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## MAY BIRTHDAYS!

John Wentz	5/1
Bill Robson	5/6
Pamela Arwood	5/10
Catilyn Chojnacki	5/14
Wynette Amason	5/15
Stella M. R. Moore	5/17
Gottfried Weber	5/20
Marilyn Hopkins	5/21
Deanna Kuhn	5/23
Lynda Holman	5/27
Brad Ralph	5/27
Eric Coffin	5/28
Chris Teel	5/29
Scott Quinn	5/31

**May General Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 3 p.m.**

**Refreshments provided by Rita Moreno and Gary Holman**

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### 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.



	<i>Mar. 2018</i>	<i>YTD 2018</i>
<b>Proceeds</b>	\$ 63.00	\$ 174.50
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$ (6.47)	\$ (130.96)
<b>Net</b>	\$ 56.53	\$ 43.54

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Rebecca Altshul, Nina Loftis, John Wentz and Kate Zimmer  
See their photos and details on page 33.



## A Word from Our President

May I be the first one to thank everyone for coming out last month to the general meeting. May I also say what a pleasure it is that we have such passionate members who come together and work to make this club the best it can be. I especially want to thank all the instructors and their wonderful assistants for getting Session 3 under way. As volunteers you all rock.

We will have a vote this month on new members and as always your vote counts. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Best Regards,

*David Elliott*

**DTCDC President**



### **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 – Donna Heishman

Member at Large – Jan Hitchborn

Member at Large – Felicia Ruhter

### **Corporate Directors:**

Lynda Holman

Mark Malone

Maurine Pearson



## Training Committee News

Work is underway on a new Puppy and Beginner manual. I have received a number of good suggestions to consider for our new manual. Many of the suggestions included new exercises we could teach or new ways to teach the current exercises. New ideas for teaching current exercises are certainly welcome and we can sometimes offer multiple ways to teach an exercise as our current manual does. So keep those ideas coming, please.



Thinking about all the new exercises we could introduce in classes make me realize why an updated manual has been talked about for many years but never accomplished. The task is monumental when you start considering the almost limitless possibilities. So please consider the following:

1. What exercises would you remove from our current Puppy or Beginner curriculum and why?
2. What exercises/concepts/methods would you like to see added to those classes and why?

Feel free to send any feedback and ideas you have to me, Sandi Myers, Sally Browning or Carol Ford. If you have skills as an artist, let us know. We might need you.

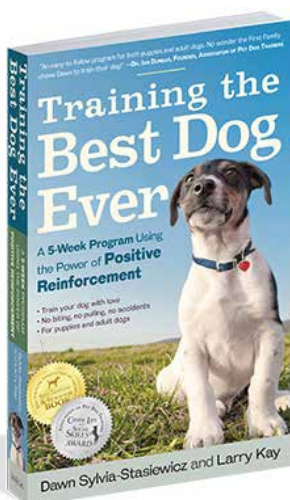
Michelle Hosey is conducting a test Trick Dog class this session. Assuming all goes well, we expect the class will open for registration starting Session 4. It will initially be a Thursday afternoon class.

Next Movie Night will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.. Topic of the DVD is Shaping Behavior! Come find out about this powerful training technique! It is a great way to train tricks! (See Carol's flyer on the DTCCD Bulletin Board.)

We are now filling instructor and assistant positions for Sessions 4 – 6. Don't wait for us to call you. Contact Sally Browning or Carol Ford to choose the session and class that is the best fit for you. We now have so many classes and students that we need over 150 volunteers a year to fill all the positions! Thank you to all of you who have already volunteered! You are appreciated!

*Jan Bajovich*

**DTCCD Training Director**



### From the DTCCD Library...

Training the Best Dog Ever by Dawn Sylvia-Stasiewicz and Larry Kay is one of the most informative and well-organized programs published recently.

If you follow the instructions and utilize the schedule and log charts, a happy well-mannered dog will be the result. Your dog will be prepared to enter the joys of earning a CGC and be ready to go into Rally and other fun sports. Other respected behaviorists and trainers such as Dr. Dunbar recommend this book.



## Instructor/Assistant Corner:

Since I was elected to the Training Director position, I have visited a number of our classes. What I discovered is that each instructor and each assistant have their own way of presenting the material and we can all learn something new from each other. I challenge you to drop in to watch other classes this session.

When you instruct or assist a class, come early or stay late and watch part of the class before or after yours. You may find a cool new way to teach loose leash walking or a better way to explain the use of markers or even a new way to demo luring the dog. When you do, don't forget to thank that instructor or assistant and tell them you appreciate them!

