passed around the room. Tom Griggs and Kristal Hatcher won the 2 gifts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January General Meeting minutes.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Shearin moved to accept the minutes and Margaret Culbertson seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marilyn Hopkins

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REGISTRATION – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New code for Eventbrite is: dog2020club
Conclusion	

PAW PRINT COMMITTEE – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paw Print featured Herding Dogs in the February issue.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paw Print will feature Hounds for March. Scent and sight hounds will be featured. The deadline will be moved to February 15.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – David Yahraus/Vicki Jackson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki reported the vents will be fixed and the building will be painted. • Cubby holes will be assigned to each class to store items.
Conclusion	

PICTURE WALL COMMITTEE – Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please turn in forms for titles.
Conclusion	

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe reported that there are 155 dogs enrolled in classes. • Please return equipment to the storage room at the end of use. • Please email Joe with any suggestions and comments.
Conclusion	

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING – Jose Rodriguez

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 15 the committee will go to Tri-City Animal Shelter to determine how they can help the shelter.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scouts are earning a badge for service. They are planning a field trip to Tri-City to study and tour their facilities. The date has not been set yet. Several members volunteered to help.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wi-Fi is working. The orientation video on Eventbrite is not working.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will check why the video is not working. • March 7 @ 1:00 pm the committee will meet at the training facility.

CGC COMMITTEE – Robin Quintana

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4 there will be a CGC and CGCA test.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please sign up on Eventbrite.

COMMISSARY COMMITTEE-

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that several items need to be stocked.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(This has been done).</i>

SHOW N GO – Pamela Chrystal/Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have our volunteers for the February 8 show-n-go.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will need volunteers for future show-n-go's.

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE – Carol Ford

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol presented Kathi Chandler for membership.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Hosey motioned and Mim Aiken seconded. Motion passed. The pizza party will be February 9 for any recent new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pet Furtographer date will be July 18.• Deposit is \$20: \$10 for the club and \$10 for the photographer.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new sheet will be on the wall in a few weeks to pay the deposit.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Next month's snacks provided by Jan Hitchborn, Robin Vogel and Kathi Chandler.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Benita Zapata and seconded by Vicki Jackson.

Adjourn the meeting to brags and refreshments at 8:15 p.m. (*Thank you to Sandi Myers for giving us an overview of how Earthdog works.*)

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr, Secretary





Sight and Scent

The Hound Group

Bring in the Hounds!

By Krystal Hatcher

Hounds are probably the most famous of hunting dogs. Hunting with a hound is the oldest form of hunting making hounds among the oldest breeds of dogs. Because of this, two distinct sub-groups were formed- the Scenthound and the Sighthound.

Sighthounds (also known as Gazehounds), were bred for far seeing sight and sprinting speed. Extreme speed. Everything about them is aerodynamic. They have long, lean, flexible bodies with a deep chest (that boast the largest hearts in dogdom along with a very efficient pair of lungs). Long legs and a long, whip-like tails used like a rudder to help turning at great speeds. Most have small, swept back ears set on a long narrow heads with large, forward facing eyes that are constantly scanning the horizon for anything moving- a rabbit, a squirrel, a cat, a floating piece of trash.

Scenthounds were bred for a strong nose and methodical, head down endurance. They have tough, sturdy bodies with strong tails waving out like a flag. Large noses and, with the exception of the Elkhound, have large, floppy ears which helps 'gather' the scent. Most also have what is commonly called a 'sweet voice'- a unique baying/ barking, which can be heard over great distances, to alert the hunter that the prey has been found/ cornered. When on the hunt these tenacious dogs can track for miles.

Both possess what is called 'prey drive'- an instinctive urge to leap after an animal that resembles it's natural prey. Hounds are notoriously independent and will look for every opportunity to pursue an interesting scent or moving animal or object. Often perceived as stubborn or impossible to train, the truth is they can most certainly be trained as long as it's remembered to keep sessions short and positive. There is a saying- Hounds work FOR you, not WITH you. You have to find an answer to their question "What's in it for me?"



