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SPRING FLOWERS & BEAUTIFUL DOGS

Vicki Jackson
took this picture
of her beautiful
Jackson out in
the bluebonnets
near her church.



See more photos of Spring &
Dogs on [page 23](#).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2	Marilyn Martin
5/6	Diana Dienell
5/10	Mim Aiken
5/15	Miriam Inglehart
5/17	Stella M. R. Moore
5/17	Carolyn Liles
5/21	Marilyn Hopkins
5/23	Deanna Kuhn
5/27	Lynda Holman
5/27	Brad Ralph
5/28	Eric Coffin
5/29	Chris Teel



MAY 13 @ 7 P.M.

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



THEME: SPRING & DOGS

A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. All members are encouraged to buy a ticket for \$1 or \$3 for 5. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.



Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club

members who need support and comfort.

Our Sunshine fund has been slightly funded by this drawing over the last few years. However, our members have still needed to know of our love during their trying times. If you want to donate please go to our website, <http://www.dallas-dogtraining.org/>, to the *Members Only* section, and select *Sunshine Donation*. You can donate with PayPal or a credit card.

Your donation is NOT tax deductible since we are a not-for-profit organization.

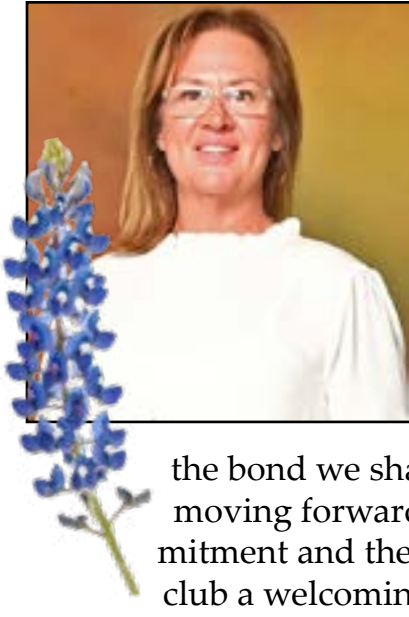
Sunshine Fund Report

	MARCH	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 71.65	\$ 157.65
Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net	\$ 71.65	\$ 157.65

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A Word from Our President



Dear Members,

I hope you all are well. As spring is a time of renewal, I'm reminded of our club's greatest strengths, the sense of community togetherness, mutual respect and love for our four-legged companions. Every class gathering and act of volunteerism strengthens

the bond we share and helps keep our club moving forward. Thank you all for your commitment and the pride you take in making our club a welcoming place.

Your President,

Ruth Miles



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2023 Officers & Directors

President - Ruth Miles
Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki
Training Director - Mary Ann Magness
Secretary - Samantha Colvard
Treasurer - Barbara Elliott
Member at Large - Shelley Carr
Member at Large - Kinnie Hardaway
Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski
Member at Large - Maysel McGown

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman
Mark Malone
Maurine Pearson

The objectives of the Club shall be:

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

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

Happy Mother's Day



to the
World's Best Dog Mom!

DTCDC Volunteer Committees

Name	Phone	Email
Vernon Miles	469-853-8293	mainstreamplb@yahoo.com
Building Maintenance – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAC maintenance, etc.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Bylaws – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
Terri Schur	214-641-8308	terrischurr@me.com
CGC – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
Tawny Schaffer	214-769-8523	tgs@schaffertx.com
Commissary – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
Nicole Litterio Ruth Miles	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	nlitter2@gmail.com milesdtcdc@gmail.com
Community Events & Distribution – Promote DTCDC's mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Database/Roster – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
Available		
Legislative Liaison – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Library – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
Shelley Carr	678-977-2294	slcarr63@hotmail.com
Membership & Volunteerism – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		

Lana Shuman	214-244-0960	pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
PawPrint – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapheishman@gmail.com
Printing & Promotional - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapheishman@gmail.com
Purchasing – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
Reagan Chojnacki	919-810-5428	reaganchojnacki@gmail.com
Registration/Registrar – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Show ‘N Go – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzaless66@gmail.com
Social – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Social Media – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Marye Boyce	732-354-9323	maryeboyce200@gmail.com
Sunshine – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapheishman@gmail.com
Technology – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
Felicia Ruhter	214-536-2667	ruhtclan@swbell.net
Telephone – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price		
Treasury Review – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

Jan Hitchborn Benita Zapata	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	2jsdoghaven@att.net bzapata21@yahoo.com
Wall – Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Includes engraved wall plates and ordered by club members and assembly with supplied photo.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Website – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
Mary Ann Magness	405-535-9005	mm_farms@hotmail.com
Training Committee – Nominated by members and can change every year.		

Train the Trainer Held 4/15

This month we looked at different ways to teach the stand exercise. Traditionally many trainers taught dogs to move forward into a stand and, if you never plan to go any further than Novice level obedience, this will work.

Recently, I have worked with several people who decided to try Open Obedience after they finished their dog’s CD. In these higher levels the dog must stand while staying in heel position and moving forward to a stand can be substantial point deductions or even non-qualifying. This means that the stand must be totally retrained - confusing for the dog and frustrating for the handler.

Pam White showed us several ways to use the “go to mat exercise” to help teach many advanced obedience exercises. Yes, the same “go to mat exercise” that we teach in our puppy and beginner classes, can be used to help teach obedience exercises required for Open and Utility competition.

Also included was another example of using “Shaping and Capturing” to teach off lead heeling with an automatic sit. I am trying to get one of our advanced obedience competitors to give a demonstration for May Train The Trainer on 05/20/2025.



A Note from Your Training Director



The old saying “April showers bring May flowers” can be a little different in Texas. We tend to have April and May showers that bring severe thunderstorms, floods, hail and even tornadoes. This is the time of year to prepare for the safety of you and your pets.

For most of us the severe weather may only bring inconvenience (canceled classes), damage to trees, or maybe hail damage to roofs and cars. But in the rare instance when you need to take shelter, or even evacuate your home, having quick access to a bag packed with food, water, leashes, medications and copies of

shot records can be lifesaving. If you are not lucky enough to have a storm shelter in your own home, check before you need them to see which of your community shelters are “pet friendly.” The last, and maybe most important preparation, is to prepare your pet for this situation. Teaching your dog to be okay with strangers, crowded conditions, and stressful situations could save his life. So, come to class, socialize, crate train and even get your dog’s Canine Good Citizen (CGC).