*Jan Bajovich*

**DTCD Training Director**

## Session 3 Instructors and Assistants

Class	Day	Time	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	Assistant
Beginner	Mon	7 - 8 p.m.	Kristal Hatcher	Jana McBroom	Felicia Ruhter	
Beginner	Mon	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Joe Warner	Nicole Desproges	John Cullen	
Conformation	Tu	6:15 - 7 p.m.	Jenny Dunaway			
Foundation Skills	Tu	7 - 8 p.m.	Carol Ford	Linda Shearin		
Puppy	Tu	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Bob Mullins	Jeff & Norma Ray	Debra Tanguay	Gail Lyssy
Novice Rally	Wed	6 - 7 p.m.	Carol Wright			
Advanced Rally	Wed	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Jan Bruner			
Master Rally	Wed	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Jose Rodriguez			
Beginner	Th	1 - 2 p.m.	Chris Hurley	Horst Bungarz		
Foundation Skills	Th	2 - 3 p.m.	Donna Conner			
Trick Test Class	Th	3 - 4 p.m.	Michele Hosey			
Novice	Th	7 - 8 p.m.	Peggy Phelps			
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	Jan Bajovich & Lynda Holman			
Master Nosework	Fr	7 - 8 p.m.	Benita Zapata	Jan Hitchborn		
Beg Nosework	Fr	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Jan Hitchborn			
Adv Nosework	Fr	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Shari Price			

## Sessions Schedule for 2018

SESSION 4 (Starts Sunday, June 10 and ends July 27)

SESSION 5 (Begins August 5 and ends September 17)

SESSION 6 (Begins September 30 – November 9)



# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – April 7, 2018

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	<p><b>April MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY David Elliott 3:04PM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognized instructors and assistants for Session 2</li> <li>Thanked Terri and Krystal for bringing the snacks</li> </ul>

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Benita Zepata for Laura Lipscomb

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunshine Account:</li> </ul>		
		Mar. 2018	YTD 2018
	Proceeds	\$63.00	\$174.50
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	Net	\$56.53	\$43.54

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the March 3rd minutes of the General Meeting. There was a quorum so asked to have the meeting minutes approved for January, February &amp; March</li> <li>Discussed the new roster</li> <li>Discussed the club's new database</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved meetings from January – March approved by general consensus.</li> </ul>

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<b>Financial Statement Summary</b>		
	Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2018:		
	Cash		
	Operating	\$5,374	
	Savings	\$61,352	
	PayPal	\$ -	
	Profit and Loss Statement		
	Total Proceeds	\$4,713	YTD \$12,011
	Total Expenditures	\$(3,257)	\$(6,680)
	Net Surplus	\$1,456	\$5,331
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass March financial statements</li> <li>Voted on approval of Jan - Mar financials</li> </ul>		
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicki Jackson made a motion to approve the financials, second was from Benita Zapata</li> </ul>		

**WALL COMMITTEE – Terri Schurr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed the wall plaques and requirements. Member supplies 5x7 picture. Must be a dog with a title. Club pays for frame and first plaque.</li></ul>
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**PAW PRINT EDITOR – Lana Shuman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paw Print family – did not draw as her container not available</li><li>• Rally subject for April Paw Print</li></ul>
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**Building Maintenance – David Yahraus & Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cleaning crew update - previous person was let go. We have a new person although with the same company</li></ul>
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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Rita Moreno**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• August – Special Olympics for our dogs Wear sporting event shirt</li><li>• Repurpose trophies</li><li>• Salads and summer foods</li><li>• Baking contest</li></ul>
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**REGISTRATION – Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New code for Evenbrite is DTCDC2018 – members do not pay Shari reminded the group. If you are asked for a credit card number you have made an error.</li><li>• Question was brought up about adding PayPal. It will be reviewed.</li></ul>
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**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Jan Bajovich**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Movie Night, Sunday April 8th</li><li>• Discussed training videos and new manual</li></ul>
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**PURCHASING COMMITTEE - Lynda Holman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New shirts are available</li><li>• New nametags, if you have ordered, look at bulletin board. Those needing nametags contact Lynda</li><li>• New equipment ordered and will be in before Session 3.</li></ul>
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**BUILDING ADDITIONS COMMITTEE - David Elliott**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board voted on \$29K for building expansion</li><li>• We will vote on this provided we have a quorum. Any questions or discussion needs to be directed to David or brought up at the April meeting. Timeframe of the work being done pending approval of addition by membership</li><li>• Construction in late November after sessions end. Should take 3 weeks to build as long as weather permits.</li><li>• Josh Helms construction company. Insured and bonded.</li></ul> <p>Jan Bajovich made motion for \$29k to be used for a building expansion, and Mona O’Gorman seconded the motion. One apposed, Tom Griggs Motion was approved</p>
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**SHOW N GO COMMITTEE – Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pricing – changing immediately to \$7 first 5 min and \$1 each min afterwards</li><li>• Next Show N Go Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup></li><li>• Questions – time length, slow judge etc</li><li>• Question - Rally Show N Go – not approved but in the works.</li></ul>
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**CITIZEN CANINE COMMITTEE – Terri Schurr for Robin Quintana**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next CGC is April 12th sign up through Eventbrite</li></ul>
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**COMMUNITY EVENTS – Shannon Quinn**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign up for Pet Expo 5/19 and Bark for Life 4/14 Any title (but STAR) by Tuesday or cannot join</li><li>• Still need volunteers for Pet Expo 5/19 &amp; 5/20</li></ul>
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**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New business cards in supply cabinet</li></ul>
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**THERAPY DOG COMMITTEE – Mark Malone**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report</li></ul>
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**LIBRARY – Carol Ford for Sally Browning**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New book – Training the Best Dog You Ever Had.</li></ul>
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**MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM - Terri Schurr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member to vote on the 4 new members  Rebecca Altshul Nina Loftis John Wentz Kate Zimmer</li></ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benita Zapata made a motion to accept the applicants, Kim Lullo seconded. All members were voted in.</li></ul>