AKC Recognizes 31 Hounds:

Scenthounds:

- American Foxhound
- English Foxhound
- Basset Hound
- Beagle (13' and 15")
- Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
- Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
- Dachshund (Standard and Miniature-Long-haired, Wirehaired, Smooth coat)
- Otterhound
- American English Coonhound
- Plott Hound
- Redbone Coonhound
- Treeing Walker Coonhound
- Black & Tan Coonhound
- Bluetick Coonhound
- Norwegian Elkhound
- Bloodhound

Sighthounds:

- Afghan Hound
- Azawakh
- Borzoi
- Basenji
- Rhodesian Ridgeback
- Portuguese Podengo Pequeno
- Pharaoh Hound
- Ibizan Hound
- Scottish Deerhound
- Irish Wolfhound
- Saluki
- Sloughi
- Greyhound
- Cirneco dell'Etna
- Whippet



Kristal Hatcher shares this photo of her members of the Hound Group: Whippets -Teague and Sophie sitting on a park bench.

Alexandra Moore:

My Moose, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, finished his CD at 10.5 years old on Nov. 21,2019 in Belton. He has trained the last few years with DTCCD and got his first leg when we started classes here. He is very stubborn, but I am so proud of the work he has done. Training hounds is not an easy task. They are mainly food motivated and need to be rewarded often to keep their interest and attention.



I have done a few puppy manners classes with our puppy Peppa in Richardson the last few months. I am going to start her in classes at DTCCD in March. She turned 1 year on Feb. 17.

Hounding around at a Dachshund Field Trial

By Sandi Myers

You might be wondering what a Dachshund field trial is like. The following is a shortened description of a day at a Dachshund Field Trial. Let's go to a field trial.



Sandi Myers at the National Field Trials held in North Texas earlier this year.

Dachshund field trials begin very early in the morning often before sunrise. Field trial procedures start very early to maximize use of daylight to conduct the trial classes. Many field trial events go from sunup to sundown.

On a typical field trial morning, usually the cooks are the first to arrive at the field trial grounds. Someone needs to be sure there is at least a pot of coffee brewing! The Field Trial Secretary and the Field Trial Committee are usually not too far behind the "chefs," as they attend to conducting the procedures for getting the field trial started in a timely manner. It is at this time the Field Trial Secretary and any assistants help take entry forms and fees. We do not mail our entries in advance because dogs must be on the grounds to be officially entered.

The entries are separated into the classes. At a typical dachshund field trial there are usually 3 or 4 classes, Open Dogs, Open Bitches, and Field Champions or Field Champion Dogs and Field Champion Bitches.

The Field Trial Secretary or the assistants will conduct Roll-Call. The dog's complete AKC registered name, titles and Call Name are read from the entry forms in numerical order. Roll Call is done for each class to be sure all entries have been placed in the proper classes and all dogs have been identified and are present. Each person who enters a

dog will answer in the affirmative, "present" or "here" after the dog's name and call name have been announced. It is fun to hear all of the titles either before after the registered name. Sometimes it is quite an alphabet soup! Dachshunds are a versatile hound. They excel in many AKC events.

Next the dogs in each class will be braced and running order determined. The bracing is done by drawing numbers in a random order. Some type of random number drawing is conducted using various electronic or manual numbering system. Bracing is done for each dog in each class using the corresponding call name/number list until all of the dogs in the class have been paired with one another. The running order is determined by the random number order. It is then written in a program book or on a piece of paper by each handler so they can keep track of their entries and the running order.





Sandi Myers & Ken Hagmueller participated in the National Field Trials with their dachshunds.

Upon the completion of bracing, Judges will usually give a designated time to meet at the starting point and how many braces they would like to have standing by in the field to run. Handlers have to pay attention to when their brace is coming up. If they don't appear in 15 minutes, they can get timed out and don't get to run their dog.



The designated Field Marshal (FM) directs the handlers and the gallery to the starting point. The FM waits for the judges to find their "spotting" position and the beaters line up in a straight, tight line to flush the rabbits. The FM directs the beaters to maintain the line and keep their eyes open for movement. It is critical to "watch" for the running path of the rabbit. This is the "line" that the braces will be released upon. Beaters carry sticks of some fashion from old broom handles, sorting sticks, to ski poles. Once a rabbit has been flushed the person who spots it running yells, Tally Ho!

The handlers usually maintain a fairly close distance to the beating line, as they need to get up to the area where the rabbit was bumped as quickly as possible, taking care

not to step on the starting point or the rabbit scent "line". The people and dogs in the waiting gallery will remain much further behind. The spotters and the FM and the judges need to be sure they know where the path or direction that the rabbit took before the dogs are released. It is very important to watch closely.