Happy Training and Be Safe,

Mary Ann Magness
Training Director

Mary Ann’s cell: 405-535-9005 (For immediate attention: leave voice message or send a text.)
Email: training@dallasdogtraining.org

You may also contact other Training Committee members

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Melissa Chojnacki	chojnackimelissa2@gmail.com	919-210-0393
David Elliott	rangerdpe@sbcglobal.net	214-563-6734
Pam White	bogenstadt@aol.com	214-789-3162
Marye Boyce	maryeboyce200@gmail.com	732-354-9323

2025 Session 3 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 3 which started April 28 and runs through June 9. Please make yourself familiar with the dates of the upcoming sessions to see where you can teach or assist. We will have a successful year because of you.

Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Wharton, Melissa Chojnacki, David Elliott, Pam White and Marye Boyce

2025 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M O N	Novice Rally	1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
	Rally Adv & Ex	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jan Bruner	Kim Murphy	Pam White
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Alexis Jankowski	Lilha Finger	Benita Zapata
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Jose Rodriguez	Stephen Weir, Miriam Inglehart, Benita Zapata	
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 28 - June 9 NO CLASS on Memorial Day, May 26	Lisa Wharton		
T U E S	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 p.m.	April 29 - June 3	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	April 1 and May 6	Ruth Miles		
	DTCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	April 9 and May 13	Ruth Miles		
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	May 20			
	Conformation Class**	6 - 7 p.m.	May 27	Hope McQueen		
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Michele Hosey	Kim Murphy	Susan Whitaker
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Pam White	Dottie Smith	Colleen Gurguis
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Michele Hosey		
	Control Unleashed Attention	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mary Ann Magness	Pam White	Alexis Jankowski
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Tawany Schaffer	Kristal Hatcher, Oscar Esparza	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Danika Taylor	Samantha Colvard, Reagan Chojnacki	
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	April 30 - June 4	Mark Malone		
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Chris Swain/Steven Boyce		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Shari Price	Maysel McGown	
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	May 1 - June 5	Amy Witmer	Barbara Elliott	
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Chris Swain, Steven Boyce		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	May 2 - June 6	Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway, Chris Swain, Steven Boyce		
S U N	Adv Open*	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	May 4 - June 8	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	May 4 - June 8	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
*PREREQUISITE		**NO CLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS				

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

- Session 1 January 6 to February 16
- Session 2 March 3 to April 13
- Session 3 April 28 to June 8 with June 9 makeup for Memorial Day
- Session 4 June 23 to August 1 with August 8 as makeup for July 4 holiday
- Session 5 August 18 to September 28 with September 29 makeup for Labor Day
- Session 6 October 6 to November 16

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – April 1, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Mary Ann Magness, Maysel, Shelley Carr, Kinnie, Barbara Elliott, Melissa Chojnacki, Alexis Jankowski Zoom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Malone
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:00 pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March Board Meeting General Meeting minutes were published in March's PawPrint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No corrections to the prior meeting minutes and approved by consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Total Income \$3,375.06 Total Expenses \$2,119.56 Total: \$1,255.93 Sunshine Club Income \$93.65 Expense \$0.00 Total: \$93.65
Conclusion	no objections or questions

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 2 began 3/3/25 and underway • Discussion, Conformation classes and advertising through FB • Train the Trainer on mat training, attention training – April 22nd @ 7:30 • New session begins 4/28/2025

SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

	April 12, 2025
Conclusion	

CGC/CGCU – Terri Schur

	CGCU Saturday April 26 th Cedar Hill at Hillside Village
Conclusion	

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member Shelley Young
Conclusion	Approved by consensus

Social Committee – Lisa Gonzales / Samantha Colvard

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 14th from 1-5p members, family and pup's welcome • Hawaiian theme – as seen in PawPrint • Menu, brisket and chicken Members to bring side dishes • Committee will use the TXU gift card towards game prizes
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

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

Purchasing – Lynda Holman Donna Heishman

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

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – Kinnie Hardaway A-G, Alexis Jankowski H-Mason, Shelley Carr Mc-R, Mayse McGown S-Z

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have anything from your groups? Asking if signup sheets for events or classes can be accessed digitally. Mayse will check with Donna, Requesting wall forms.
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have 2 events for April –• SPCA Strut Your Mutt event, April 12, at Fair Park, 7 to 11:30• Dog Derby, Opal Lawerance Park Mesquite, no cost, April 19, 10 to 1pm, no entry fee• Proposed Nosework Awards: Melissa and Mary Ann will present the proposed nosework awards at the next General meeting, Board approved annual nosework awards
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add additional award section to the back wall for RACH and Detective levels Nosework, how should we move forward? Ask for volunteers, ask wall committee if they would like to take ownership of it. Will discuss at the General meeting. Board approved
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

NOTE ON NOSEWORK SUPPLIES



This is a friendly reminder that the club's Nosework supplies are for scheduled Nosework class use only. Please do not use these supplies outside of designated class times.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our training resources organized and available for those enrolled in classes.

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting April 8, 2025

Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	See Sign in Sheet and Zoom Attendance
	CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online. • Make sure you have signed in • As always please keep reports and discussions concise • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. • Thank you to Vernon and Melissa for the snacks.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	March's General Meeting minutes were published in the April PawPrint,
Conclusion	Are there any corrections? none, approved by consensus

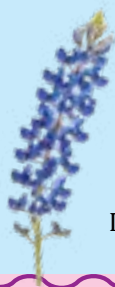
TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report presented
Conclusion	<p>Total Income \$3,375.06</p> <p>Total Expenses \$2,119.56</p> <p>Total: \$1,255.93</p> <p>Sunshine Club</p> <p>Income \$93.65</p> <p>Expense \$0.00</p> <p>Total: \$93.65</p>

Thanks from the editor:

I want to thank Ruth and Vernon Miles, Mary Ann Magness, Terri Schurr, Lisa Gonzales, Lisa Wharton, Barbara Elliott, Michele Hosey, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Jean Villa, Jose Rodriguez, Melissa and Reagan Chojnacki and all the club members who helped provide photos and information for this issue. It is your willingness to provide information, answer my endless questions and submit photos that makes this newsletter possible.

Lana Shuman



TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 3 starts 4/28• Train The Trainer – 4/22 7:30• New class – Control Unleashed – Wednesdays 4:45 – 5:45

SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April's Birthdays - read out loud• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raffle Winners: Melissa Chojnacki & Maysel

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May's PawPrint deadline: May• Theme: Spring Flowers• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. Due date April 26• Traders Corner section is open• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.