**OLD BUSINESS - David Elliott**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: Tom Griggs – training/correction policy email from David Elliott</li><li>• Jan Bajovich explained the new correction policy</li></ul>
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**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new business</li></ul>
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The meeting was adjourned to break for refreshments and brags at 5:15pm.

Next month's snacks provided by Rita Moreno and Gary Holman

Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson.

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – April 7, 2018

## Minutes

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	David Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Vicki Jackson, Jan Bajovich, Maurine Pearson, Shari Price, Mark Malone, Felicia Ruhter, Carol Ford, Lynda Holman
<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – David Elliott</b>	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David called the meeting to order at 1PM</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY’S REPORT – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 3rd minutes.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the March 3rd meeting are approved by general consensus.</li> </ul>

### TREASURERS REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial information was discussed.</li> <li>Move savings to an online system to maximize interest rates.</li> <li>Update on tax returns</li> <li>Overview of Hartford insurance</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

### TRAINING COMMITTEE - Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccination Policy was discussed</li> <li>Movie Night will be a video by Susan Garrett</li> <li>Alternative teeth cleaning opportunity</li> </ul>
Conclusion	



**SHOW N GO - Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show N Go pricing \$1 approved previously</li> <li>• Other site options to reduce overhead – David wants to stay all on the same site</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

**Carol Ford**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Deceased dogs on roster discussed</li> <li>• Maureen brought up the plaque for deceased dogs. Need to remind everyone – mention in Paw Print</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Donna Heishman & David Elliott for David Yahraus**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet will be installed this month</li> <li>• Need committee for computer related tasks</li> <li>• Monitor for internet \$300 maintenance item</li> <li>• Thermostat</li> <li>• Cleaning crew issues – they need to step up or a new company will be hired</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table committee until May – to evaluate the duties and committee members</li> </ul>

**SUGGESTION BOX – Vicki Jackson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 suggestions</li> <li>• Show N Go price and runs</li> <li>• Trick classes</li> <li>• Proofing class</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

**OLD BUSINESS - Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At November 2017 meeting, review 2015, 2016 &amp; 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.”</li> <li>• Policy on desk top use if we get a desk top computer for internet</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

**New Business – David Elliott**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of Quorum at general meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM  
**Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson**

# DTCDC Suggestion Box



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

## **The suggestions about lowering the Show N Go pricing:**

The price has been lowered from \$7 for the first 5 minutes and \$1.50 for every minute afterwards to \$7 for the first 5 minutes and \$1 for each minute afterwards. This was put into place at the April show n go. We are looking for a different level in Eventbrite that does not carry such a high overhead. If we can find something then we will pass the savings on to the pricing.

## **The suggestion about the pre-entry 2<sup>nd</sup> runs going before the walk-in first runs:**

Since all exhibitors are charged the same, the pre-entry is to help those manage their time and not be at the club too soon. We are still allowing walk-in first runs for each class to happen before 2<sup>nd</sup> runs. We suggest you sign up for your first run through Eventbrite and then when you are at the club, sign up for a second run after you see how many walk-ins happen. Remember the time your dog spends in this Show N Go environment is part of the training to get them use to the sounds and noise that may occur at a show.



# Obedience Show N Go Update

I would like to say a special “thank you” to club members that have been volunteering at the DTCCDC Obedience Show N Go events. The format for the event has become very streamlined and flows very smoothly. This is largely because of the members that have contributed their time to help run an efficient, friendly, supportive, and constructive training environment for exhibitors, dogs, and volunteers.

Everyone is enjoying our new clock and learning the sequence of buttons on the remote to push to make it work just “right”. It is easy to see from inside and outside the ring so everyone knows just how much time they have or how long until they are in the ring. Having the run-throughs timed helps everyone to know with some certainty how to plan their time. We continue to listen to the participants and will continue to “tweak” the process.