Once the judges are in view of the start of the line and have been instructed as to direction the rabbit traveled or they have seen it themselves, the handlers are told some directions about releasing the dogs on the line. Once the brace is released on a "line" the handlers must not say anything further to their dogs. The beaters need to remain in the place that they stopped as to not accidentally bump up another rabbit. The beaters and the gallery should be quiet once a "Tally Ho" has been called. Talking and other dogs barking can draw a working brace off the line in the direction of the noises.

The judges will let the handlers know when to pick up the dogs. They may have the handlers restart the dogs, they may ask for another rabbit for the same brace, or they may have seen enough to make a decision. The





FM then asks if the next brace is ready. Then the beaters start looking for another rabbit.

The Field Marshal should always know if the next brace looks identical and give the judges a description of the dogs as to what color collars they are wearing or other distinguishing features like size, color, or coat-type. The Field Marshal should also keep track of ground covered and direction of travel of the beaters and gallery.

There is a lot of walking involved in field trialing. If you have been released by the judges after running your dog, be sure you travel across ground that has already been covered by the beaters. Try not to cross ground that has not been used. The same for bringing dogs into the field, always try to discern where the gallery is and which direction the beaters are headed.

After each brace has run, the judges will discuss the scoring of the dogs. This will determine how many and which dogs are called back for Second Series. Desirable qualities that judges will be looking for are Searching ability, Pursuing ability, Accuracy in trailing, Obedience to commands, Proper use of voice by the dog, Willingness to

go to earth, Endurance, Determination and Courage, Patience, Adaptability, Independence, Cooperation, Competitive Spirit, and Intelligence. Faulty actions would include Quitting, Backtracking, Ghost trailing, Pottering, Babbling, Swinging, Skirting, Leaving Checks, Running mute, Tightness of mouth, Racing, Running hit or miss, Lack of independence, or Bounding Off.

After the final series in each class have been run the FM announces "Field Trial". This signifies the end of the class. The final four placements and NBQ (not a placement, stands for Next Best Qualifier) is announced in the field.

The above procedure is done for each class until the conclusion of the last class. If the club participates with Absolute competition. Then the 1st place winner in the Open Dog and Open Bitch Stake are braced for the Best of Open, of which, the winner of this class will be braced with the Field Champion (or Best Field Champion if there are 2 FC classes) for Absolute.

No dogs may be put down in the field after 30 minutes following official sunset. When there are large numbers of entries at a trial,

or depending on the conditions in the field, or the





number of rabbits available, the classes may run concurrently to allow for completion of classes scheduled for that day. This shows the importance of starting on time and using the most of available daylight. It also shows the importance that the committee, judges, field marshals, beaters, gallery and handlers play in successfully completing the events of the day. It is definitely a cooperative event.



Meanwhile the cooks usually have some type of lunch prepared. Participants help by

picking up after themselves or offering to help with other duties if they can't be in the field beating etc. In other words, there is always something the exhibitors can do to help and not just sit around doing nothing but run their dog. Field trials are a cooperative event.

Awards are usually given out at the end of the trial. It is always best if one can stay for the whole trial especially on the second day. Certainly don't leave the grounds until after you know what the awards are for the stake your dog was entered in. You might be getting a call back or a ribbon.

As at all AKC events, good sportsmanship is a guiding factor in the smooth running of the trial. Participants must be guided by the rules of good sportsmanship.

These events often include fundraisers like raffle or other games or icebreakers. Some offer an awards dinner. Usually these events are a chance to network, socialize and relax after a long day in the field.

It is important to note that Dachshund field trials are not intended for the dogs to catch the game. Dogs are encouraged to track the game not engage it. If a dog accidentally sees a rabbit while they are working, the judges will have the dogs picked up. Most trials are held in fenced areas, this is what keeps the rabbits in. If someone needs help catching a dog there are usually volunteers willing to help. If dogs see a rabbit while waiting in the gallery, it is best to keep them quiet especially if other dogs are working.

Field trials are a team effort not only from club member's participation, but from exhibitors as well. One can learn from helping beat and being in the front line. Asking questions and watching are the best ways to learn about trialing your dog.

If you now feel you are ready to hound around at a dachshund field trial, you probably are wondering what type of equipment to bring. Be sure to have a good sturdy pair of shoes or boots. Often waterproof boots





that are well fitting are worth the investment. Brush pants or chaps make beating through briars much easier. Layered clothing as the temperatures during the day may fluctuate. Rain gear is must. Trials are run rain or shine. It is also good to invest in something that will last and survive trudging through the brush. A field jacket and a hat might come in handy. Sunscreen and lip protection are also recommended.