CGC - Terri Schur

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CGC, and Trick Dog at the Club Wednesday April 23 at 6:00 pm - requesting volunteers• CGCU at Hillside Village in Cedar Hill on Saturday April 26 at 10:00 am – meet at upper tier in front of OshKosh/Kirklands
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering.• New promotion code for Eventbrite: traindogsforever

Purchasing – Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

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

Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 12, 2025

MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 New Members• Glenda (membership lapsed) and Shelley Young
Conclusion	Board approved, seconded by Melissa Chojnacki

Wall Committee – Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spots on wall for Rally RACH and Nosework Detective titles
Conclusion	

Old Business

Discussion	<p>SPCA Strut Your Mutt Saturday April 12 at Fair Park, 3809 Grand Ave, Dallas (by gate 5) 7:00 to 8:00 am set up 8:00 to 11:30 event Hand out will be coupon card Volunteers: Ruth and Vernon Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Debbie Kavrssi, Lilah Finger, Jorge Ayala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any DTCDC dog attending must have an AKC or UKC title, friendly and able to be around people and dogs. <p>Doggie Derby Days Mesquite Saturday April 19, Opal Lawrence Park, 701 E Kearney St, Mesquite 9 am set up Event, 10 am to 1:00 pm Hand out will be coupon card Volunteers: Ruth and Vernon Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Mary Ann Magness, Jorge Ayala</p>
Conclusion	

New Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are adding a Nosework/Scentwork award for our Annual Award Banquet• Melissa presented to membership• Multiple members had extensive questions and thoughts about the award
Conclusion	Melissa will work in suggestions from members

Snacks for May: Mary Ann Magness & Sherry

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 8:25 pm

Information We Need to Know



1. **Lock Codes:**
Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com) if you need the codes. We have **replaced the combination lock** on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the **code has NOT** changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.
2. **Incident Reports:**
Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.
3. **Upcoming Board Meetings:**
May Board Meeting will be held May 6 at 7 p.m.
June Board Meeting will be held June 3 at 7 p.m.
Upcoming General Meetings:
May General Meeting will be held on May 13 at 7 p.m.
June General Meeting will be held on June 10 at 7 p.m.
Register for the May General Meeting's Zoom access at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAofu-rqT8rGtzhXLvtBh5obm9Z3qO7DDuj>
4. Fill out **Class Registration Sheet** for your dog(s):
Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.
5. The Club has a **Zoom account for meetings**.
If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com)
6. The next **Show 'N Go** is scheduled for May 10.
Registration is open at this [link](#).
Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret and shared in this newsletter on [page 43](#). Future Show 'N Gos are scheduled for:
🐾 Upcoming Dates: 6/21
Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273.
or email at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com with questions.
7. The club's **Wi-Fi and password** information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.
 - New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically.
 - Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name & password.
 Contact: [Donna Heishman](#), Technology Chair
8. **FOR MEMBERS ONLY!** The **new** code for **CLASS** registration **only** is:
traindogsforever
Classes are found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939>
9. Submit items for **PawPrint** to Editor Lana Shuman at:
pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.
10. Please contact Vernon Miles, **maintenance** chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: rv_miles@yahoo.com or cell at: 469-853-8293

Information We Need to Know

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| 11. | <p>Missed Class Policy</p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p> |
| 12. | <p>First Responder Discount Policy</p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT and Paramedics.</p> |
| 13. | <p>Sunshine Fund</p> <p>May birthdays will be recognized at the Mau meeting.</p> <p>If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact Marye Boyce at maryeboyce200@gmail.com.</p>  |
| 14. |  <p>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</p> <p>Topic: TBD
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Details will be distributed soon by the training committee.
Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.</p> |
| 15. | <p>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p>  |
| 16. | <p>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.
Donna Heishman
Technology Committee</p> |
| 17. | <p>Please DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><i>Margaret Culbertson</i></p> |

Information We Need to Know

18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

Ruth Miles

19.

Leash Reminder

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

Training Committee

20.

Gate Configuration

Pam White came up with the ring gate configuration which helps prevent dogs entering the back door from jumping on or having access to dogs in the seating area. The ring gates are also about four feet further on the floor. Allowing more room in gallery area. See photos below:



Let's utilize this setup to help make our classes safer for everyone.

Happy Training,
Training Committee

21.

Rabies Certificates

All members must carry the hard copy or photo on your phone of each rabies certificates for dogs that are training at the club facilities.

22.

Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease

If you have symptoms please stay home (away from club classes) while you are symptomatic. Wash your hands and avoid contact with your face, cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and then dispose of it. Also, remember canine respiratory disease is also going around so if your dog is unwell please do not bring them to the building. Please be considerate of others.

Ring Manners

for Rally and Obedience Competition

by Pat Ingram



Jose Rodriguez and Eichler prepare for the Rally ring. Professionalism and love make for a great team.

A KC judges are expected to judge x number of dogs per hour. The number varies depending on the class and whether it is obedience or rally. This is how the superintendent comes up with your class time.

Judges try to keep a reasonable schedule and still be gracious enough to answer questions, etc.

This past weekend, I witnessed numerous rally exhibitors who must not be aware of this. I'm not sure if ring preparations is taught in class, so I hope these suggestions help to put your best foot forward.

When you check in ringside and get your armband number, check to see if you are in the beginning, middle or end of the class. This will give you an idea when you need to take your dog out to potty.

If you are in the middle or last part you will want to check back a couple times to see if dogs before you are absent or moved to a different spot.

Once you know how many dogs are before you, it is a good idea to identify the

two dogs before you by breed or owner. Look around and see if you can find the exhibitors with those numbered arm bands.

When the dog two places in front of you is in the ring, it is a good time to take your dog out of his crate. Give him a moment to look around, stretch, then maybe do a few warm up exercises, like fronts, finish or rally moves you can do in the small space in front of your crate.

When the dog directly in front of you enters the ring, is a good time to move closer to the entrance aisle, maybe practice a little heeling. DO NOT go to the ring entrance or close enough to interfere with the dog in the ring, but close enough that the stewards are aware you are present.



You never know when a dog might be excused, decide to exit the right, or in case of obedience, do a “Do Over” and is now finished. So keep an eye on the ring while you are getting your dog in working mode.

When the other dog has exited the ring, move within a few feet of the ring and get your dog focused on you.

When your number is called, smartly heel into the ring and set up!

This sets a much better tone than the late exhibitor, who rushes into the ring, dragging the startled, confused dog, and faces the slightly annoyed judge! They are sabotaging the performance before it even starts!

You and your dog are a team. If you expect him to perform correctly you must do your part.



Jose and Ruffino are also a consummate Rally team.