Our match on April 14<sup>th</sup> is the largest the DTCCDC has had since I became the Show N Go Chair. Our volunteers helped “run-through” over sixty-five dogs at all levels of obedience, Novice through Utility. The average time each team spent in the ring was seven minutes. Exhibitors paid entries of approximately \$550.

At the March SNG we had an exhibitor that came from Abilene who sent an email afterward saying how much he enjoyed himself. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we met lovely Rachel with her Golden, Bullet, traveling around the country in her RV showing Bullet for his UDX and OTCH. Kay Scott met Rachel in Wichita, KS and when she heard Rachel was coming to Mesquite for the Blue Bonnet Obedience & Rally trials, Kay invited her to our Show N Go. Finally, I would like to share the email below, I received from Charlotte who showed her Great Pyrenes in Utility – yes, Utility on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

These obedience Show N Go events are a superb way of promoting the sport of obedience and our club. I am very proud of the members that contribute to their time to these events and feel you are the cream of crop when it comes to being representatives of the DTCCDC.

*Pamela Chrystal*

DTCCDC Show N Go Chair

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## Email from Charlotte:

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed Saturday! Scout my Pyr and I got a lot out of the experience. Please tell the newbie utility ring steward she did a great job for her first time.

Also, I didn't get my tongs put back in my bag. Just add them to your collection and let someone have them that might need them. I have extra so don't need them.

I hope to make your next show & go although the distance is daunting.

**Charlotte Bascom and Scout the Pyr**

# Rally

*(A description of Rally)*

By Sandi Myers

Rally is an event offered by multiple venues. For purposes of this article, the impressions are from American Kennel Club events. Rally is a fun way to compete with your dog(s) in an obedience style venue but where you can talk to your dog.

In lower levels you sometimes help them a little more than you can in obedience. The levels in AKC are Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Masters (as of November 1, 2017.)

The handler and dog perform a course of Rally signs planned or layed out by a Judge. The judge gives an initial command to proceed and the handler and dog team perform the signs as previously studied from the AKC rulebook and classes or training. The team moves at a brisk pace to cover each sign as it is to be performed (hopefully) and it is also a timed event (in case of a tiebreaker on scores).

There are 10-20 stations or signs on each course depending on the level. AKC has sign descriptions that explain exactly how each is to be performed. Each skill level builds upon the previous level until you reach the most advanced level of Masters.



There should be a sense of teamwork with the handler and dog. They should move continuously through the course. Perfect heel position is not required, but points will be lost for less than a perfect performance of each sign as stated in the rules. The teams must move from sign to sign without skipping any signs. In some levels a sign may be repeated once, not at the Master level however. There are no loud or harsh commands. You may use

**The levels in AKC Rally are Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Masters...**

(At left) Sandi Myers and Mr. Tali at the Dallas Fort Worth Dachshund Club Rally show Rally Advanced 1st Place with judge Charlene Dunn (2014)

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multiple commands, hand signals, one of both arms, clapping (at some levels), patting legs (at some levels, though not recommended to get in a habit of this), verbal encouragement, etc. AKC Rally is a companion sport to AKC Obedience. Both require practice and teamwork and each require skills taught in our classes.

You cannot physically correct your dog and touching them is only allowed for certain exercises. Teams are allowed to walk the course, without their dogs, prior to running with the dog. Course maps can be posted or some judges make copies enough for each exhibitor (maybe only at smaller shows these days). This gives the handler time to ask questions of the judge. Though they cannot tell you how to perform a sign, they can answer specific questions you may have about any number of other things. The judging schedule should allow a specific amount of time for the walk through for each level. A premium list will tell you the details of the event and how to enter. Watch for closing dates, entries are not accepted after the closing date and time.

If you want to find a local Rally event to watch, go to AKC.org and use their event search feature. More information can be found in the Rally Regulations at <http://www.akc.org/rules/> Scroll down to find the Rally Section with Rules & Signs.

The most important part about Rally is to go out and have fun with your dog. Don't stress. Most judges are very nice. Have a plan, train your dog, and you will have Rally Success.





# What About Rally?

By Carol Wright

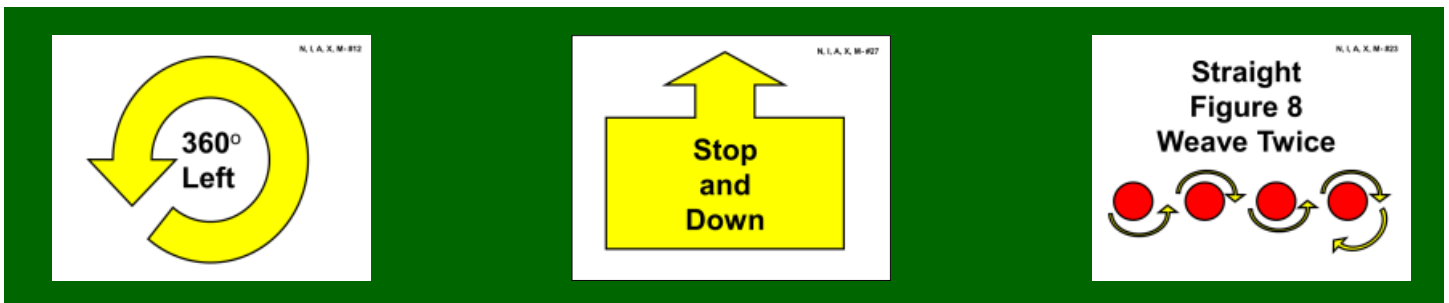
If you haven't tried rally, you should. Its lots of fun and the dogs seem to enjoy it too! But I should warn you: it can lead to other things. You may go places you never dreamed of.