For the dog you should have a flat buckle or snap collar (preferably with no tags attached) and a leash. Also have a release line, which can vary from parachute cord to rock climbing cord to a snag resistant line about 10 feet in length. Use something that will slip easily through the ring on the collar or through the collar and release the dog onto the line of the rabbit track. Always bring water and container out in the field for the dog especially in hot weather. Towels to clean or dry dogs if they get muddy or wet are a good idea too. Sometimes a flea comb comes in handy for removing ticks. And bring your dog's entry information.

If you made it to the end of this article, now you should be set to hound around with us at a dachshund field trial.

Good Luck, Have Fun, & Tally Ho!



Photos this page from the Dachsund Field Trials National held in Kirbyville, Texas.





Sandi Myers shares this photo of Miss Moon as the bye dog in the Master Earthdog Test at the DCA National.



Shari Price:

(Above) Silken windhounds are a rare breed and are recognized by the UKC. They were developed from the borzoi and whippet which results in a whippet sized dog with long hair.

(Left) Here is my borzoi, Levi, and windhound, Serena.



AKC Earthdog Tests

By Karen Henry



To quote the AKC regulations, “The purpose of non-competitive Earthdog tests is to offer breeders and owners of small Terriers and Dachshunds a standardized gauge to measure their dogs natural aptitude and trained hunting and working behaviors when exposed to an underground hunting situation. The noncompetitive program begins with a basic introduction to den work and quarry and progresses through gradual steps to require the dog to demonstrate that it is willing to perform the required tasks including seeking its quarry, locating and working it underground.” So what does that actually mean? Allow me to explain!

As stated, AKC Earthdog tests are open to Dachshunds and small terriers. There are 4 levels of tests – Introduction to Quarry, Junior, Senior, and Master. First, some terminology – the tunnels are 3 sided wooden liners with a dimension of 9 inches by 9 inches. They are used as the sides and top of the tunnel, with a dirt floor that is scented with rat scent. The tunnels are placed into a dirt trench, and then covered over with dirt. It gets REALLY dark in a thirty foot tunnel, so the dogs must use their scenting ability to find their quarry. At the upper levels, there are obstacles, abandoned dens, and a secondary exit to add to the challenge. The quarry consists of two live rats in a wire cage that is then placed behind dowels to provide additional safety for the rats. The rats are NOT harmed in any way.

Now, let’s take each level, one at a time. The Introduction to Quarry test, also called “IQ”, is a non-titling test of the dog’s willingness to enter a ten foot tunnel with one 90 degree turn, and to then “work” the quarry for a minimum of 30 seconds. Work consists of digging, barking, biting at the bars, scratching, and so forth. Unlike Barn Hunt, where the dog must locate and indicate the rats, in Earthdog the dog must continue to actively work those rats in order to qualify. Intro is NOT required to advance to the upper levels.

Junior Earthdog is a huge jump from IQ, as the dog must



now navigate a 30 foot tunnel with 3 turns. The dog has 45 seconds to reach the rats, and must work continuously for 60 seconds in order to qualify. A JE title requires two qualifying legs under 2 different judges.

Senior Earthdog adds some new challenges to the mix – the dogs are now required to work for 90 seconds. At the end of the 90 seconds, the rats are removed from the tunnel, and the handler has 90 seconds to recall their dog. Lots of dogs want to remain at the quarry end of the tunnel hoping that the rats will return. An SE title requires 3 qualifying scores under 2 different judges.

Master is the most fun level, in my opinion. Two dogs are braced together by random draw. They hunt off lead with their handlers and the judge following. They must find and search an empty den that is placed along the way to the active tunnel. The active tunnel now has a constriction that makes a short length of the tunnel smaller than 9 inches, as well as negotiating a PVC pipe obstacle that simulates a tree root in the tunnel. The dogs work the tunnel one at a time, with the non-working dog on a tie out approximately 10 feet from the tunnel entrance. Dogs are

required to work for 90 seconds, and are then removed from the tunnel by their handler. A Master title requires 4 qualifying scores under 3 different judges.

If you have a gamey Dachshund or a small terrier, consider coming to an Earthdog test, and let your dog enjoy doing what they were bred to do!