A special thank you to Jose for sharing these awesome photos.



From your Social Committee:



JOIN THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS
COUNTY FOR A

HAWAIIAN SUMMER CELEBRATION!

EXPERIENCE A FUN-FILLED DAY
WITH LUNCH PROVIDED AND
GAMES FOR YOU AND YOUR DOGS.
MAKE SURE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 14TH
1-5PM**

**AT THE CLUBHOUSE
604 CRESTSIDE DR.
DUNCANVILLE TX**

**ASKING THE ATTENDEES TO
BRING SIDES AND DESSERT. WE
WILL DO THE REST!**

Crossing the Rainbow Bridge

Nobody tells you how quietly dogs grow old—
how one day you'll wake to find silver on their muzzle,
a mistiness in their eyes,
and a heaviness in their steps where once there was none.

They tell you not to blink when raising children,
or you'll miss it.
But no one warns you about the dog—
the one who loved you before you knew how to love yourself,
who stayed through every heartbreak,
who followed you from place to place,
asking for nothing but your presence.

Cherish that dog.
The one who curled against you on lonely nights,
who waited at the door even when you came home broken.
The one who never needed words to understand you.

Hold him a little closer.
Say his name a little softer.
Because one day, without warning,
you'll take him for a walk and he'll lag behind,
and you'll realise time has stolen more than you thought.

And then—
with a heart that breaks more than you ever thought possible—
you'll say goodbye.
He'll cross the Rainbow Bridge,
leaving you standing there with empty hands
and a heart so full of love it aches.

And no matter how many years pass,
you'll find yourself still reaching for him
in the quiet moments.
Still missing the sound of his paws.
Still loving him with every beat of your heart.



Gizmo Inventive Spirit

AKC CD PCD BN GN RE CGCA CGCU
ASCA CD GN BN RNX RAX RAC REX REC
October 15, 2010 — February 3, 2025



Gizmo came to Pam and John Chrystal as a stray and found a forever home. Her birthday is an estimate, but her family loved this good girl.

In her first weekend of competition, Gizmo completed her Beginner Novice title while winning the class all weekend. She was the High Scoring Hound (see plaque pictured in the bluebonnet photo below).

The picture below of her in the bluebonnets is from her first weekend showing in Novice at the Mesquite shows before they were discontinued.





Good Reminder...

by Jose Rodriguez

Obedience around distractions isn't just a ring trick. We had 20 plus friends and tables full of food on driveway movie night and 15 more friends making Easter Baskets for kids in Women's Shelters the next day. Ruffino and Eichler navigated through hot dogs, burgers, popcorn, stuffed bunnies, coloring books and crayons like champs. 'How did you train your dogs?', friends asked. 'With the help of DT CDC', I told them.

(First two photos at left.)

(See photos below.)

We train and show our dogs because it's fun. Fun for them and fun for us. Exploring and socializing is a big part of the adventure. That's why dog friendly venues are so important. Wine tasting with a Charcuterie board in Bonham and a Frito Pie and Hot Dog in Salado made the Obedience and Fast CAT trials perfect weekend get-aways.

Titles are nice but good stays, food manners and stand for examinations with distractions in our real world, day to day, is what makes for successful dog training.



Spring & Dogs



Belinda Tantalo's Max

This photo was taken last year after a first place Open B finish at a barn-hunting trial in McKinney. It sure was a pretty day.



Donna Ralph's Angel
Angel is 12 years old. We adopted her from Brittany Rescue in Texas 2 years ago. She is my traveling copilot where ever I go.

Spring & Dogs



Georgann Hughes' Jazz and Swish: Jazz with daffodils and Swish with a rose.



Holly Taylor's Bilbo: Here are some bluebonnet pictures of her new puppy Bilbo. Photos were taken by club member Jeff Young.

Spring & Dogs

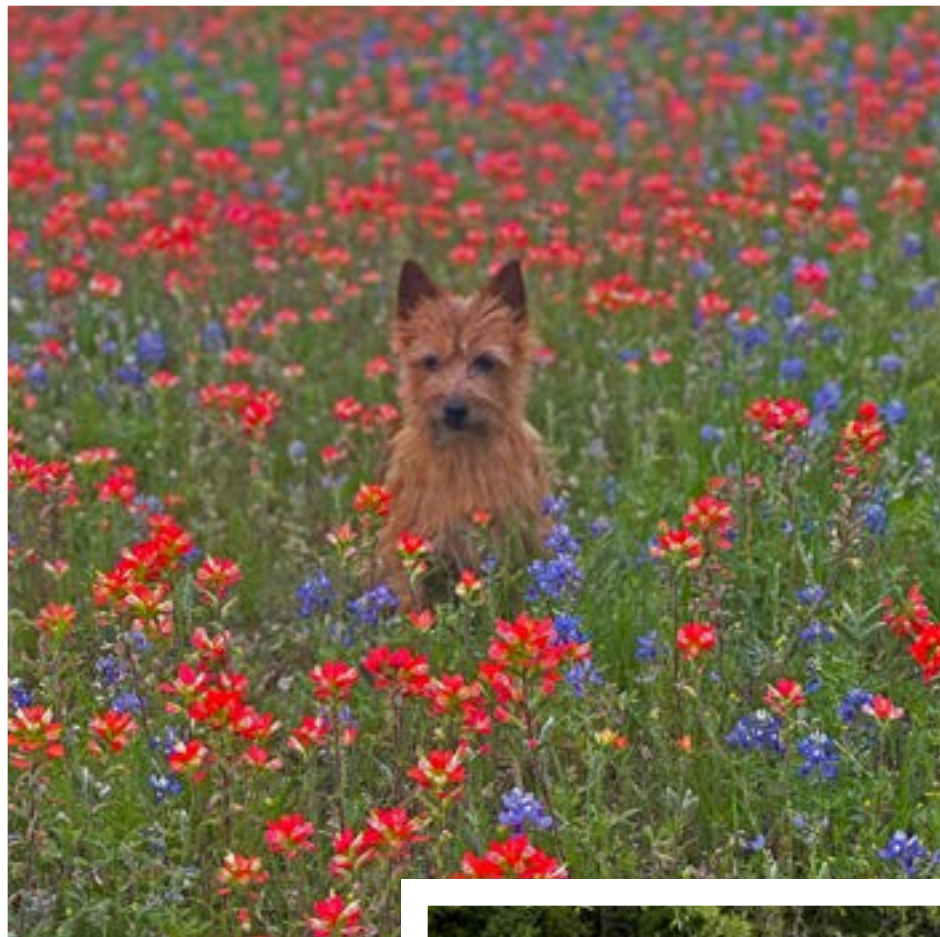


(Above) Jan Hitchborn's Logan and Skye pose in a bluebonnet patch in Midlothian.