I discovered rally in 2005 when it was a new event in AKC. My husband and I were training our Sheltie, Krystal, in an obedience class. When we began the class, we had no intention of showing our dog. We just wanted a dog who behaved well at home. The class introduced us to a new event called "Rally." We thought it was great fun and Krystal did well at it. The next thing we knew we were showing her at AKC events. She quickly earned her Novice, Advanced and Excellent titles.

I wanted to continue to train, so I looked around for another place to train her. I stumbled across a training facility called "Dog Training Club of Dallas County." I signed up to take a class called "Intermediate" since we had already had novice obedience training. Our teacher was Stella Moore who encouraged me to take another class and then join the club. I'm glad I did.

You can see how one thing led to another. It began so innocently with me wanting a well-behaved dog and wound up with going to shows and earning titles in Rally and Obedience. Our little Krystal passed away on December 30, 2014 and I am now training another Sheltie, Maddie, in Rally and Obedience and plan to try other events (such as Nosework) too.

In Rally you follow a path of numbered cones, or stations, with signs which direct you to perform certain maneuvers, such as "Circle Left 360 Degrees" or "Down you Dog." Here are some sample signs:



The signs begin in Novice with simple maneuvers and proceed with signs of increasing difficulty through Advanced, Excellent and Masters. Masters is a new level which has been added recently by AKC.

Give Rally a try! It's lots of fun and DTCDC has training classes for the different Rally levels. I am now teaching the Novice Rally Class, so you see how one thing lead to another!



# My experience with Rally...

By Jose Rodriguez

My dog Eichler and I attended our first Rally Novice class a little less than a year ago. This was my first competitive obedience endeavor. I wore Robin Quintana out that night with my loud talking, racing around the stations and chasing after her trying to get in front of her. She didn't know what to think of me. I had forgotten to tell her about my hearing problem and my hearing aides were not adjusting to the acoustics in the room. I could barely hear myself talk and could only hear her if I stood very close and stared at her lips. Once I told her about my hearing and she understood that I wasn't stalking her, she was very nice and encouraging.



Jose Rodriguez and Eichler prepare to start their Rally run at the Mesquite Bluebonnet Stampede.

Eichler and I earned our Rally Novice and Advance in October. We earned our Rally Excellent in January. At the Mesquite Bluebonnet Stampede trials, Eichler and I earned our Rally RAE and Master titles. Yeah! Eichler is the first of his breed with the Master title.

Even more impressive, we went to Home Depot after the trial. A large family with several little kids surrounded us. They all took turns petting Eichler.

"Does he do any tricks?" they asked in Spanish.

My chest swelled up.

"Let me show you what this dog can do," I proudly said.

Eichler did the best Call Front Finish Right ever. 360 Left. Right Spin. Sit Down Stand. We did several more until I noticed a crowd had gathered.

"Wow. How did you teach him all that?" they asked.

"I love my dog. I take very good care of him. And, I joined a dog training club," I told them.

They ran off. Hopefully, to get their dog from the back yard and start training him.

Thank you to all our club members. Thank you for taking such good care of our facility. Thank you for the great administrative work. Thank you for the training and leadership. And thank you to all those special classmates that make this so much fun.

# DTCDC 2017 Most Improved Rally Score and Highest Average Rally Score Awards



Winners of the 2017 Most Improved Rally Score and Highest Average Rally Score Awards were not able to be at our 2017 Annual Awards Banquet to receive their awards; and we recently had the opportunity to present the awards to them. Below is the information on their Rally accomplishments and the award presentation pictures. We were lucky to have Novice Rally instructor Carol Wright present the Most Improved Award and Club President David Elliott present the High Average Award.



## 2017 Most Improved Rally Score

Pamela Arwood & Barriy  
(GCHB CH SBIS Appalachia's Barriy Ghajariy Castlebay  
RN CGCA TKN)  
AKC Rally Novice Title (RN)  
Improved 20 points from 2nd leg of 72 to 3rd leg of 92

## 2017 Highest Average Rally Score

Laurie Liversidge & Goose  
(Third Home Is the Charm)  
AKC Rally Novice Title (RN)  
Scores: 98, 98 & 97 = Average of 98



**Congratulations to Pam & Barriy and Laurie & Goose!**



# Bark for Life Event

By Shannon Quinn

I wanted to start by thanking everyone who came out to help with the set up, break down and promoting our club with their amazing dogs! It was a very challenging day with the cold winds that blew and kept many away this year. We had the chance to talk with some people about our club and Sandi Meyers and Sammy did some tricks for the crowd and all our dogs stole everyone's hearts!