Fun Facts About the Hound Group at the Westminster Dog Show

- In 2015, Miss P, a 15-inch Beagle, became the 9th Best In Show champion in a row.
- Miss P's uncle, Uno, won Best In Show in 2008.
- The Greyhound is the winningest breed in the Hound Group with 13 Group wins.
- Six Best In Show winners have come from the Hound Group, including the Afghan Hound, Beagle, Scottish Deerhound and Whippet.
- This year's Reserve Best in Show was a Whippet.
- In 2019, a Dachshund (Longhaired) won the Group.

Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?

(from the akc.org website)

Last week, the World Health Organization declared that the 2019 novel coronavirus is now a global health emergency. In the panic that followed, people became worried not only about their own health but the health of their pets as well.

Dogs wearing face masks have popped up in photos across social media, causing pet owners everywhere to ask: can dogs get coronavirus?



Can dogs contract or spread coronavirus?

Dogs can contract certain types of coronaviruses, such as the canine respiratory coronavirus, but this specific coronavirus is believed not to be a threat to pets.

The World Health Organization reported that there have been no reported cases of coronavirus in domestic animals. “At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the new coronavirus,” their report says.

Despite this, Li Lanjuan, an epidemiologist and representative of China’s National Health Commission cautioned pet owners in China to be vigilant about their own health and the health of their pets: “If pets go out and have contact with an infected person, they have the chance to get infected. By then, pets need to be isolated. In addition to people, we should be careful with other mammals especially pets.”

The CDC says that “while this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person.” The CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, “but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.”

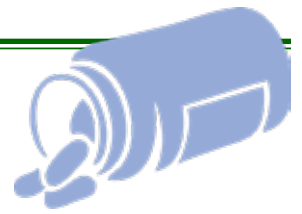
How can dog owners protect pets from coronavirus?

For now, pet owners in the U.S. don’t need to do anything other than follow normal health precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water after contact with any animal.

Dogs do not need a face mask to protect themselves against the new coronavirus. If you are still concerned or notice a change in your dog, speak to a veterinarian.

Mr. Gauge's Summer of 2019!

By Carol Ford



June 2019 came along with all its rain. I found 2 spots on his groin. My vet diagnosed as a ring worm and the other staph spot. I promptly pulled he and Charli out of classes, to be sure neither dog was contagious. A round of heavy antibiotics, and I thought we were on the mend.

Early July brought a bath and inspection, and much to my shocked eyes, he had 8-10 rounds spots, that were very red and raw! I was at the vet's by 0700. This diagnosis - bacteria, the vet had seen so much with all the rain and put him on another round of different antibiotics and sulfur shampoo! Which I am so happy to report the very first bath really helped the rawness! Gauge not humored by the smell! And Charli abstained and generously gave her bath of marvelous shampoo to her sweet Gauge!!!!

RIGHT!!! Everyone got their baths!

By mid-August I was feeling like this was under control. Until brush time, he kept pulling away like I was hurting him. BUMPS!!! all over him!!! Like FIREANTS!!! GRRRR!!!! Except they were not fire ant bits. They were larger, harder and flakier! Back to the vet. By now we noticed Gauge was not happy! My manly man, always equipped with ball in mouth, ready to play catch, first one out the gate, race the paint down to the barn, happy to run chase the rabbits and inspect the barn, no longer interested.

He just wasn't himself. Even Charli would lay by his side, her head on him. I truly thought there was something really wrong.

Mid-September, while watching him in yard I thought, OH! How wonderful Fall brought dapple spots to Gauge's coat! My eyes froze and IT HIT me - no dapple, oh, my gosh, he has spots all over. Inspection proved me correct. Quarter size spots all over him. A quick consultation with Pam White, we concluded thyroid, even though it didn't quite fit the symptoms. The vet did a bacterial scrape, T-4 panel, checked for worms. Appetite good, mixed with the noted weight gain that I just couldn't get off.

Yep THYROID! My Gauge had been getting worse and worse!

They started him on another dose of antibiotics, anti-itch and thyroid pills. I felt so bad! Almost 6 months in the heat of the summer. It took about 3-4 days of an inexpensive, tiny blue thyroid pill, to restore my happy, ball fetcher, horse chaser, rabbit hunter to his old smiling routine! And Charli - yes, she was sent back to her own bed! No more cuddling with him while sleeping!!! Charli? That's why she never got a spot!

Pick your vet wisely!

Trust your heart! Have a friend to just run things by! Remember! You are your dog's ONLY advocate! Beginning stages are always easier to address than the late stages of any disease!