Jane Palmer shares this photo of 8-week-old little Hadley. Hadley found her first flower, liked it and then ate it. Hadley soon after went to her forever home.

Spring & Dogs



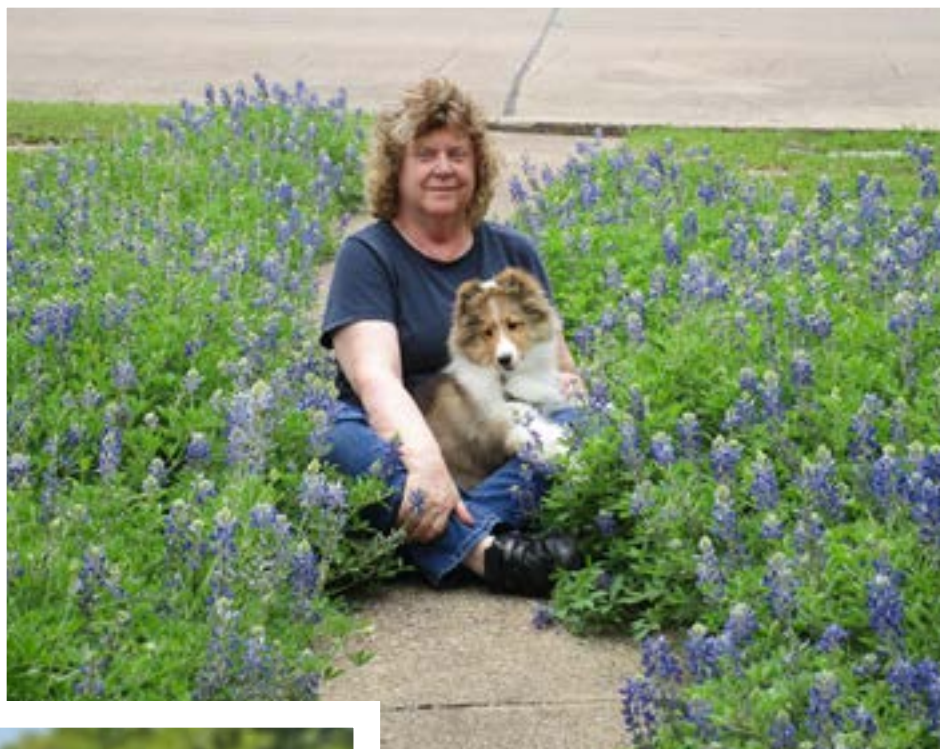
Joan Jung shares this photo of one of her Norwich Terriers in a field of Indian paintbrush and bluebonnets.



Jorge Ayala shares this photo of Cooper enjoying some bluebonnets.

Spring & Dogs

Judy McClellan
Sherman shares this
photo with Wish in
their front yard!

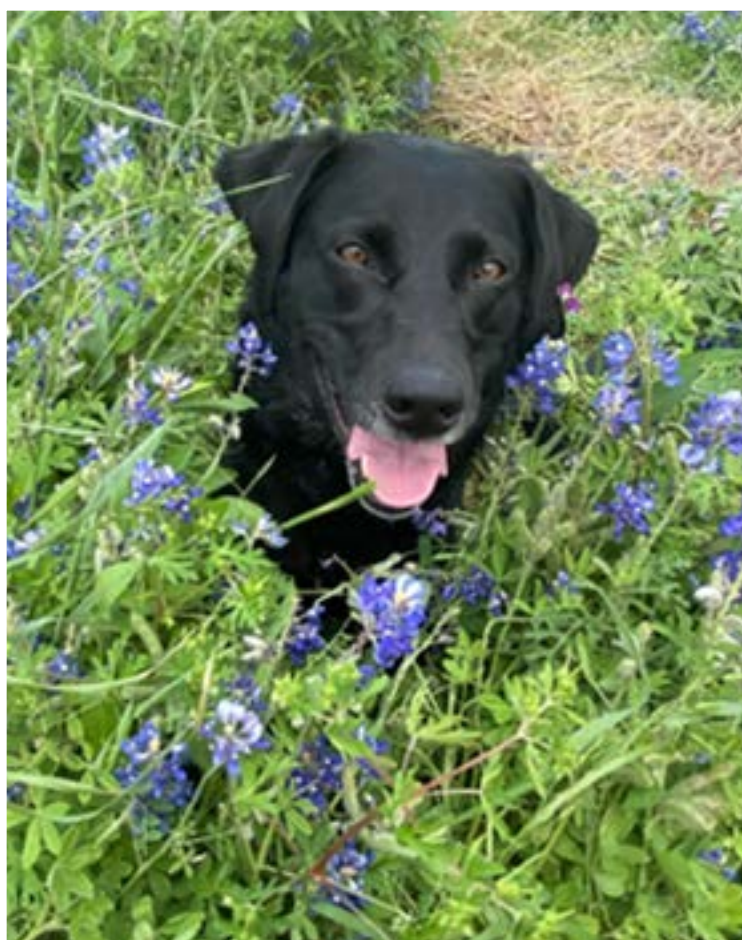


Kinny Hardaway's Piper
enjoys posing in a beautiful
field of bluebonnets.

Spring & Dogs



Mona O’Gorman shares this photo of Percy (Highland Forever Fours Faithfully) enjoying bluebonnets before he went to class at Joan Jung’s.



Shannon Quinn shares this photo of Riley, chin deep in bluebonnets.

Spring & Dogs



(above) Shelley Young shares these photos of Dax, the feisty miniature schnauzer. He only weighs 8 pounds. He may be small, but he is mighty. He thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for Easter this year.

Terri Schurr shares this photo of Saffron in the bluebonnets. She had a lot of fun just romping in the flowers.