Participating this year were (left to right): Carol Richtsmeier and Jake; Lana Shuman and Fiona; Sandi Myers and Sammy; Kayla Emmons and Zoey; Felicia Ruhter and Sophie and Hank; and our leader Shannon Quinn. Lynda and Gary Holman helped set up the booth.



Carol and Jake  
Kayla and Zoey



Sandi and Sammy  
Lana and Fiona



# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)



**Titles earned on  
April 12**

*Congratulations to:*

- *Kim Lulto and Kitty*
- *Donna Conner & Cricket*
- *Marsha Dillon & Sullivan*
- *Jan Bruner & Ace*
- *Maron Baucom & R.J.*





# COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on  
April 12**

*Congratulations to:*

- *Marsha Dillon & Sullivan*
- *Nina Loftis & Diesel*
- *Terri Schurr & Gidget*
- *Laural Harris with Luther,  
Athena, Sheeva & Zyra*
- *Rebecca Altschal & Baren*
- *Kay Mashburn & Missy*



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# TRICK DOG TITLES



## Titles earned on April 12

Terri Schurr and I would like to congratulate the following handler and dog teams on their Trick Dog Accomplishments:

- Cindy Sullivan & Abbey - TKI
- Lynda Holman & Duncan - TKN
- Lynda Holman & Kate - TKN
- Kay Mashburn & Missy - TKN
- Samantha Lowrance & Rory - TKN
- Pam White & Banshee - TKN
- Pam White & Ice - TKB
- Donna Heishman & Sparky - TKN
- Donna Conner & Cricket - TKN
- Terri Schurr & Gidget - TKN
- Michele Hosey & Sawyer - TKI
- Sandi Myers & Mr. Tali - TKI
- Sandi Myers & Mr. Tali - TKA



Everyone enjoyed a successful day filled with fun & laughter.  
And isn't that what it's all about?

*Pam White*

TKN = Novice Trick Dog

TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog

TKA = Advanced Trick Dog



# DTCDC Bulletin Board



**THE MAY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 3 P.M.**  
**THE MAY BOARD MEETING IS AT 1 P.M.**

- MAY DOG CALENDAR:**
- National Pet Month (US)
  - Responsible Animal Guardian Month
  - Pet Cancer Awareness Month.
  - Chip Your Pet Month
  - National Service Dog Eye Examination Month.
  - May 1: Mayday for Mutts
  - May 1: National Purebred Dog Day
  - May 3: National Specially Abled Pets Day
  - May 5: Cinco De Mayo
  - May 8: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
  - May 14: National Animal Disaster Preparedness
  - May 21: Armed Forces Day. Honoring military dogs, too.
  - 1st full week: American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week.
  - May 7-13: National Pet Week. Always held the first full week of May by the American Veterinary Medical Association
  - May 8-13: Puppy Mill Action Week.
  - May 20-27: Dog Bite Prevention Week.



**JUNE PAW PRINT**  
**THEME: OBEDIENCE**  
**SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 (or earlier)**  
**UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:**

JULY	CONFORMATION
AUGUST	DOCK DIVING
SEPTEMBER	AGILITY
OCTOBER	THERAPY DOGS
NOVEMBER	THANKFULNESS
DECEMBER	HOLIDAY FUN



- SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:**
- May 12th
  - June 16th
  - July 14th
  - Aug 11th
  - Sept 8th
  - Oct - none
  - Nov 10th
  - Dec- none



# DTCDC DVD NIGHT

Enjoy watching a DVD

Munching on Popcorn and M&M's

Snuggled up with your Best Paw Buddy!

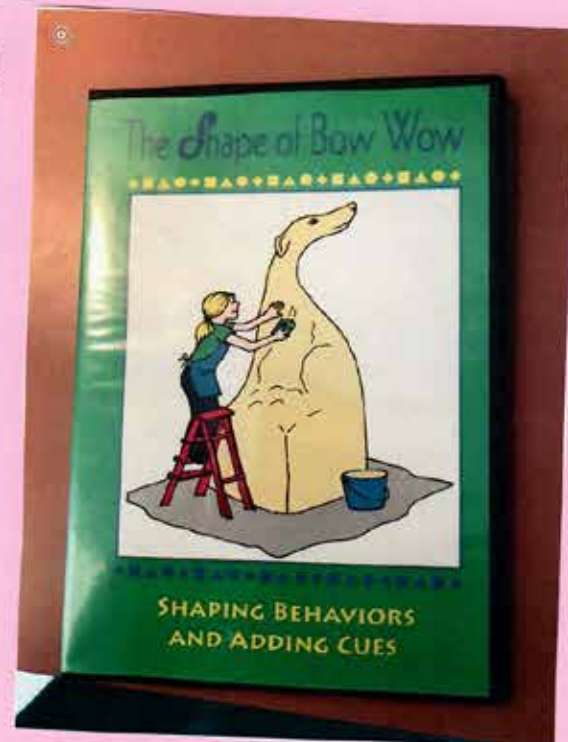
Pack lots and lots of treats

Bring clicker or voice marker

Afterwards we will adjourn to

Laugh and play while we

Shape a new behavior!