Mr. Gauge you will forever be my Knight in Shepherd Armor! Charli Horse you are my Clown! My heart is happy tonight to have my friends with me!!! (And I can come back to class!)





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Thank you to Donna Heishman for taking the photo.



SHOW & GO
SATURDAY 🍀 MARCH 14th

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

604 Crestside Dr. ~ Duncanville, TX 75137

Climate Controlled ~ Fully Matted ~ Mirrors ~ Crate & Chair Space



Classes Offered: Beg Nov ★ Novice ★ Grad Nov ★ Open ★ Grad Open ★ Utility
Day of Show OR Pre-entry: \$7.00 first five minutes
1.00 each additional minute
(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)



Doors open at 7:30 A.M.

Utility & Grad Open Run-throughs begin around 8:00 AM

Day of Show Entries 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Other classes Run-throughs begin after Utility/Grad Open

Day of Show Entries 8:00 AM - Noon

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 Mar 14th Show & Go](#)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDERS 🐾 UPCOMING DATES

🐾 April 11th 🐾 May 9th 🐾



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 valimar1@msn.com



**ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR DOG TO EARN THE CGC, CGCA,
Or TRICK DOG TITLES?**

EVENT: CGC, CGCA & Trick Dog

WHEN: Wednesday, March 4th

TIME: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE: DT CDC

COST:

\$10 for Members per test/per dog

\$20 for Non-Members per test/per dog

Registration:

[DT CDC Eventbrite](#)

For questions, contact Robin Quintana at robinquintana@att.net

**Testing time confirmation for the CGC, CGCA and Novice Trick Dog will be sent via email
on March 3rd.**

DTCDC Bulletin Board

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 7 @ 7:30 p.m.



APRIL PAW PRINT

THEME: NON-WORKING GROUP

If your dog is a member of the non-working, this is your month to highlight your dog's accomplishments and talents. What things does your dog like to do that clearly shows you he/she is awesome.

DUE DATE: SAT., MARCH 21 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

MAY	SPORTING GROUP
JUNE	TERRIER GROUP
JULY	TOY GROUP
AUGUST	WORKING GROUP
SEPTEMBER	ALL-AMERICAN DOGS

MARCH DOG CALENDAR:

- Poison Prevention Awareness Month.
- March 2-9: Professional Pet Sitters Week.
- March 3: If Pets Had Thumbs Day.
- March 5-8: 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 15-21: National Poison Prevention Week.
- March 23: National Puppy Day.
- March 30: Take a Walk in The Park Day

DTCDC
STORAGE



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!



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.

There are two scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for the Terri Clary scholarship, please contact a DTCCD Board member or Training Committee member.

For the Greg Quintana Memorial Fund, please contact Robin Quintana as noted in below.

The Greg Quintana Memorial Fund



Greg started with his first dog McKenzie in puppy class in 2005. McKenzie and Greg went on to compete in obedience and rally. He and Jax once again started in puppy classes in 2009 and competed in obedience, rally and



conformation. Greg also shared his six dogs in therapy work. Dog training opened many doors for him to pursue many adventures. He would be proud to see the juniors carry on his love of dog training and showing.



The Greg Quintana Memorial Fund will offer scholarships to Juniors for training classes and entry fees for any venue in conformation or performance event. Juniors can apply up to three times a year. A request for an application can be sent to grquintana@sbcglobal.net.



Ken Hagmueller & Sandi Myers brag:

Sammy won Best of Variety, Hound Group 4 (under Breeder Judge Luis Sosa), Owner Handled Group 2 on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the Glen Rose, Texas, shows. Then on January 29, Sammy won 2nd Award of Merit out of 30 Field Champion Dogs at the Dachshund Club of America National Field Trial in Ladonia, Texas.

They also brag that Rami earned his first field championship points by going 3rd place out of 17 Open Dogs at the Mission City Dachshund Club of San Antonio field trials in Kirbyville, Texas, on February 6, 2020. And Sammy was NBQ (5th Place) out of 10 FC Dogs on the same day.

Miss Moon was the filler dog (Bye) in the Master Earthdog Test at the Dachshund Club of America National on February 2, 2020.



Paw Print Photo Album



Becky Hill receives a (belated) 2019 Board Appreciation Award. Becky is always willing to help in anyway and is a constant presence in the nose work group set up. A wonderful asset to the club!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