Spring & Dogs



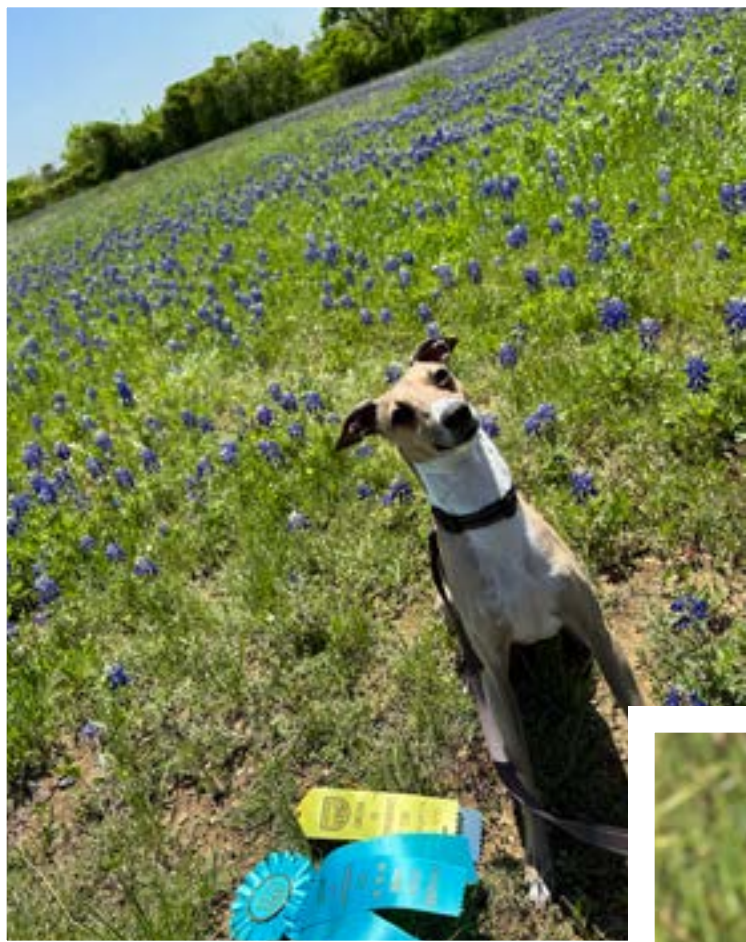
(Above) Sheryll Barker shares this photo of Theodore and Emma taken in their backyard.



Vicki Jackson shares this photo of Grace in the same field where Jackson (see front cover) had her photo taken.

Spring & Dogs

Alexis Jankowski shares two photos of Odie in bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush.



Session 2 Beginner Class, Monday Evening





Session 2, Monday evening instructor Carol Ford reports she had an outstanding class and her assistants were extraordinary. Vicki Jackson and Robin Vogel stepped in at the last minute for the last class session and finished out the class. Carol had a family emergency, so she asked Vicki to teach the last class and conduct the graduation ceremony for her. Robin Vogel took all the pictures shown on the previous page and the ones above and to the left of the students and dogs. Kudos to Vicki and Robin for rising to the call and finishing the class.

Session 2 Puppy Class, Wednesday evening



Community Events Report

SPCA Strut Your Mutt - April 12



DTCDC was well represented at this year's SPCA Strut Your Mutt event!

Our volunteers visited with many participants, handed out puppy cups and coupons, and shared information about our club.

There were well over 300 people and their dogs in attendance, making it a fun and energetic day filled with community spirit and love for our four-legged friends.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support and represent DTC-DC!

Representatives were: Melissa Chojnacki, Jorge Ayala and Ruth and Vernon Miles.



Derby Dog Day in Mesquite - April 19



Although the Doggy Derby Day event in Mesquite was small — possibly due to the holiday weekend — we were grateful for the opportunity to participate at no cost to our club.

Our volunteers handed out pup cups and coupons and spent time visiting with the participants who attended.

Every opportunity to connect with dog lovers in the community helps strengthen our club's presence and mission.

Thank you to everyone who came out and represented DTDCDC!

Representatives were: Melissa and Bob

Chojnacki, Jorge Ayala, new member Shelley Young, Lisa Wharton and Parker Key.





AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/texas-dangerous-dog-bill-pet-store-bill-update/>

On Monday, April 28, the Texas House Public Health Committee considered House Bill 2806, which would dramatically broaden the definition of a "dangerous dog" and make it a misdemeanor offense if a dog causes "bodily injury." Under the Texas Penal Code, "bodily injury" is defined as physical pain, illness, or any impairment of physical condition.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is deeply concerned that the proposed changes in HB 2806 are overly broad and could have far-reaching consequences for responsible dog owners across Texas. As written, this bill could result in misdemeanor charges for owners whose dogs are not truly dangerous, such as when a playful puppy nips or a dog causes accidental, minor discomfort. This approach fails to distinguish between genuinely dangerous behavior and normal, non-aggressive canine actions, and could unfairly penalize responsible pet owners.

HB 2806 remains pending in the House Public Health Committee, and a vote could be taken at any time in the coming weeks. We urge all concerned dog owners and advocates for responsible pet ownership to contact members of the House Public Health Committee and respectfully express your opposition to this overly broad and potentially harmful legislation. Please find committee contact information below:

Chair Gary Vandeaver	Gary.Vandeaver@house.texas.gov
Vice Chair Liz Campos	Liz.Campos@house.texas.gov
Rep. John H. Bucy, III.	John.Bucy@house.texas.gov
Rep. Nicole Collier	Nicole.Collier@house.texas.gov
Rep. Charles Cunningham	Charles.Cunningham@house.texas.gov
Rep. James B. Frank	James.Frank@house.texas.gov
Rep. Ann Johnson	Ann.Johnson@house.texas.gov
Rep. Jolanda Jones	Jolanda.jones@house.texas.gov

Rep. Mike Olcott	Mike.Olcott@house.texas.gov
Rep. Katrina Pierson	Katrina.Pierson@house.texas.gov
Rep. Mike Schofield	Mike.Schofield@house.texas.gov
Rep. Joanne W. Shofner	Joanne.Shofner@house.texas.gov
Rep. Lauren A. Simmons	Lauren.Simmons@house.texas.gov

Retail Pet Sales Ban

Last week, House Bill 3458, which would impose a statewide ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats, was voted out of the Texas House Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development Committee by a vote of 10-1. The bill now advances to the Texas House Calendars Committee, where it awaits scheduling for a vote by the full Texas House of Representatives.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly opposes HB 3458. A statewide ban on the retail sale of pets, while claiming to improve animal welfare, would in fact drive the market underground and increase the trafficking of unhealthy pets to unsuspecting consumers. Such a measure does not address the root causes of irresponsible breeding or animal mistreatment, but instead removes regulated, transparent avenues for Texans to obtain pets. The AKC urges all concerned Texas residents to contact their state representatives and respectfully express opposition to this misguided legislation.

For more information on HB 3458 please see AKC's original alert [HERE](#). You can find your state representative [HERE](#).

For more information or for more updates on Texas legislation, please contact AKC Government Relations at dogl@akc.org.