Thursday

June 7, 2018

7:00pm

Your Training Committee



**DTCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**

**Save the date for 2018 Dallas Pet Expo**

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 10 AM to 5 PM**

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 11 AM to 4 PM**

Dallas Market Hall  
**FREE** Admission



**Dallas**  
**PETEXPO™**



**PLAY ★ SHOP ★ LEARN ★ ADOPT**

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<sup>th</sup> for the Noon – 2 p.m., 2 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lawlover23@yahoo.com) or text me at 214-478-9848.

*Shannon Quinn*



**DTCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**



**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.

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



**DTCDC**  
**Bulletin Board**

## Teeth Cleaning Opportunity – Save \$\$\$

Ever wonder why you can have your teeth cleaned for \$50 but it takes \$500, bloodwork, and anesthesia to get your dog's teeth cleaned?

Debbie Higgins is a human dental hygienist who also cleans dogs' teeth the same way she cleans ours – without anesthesia. I have used her as have others at our club. She must have a bit of magic in her because the dogs literally lay there and allow her to clean their teeth. She has cleaned the teeth of a German Shepherd, Belgian Sheepdog, Whippets and a Miniature Schnauzer for club members.



On August 18<sup>th</sup> she will be at our club. I will have a sign-up sheet posted soon. Cost will be \$80 per dog. A \$20 non-refundable deposit to DTCDC is required at the time of sign-up. The remaining \$60 can be paid to Debbie on the day of the cleaning.

Of course, she cannot pull bad teeth or do any type of dental surgery, but if your dog just needs a simple cleaning, this is a great option especially for older dogs who have a greater risk with anesthesia.

How will you spend all that money you saved using Debbie? Bet your dog has a few ideas!

If you have questions, contact Jan Bajovich.

## Celebrate Compassion

Be Kind  
to Animals Week  
May 6 - 12



# *Pawsitive Thanks!*

*We have a lot of terrific members of the DTCCDC doing wonderful things for the club and each other.  
Here is your opportunity to thank them publicly.*

There is a big group of club members who need a big thank you. Those are the members who step up and take over a class when instructor has something come up and/or instructor has to go to a trial. These folks keep the ball rolling and help those who do volunteer to teach know their back is covered. These folks cover for instructors by working with instructor to cover material and report back. I have had to reach out often, but knowing these folks are out there to work with me makes it easier to volunteer to teach knowing there might be an issue. So a big thank you to all of you who have done this. Your stepping up is very needed and appreciated.

Jan Hitchborn

I would like to thank all the club members who have been so quick to respond to requests for photos, columns and brags. I especially want to thank those who have made the extra effort to get your items for the Paw Print to me early. It makes such a difference and really takes a lot of pressure off of me and makes it much easier for me to meet my deadlines each month.

Lana Shuman  
Editor, DTCCDC Paw Print



## **Thanks from Carol Ford:**

- I appreciate Charli Horse and Gauge
- I am thankful for this club allowing me to teach!
- I am thankful for the young pregnant woman with a GSD pulling across the room, in tears and I lay down that nite, & having friends to call that know more than me to help fix this scared dog!
- I am thankful for the person who got out of his chair, to go over and stand and encourage her and help her, while assistants were busy with other dogs!
- I am thankful for those who have walked before me, and made mistakes and learned what worked and what needed to be changed, so that I could pick up where they are now!
- And Mainly, I'm thankful for a place to cuss and discuss and then walk away and still call you "FRIEND" and more important ask your advise!

Today I appreciate this club!





**Terri Schurr brags:**

Gidgett passed her CGCA. Registered name is ShelbyField Lady Bluebell.

**Samantha Lowrance brags:**

Ohh I have a brag! Rory earned Trick Dog Novice on 4/12/18! It's her first AKC title (besides STAR puppy)!

**Kay Mashburn brags:**

I have a brag (for the first time!) for my Sheltie, Missy. She has received her CGC, CGCA, and Novice Trick Dog. (Also, her STAR puppy.)