TRADER'S CORNER

Do you have an unused item you would like to sell, trade or give away? Or are you looking for a specific, hard to find item. Here is your opportunity to share those with your club. Here are the guidelines approved by the DT CDC board for submissions to the Trader's Corner:

- Dog related items only
- Members only allowed to post
- Members must facilitate discussion or agreements on items in private (It is not club business)
- PawPrint is not responsible for trading disputes
- No postings for live animals
- Posting will run in one (1) edition of the PawPrint, then it will need to be resubmitted for additional postings
- No perishable items
- Items can be for trade, sell or free or can be something you are looking for
- Include your name, phone number and email address
- Be concise in your listing and include a photo
- Send to: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

We hope this will serve as a help to you. Questions? pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)



Titles earned on
Session 2 - 2025

Congratulations to:

- *Chris Roberts & Nala*
- *Alexis Jankowski & Zion*
- *Maysel McGown & Zara*
- *Michael Miller & Lenny*



COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on
Session 2 - 2025**

Congratulations to:

- **Sissy Wallace & Suener**



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COMMUNITY
CANINE™**



URBAN CGC (CGCU)



**Titles earned on
Session 2 - 2025**

Congratulations to:

- *Brendon and Alexis Jankowski & Alex*
- *Sissy Wallace & Suener*
- *Michelle Moorman & Lily*
- *Maysel McGown & Zara*
- *Jan Bruner & Dazzle*



Left to right Kinnie Hardaway Assisting, Brendon, Alexis Jankowski & Alex, Sissy Wallace & Suener, Michelle Moorman & Lily, David Elliott Testing Maysel McGown & Zara Jan Bruner & Dazzle. Eric Coffin assisting not pictured.

Trick Dog Titles



**Titles earned on
Session 2 - 2025**
Congratulations to:

- *Alexis Jankowski & Axel, Gracie,
and Zion - TKN*
- *Maysel McGown & Zara*

Not Pictured

- *Chris Roberts & Nala*
- *Michael Miller & Lenny*



TKN = Novice Trick Dog TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog TKA = Advanced Trick Dog TKP = Trick Dog Performer
TKE = Trick Dog Elite Performer

Dog Training Club
of Dallas County, Inc.

Celebrating

50 Years

Dog Training Excellence
1974-2024

604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show 'N Go

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 6 hours of ring time



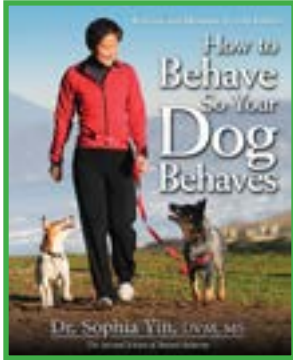
Classes Offered:	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
Details:	<p>\$9.00 first five minutes</p> <p>\$1.00 each additional minute</p> <p>(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)</p> <p>Start time depends on number of entries</p> <p>Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise</p>
Pre-Entry Details:	<p>"Events" on DTCCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org</p> <p>Link: DTCCDC Show & Go</p> <p>Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, April 25</p> <p>Entries close @ Noon Thursday, May 8 (or when limit is reached)</p> <p>Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, May 7</p> <p>Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, May 9</p>
Upcoming Dates:	6/21
Questions:	<p>Margaret Culbertson</p> <p>(214) 926-4273</p> <p>Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</p>

*No bitches in season allowed at the
DTCCDC building*



DTCDC LIBRARY

Recommended Resources:



How to Behave so Your Dog Behaves

Dr Sophia Yin, DMV

How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves takes a scientifically sound yet practical approach to explaining dog behavior and training theory, and then shows you how to apply these concepts so you can train your dog to be well behaved.

Written by one of the leading veterinary behaviorists in the country, this revised and expanded edition of the original bestseller features brand new chapters that provide the most up-to-date science of dog behavior and explains key concepts in clear, straightforward language.

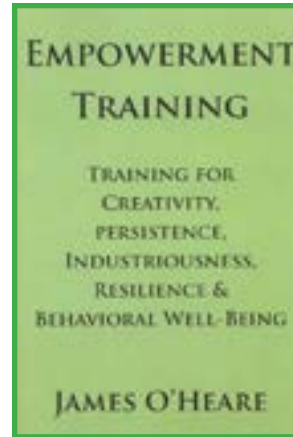


Clicker Magic: The Art of Clicker Training

Karen Pryor

(DVD) On Clicker Magic you'll see twenty brief training sessions with big results. The learners include all sorts of dogs, plus a mule, a cat and even a fish. The trainers range from total beginners to Pryor herself. Karen's run-

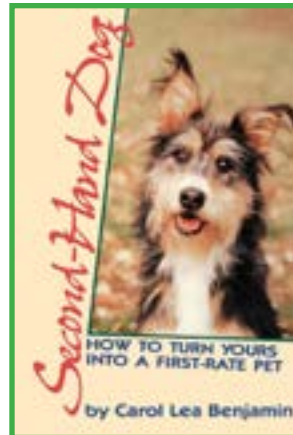
ning commentary explains the subtle skills of pace and timing that produce success.



Empowerment Training

James O'Heare

Empowerment Training is a guide for professional animal trainers to promoting behavioral well being in companion animals by conditioning for empowerment. It brings together a vast body of research on topics related to empowerment and general behavioral well being, summarizing the research findings and providing practical rehabilitation strategies and tactics.



Sound-Hound Dog

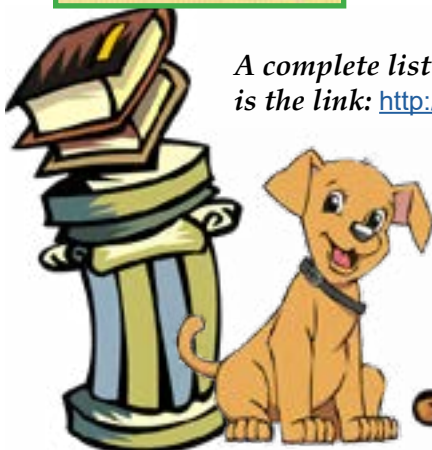
Carol Lea Benjamin

Carol Lea Benjamin has written a witty, sound and thoroughly appropriate book on the extraordinary advantages that each of us who has second-hand pets knows first-hand. If you're thinking about sharing your life with a pet or with another pet, read this book first!" — John F. Kullberg, President, ASPCA

A complete list of the library's current holdings is listed on the DTCDC website. Here is the link: <http://www.dallasdogtraining.org/members/dtcddc-library/>

Do you have a book or DVD you would like to see in our library? Or other suggestions for the library committee?