**Sandi Myers & Ken Hagmueller brag:**

Mr. Tali earned his Trick Dog Intermediate & Trick Dog Advanced on 4-12-18 with Pam White. Thank you to Terri Schurr and Michele Hosey for helping make this test possible. Mr. Tali is now FC Mye Dachshire Blue Moon Talisman CD PCD BN RE JE CGC CGCA CGCU TKA.

**Marsha Dillon brags:**



Sullivan earned his CGC and CGCA t the DTDCDC CGC/CGCA testing! I'm so proud of this puppy! He was 1 year old on April 6. We couldn't have done this without the talented people at DTDCDC. Thank you for the help, encouragement, and love!

**Jan Hitchborn brags:**

Logan finished his UKC Elite Interior title on April 21st, at Canine Headquarters in Hutto, Texas hosted by the Canine Headquarters Nosework Club. The judge was Tracy Patton. Logan need one qualifying



run for the title and he made me wait for it by finding the first two hides out of three in record time in morning trial and then timing out for third (7 minutes). Afternoon trial he found all three in two minutes 21 seconds for second place. Believe me whatever the number of hides and today were three, there is absolutely no better feeling than saying first alert and hearing

“yes” from judge; followed by second alert call and hearing “yes” and then the third alert call and judge saying “yes”. Even the judge says that final yes with a different joyous voice inflection. Logan and I whooped and jumped and spinned all the way back to the car!! He has one run needed in Elite Vehicles to get to complete his full UKC Elite title.



# Paw Print Photo Album



Here are my two kids, Kiah & Nikko in the bluebonnets. — Angela Averhart



David and Barbara Elliott's beautiful Danes in the bluebonnets.



Jan Hitchborn's Skye (above) and Logan (right) enjoy the bluebonnets.



Raiden in her sit stay in the Bluebonnet flowers. — Benita Zepata







Some bluebonnet pictures for you: Dakota (Pyrenees mix) CGC (above); Maggie (border collie/ Australian Shepherd) CGC; (ABOVE RIGHT) Bailey (German Shepherd/lab mix)(LEFT) just getting started. The Lyssy clan!



Banshee vom Haus Lavon-NTD



Ices vom Haus Dreisprung

OAP AJP CGC NTD NJC OAC

Pam White shares these photos of her dogs enjoying the sun and the bluebonnets.





Sandi Myers and Ken Hagmueller share these photos of their Dachshundpackung.

Top left: Cyan

Top right: Miss Moon

Bottom left: Mr. Tali

Bottom right: Sammy

Shari Price's Ozzy poses in the bluebonnets.







Here is a photo of my girls in the bluebonnets. These are ShelbyField Cavaliers left to right: Gidgett, Paisley and Wendy. — Terri Schurr



Maureen Pearson's beautiful Lori posed in the bluebonnets for this stunning photo.



Pam Chrystal's dogs Maverick, Gizmo and Clover look awesome as they pose in the bluebonnets...



Teresa York shared this photo of her baby with the bluebonnets.





Michele Hosey's beautiful dog Sawyer shows how to do an awesome trick at the DTCDC Trick Dog testing on April 12.

# TRICK DOGS



Donna Heishman and Sparky pose with his Novice Trick Dog title ribbon on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## March Show N Go



Margaret Culbertson shared, "March Show N Go was the busiest we have been --- crating area was packed!!!!"



# April New Members



Left to right: Rebecca Altshul, John Wentz, Kate Zimmer and Nina Loftis

**Name:** Rebecca Altshul  
**City:** 1125 CR 904  
Joshua, Texas 76051  
**Home Phone:** 817-798-7579  
**Email:** reb22@hotmail.com  
**Dogs:** Julep & Baren  
German Shepherd Dogs

**Name:** Kate Zimmer  
**City:** 5417 Leeway Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75236  
**Phones:** Home - 972-298-5859  
Cell - 469-335-3503  
**Birthday:** September 28  
**Dogs:** Razzle, Brick, Andi and Tom-Tom  
Norwich Terriers

**Name:** John Wentz  
**City:** 402 Cardinal Creek Drive  
Duncanville, Texas  
**Phone(s):** Home - 972-709-087  
Cell - 214-793-5410  
**Email:** jlwentz@sbcglobal.net  
**Birthday:** May 1  
**Dogs:** Scout & Ellie  
All Americans

**Name:** Nina Loftis  
**City:** 207 Oak Creek Dr  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165  
**Phones:** Home - 972-937-1077  
Cell - 214-794-7186  
**Email:** nzaneloftis@gmail.com  
**Birthday:** October 3  
**Dogs:** Diesel  
Australian Cattle Dog





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See Darlene - Watching out for us!



See Peggy - She's got our back!

# RAVELLY

Jose Rodriguez and Eichler





Jose Rodriguez shares photos taken at the Mesquite Bluebonnet Stampede. He and Eichler were competing in Rally.





# RAVELLY

Pam Chrystal and Clover



Clover is the first Belgian Tervuren in the US to earn an ASCA Rally Trial Championship.