Contact: Lisa Gonzales, Robin Vogel or Lana Shuman



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here's a cute trick from AKC.org. It's how teach your dog to rest his chin in your hand.

Happy training!

Michele Hosey



REST HIS CHIN IN YOUR HAND

Step One

Hold your palm flat and facing upwards in front of your dog. Hold a treat in your other hand above and just behind your palm. Let your dog come to you to get the treat. They should be placing their chin over your palm, but they don't have to touch it yet. Mark and reward your dog as soon as their chin is over your palm.



Shiba Inu sitting watching a heart-shaped treat held in a person's fingers.

Step Two

Once your dog is comfortably coming for the treats, you can lure them to the palm of your hand. Position your hands as before, but now, as your dog brings their nose towards the treat, lower the treat until their chin is in your hand. Then, mark and let them eat the treat as their chin rests on your palm.

Step Three

Next, you need to fade the lure. As before, hold your fingers behind your open palm, but now they should be empty. When your dog pushes their chin into your palm, mark the behavior, then grab a treat from your pocket or a treat pouch. If possible, try to provide the treat while your dog's chin is

still in your palm to further reinforce that position. If your dog will only perform the behavior if you have a treat in your hand, try rubbing your fingers with a smelly treat, so they smell like food even though there's nothing there. If your dog refuses to move away from your hand because that's where the good stuff is, reset them by tossing a treat on the floor a few feet away.

Step Four

Hold out your palm without any finger lure at all and see if your dog places their chin in your hand. If you've reinforced the position enough, they should no longer need the lure. Your turned-up palm should have become the hand signal for the behavior. If not, do a few more repetitions with an empty lure before trying again. Only add a verbal cue like "chin" after your dog is responding reliably without the lure. Simply say the word right before you hold out your palm so your dog links the two signals.



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel resting its head on the kitchen table begging.

Step Five

Once your dog will reliably and enthusiastically place their chin in your hand, begin to add duration by delaying your marker and reward. You can also begin to add your release cue when the behavior is finished. Don't ask for more than a second or two at first, and as you build duration, go slowly

and intersperse shorter intervals with longer ones, so you aren't pushing your dog too far, too fast.

Step Six

When your dog will hold their chin in your hand for a reasonable amount of time, go back to asking for only a second of duration but begin to add the kinds of distractions you expect your dog might face. For example, move your other hand around your dog's head, use your other hand to gently lift your dog's ears, or hold a bottle of eye drops above their eyes. Mark and reward your dog for staying still despite these distractions.



(Above) Left to right: Shelley Young, new member, and Shelley Carr, membership chair.

At right, Dax Young, miniature schnauzer and new member.

Name:	Shelley Young
City:	Cedar Hill
Phone:	972-489-9413
Email:	daxmyoung@yahoo.com
Birthday:	2/22
Dog Name:	Dax
Breed:	Miniature Schnauzer
Registered Name:	Lone Star Farms Dax Maxwell Young



DTCDC Bulletin Board

MAY GENERAL MEETING

MAY 13 @ 7 P.M.



JUNE PAWPRINT

**THEME: NOSEWORK FEATURING
LOGAN AND JAN HITCHBORN**

DUE DATE: SAT., MAY 24, (or earlier)

**HAVE YOU AND YOUR DOG ENJOYED
DOING NOSEWORK? PLEASE SHARE
YOUR PHOTOS. THESE CAN INCLUDE
PHOTOS OF YOUR DOG COMPETING
OR RECEIVING HARD EARNED
RIBBONS.**

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES

NONE IN JULY	NO PAWPRINT FOR JULY
AUGUST	SUMMER SOCIAL FOLLOW-UP
SEPTEMBER	TBD

Do you have a monthly theme idea that you would like to see in the upcoming PawPrint editions? Please share them with Lana Shuman at:

pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org

MAY 2025 DOG CALENDAR:

- National Service Dog Eye Examination Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- National Pet Month
- National Service Animal Eye Exam
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Pet Sitter Safety Month
- Responsible Animal Guardian Month
- May 1: National Purebred Dog Day
- May 1: International Samoyed Day
- May 1: International Doodle Dog Day
- May 3: National Specially-Abled Pets Day
- May 4: Mayday for Mutts
- May 4-10: American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week
- May 4-10: National Pet Week
- May 4-10: Puppy Mill Action Week
- May 5-11: Dog Anxiety Awareness Week
- May 7-13: National Pet Week
- May 8: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- May 10: German Shepherd Day
- May 10: National Dog Mom's Day
- May 14: International Chihuahua Appreciation Day
- May 14: Pick Up the Poo Day
- May 14: National Animal Disaster Preparedness
- May 15: Do Lunch With Your Dog Day
- May 20: National Rescue Dog Day
- May 20-27: Dog Bite Prevention Week
- May 25: International Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Day
- May 28: Feast Day of St. Bernard of Montjoux
- May 29: National Dog Friendly Day
- May 30: Memorial Day

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



TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

Junior Scholarship

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





Active Membership Requirements:

For persons sixteen (16) years or older who wish to work to accomplish the objectives of DTCDC and contribute their time to the tasks necessary to further these goals.

Only Active Members may vote at Club meetings. To remain an Active Member in good standing, a member should qualify yearly in one or more of the following ways:

- A. Serve as chair or working member of a DTCDC committee
- B. Perform tasks on behalf of DTCDC not formally assigned to a committee
- C. Serve as an instructor or an assistant in DTCDC training classes
- D. If elected, carry out the duties of a position on the Board

*From THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS COUNTY, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.
As Amended as of November 10, 2020. Article II, Section 1: Membership*



AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

Want to become a new AKC CGC Evaluator and train S.T.A.R. Puppies for DTCDC? We have an independent sponsor who can help you with your first AKC evaluator fee!

Anyone interested in becoming a new AKC Evaluator, who meets AKC requirements, and commits to teach at least two STAR Puppy classes their first year, please contact our training committee for more info. Offer is limited to two new evaluators per year.

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AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

In case of an emergency and you need to use it:

- First thing you need to do is get someone to call 911 using the club landline phone located in the small storage room.
- The instructions for it's use are inside the box the AED is located in.



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



This is being provided for your information only.



Tri-City Animal Shelter posted on their website (<https://www.cedarhilltx.com/66/Animal-Shelter>) that they are low on dry kibble and could use donations. They use Purina One and Kirkland brand as their primary brands.

DTCDC used to be very active with Tri-City before 2020.

You can drop them off at their location:

1150 E Pleasant Run Road
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

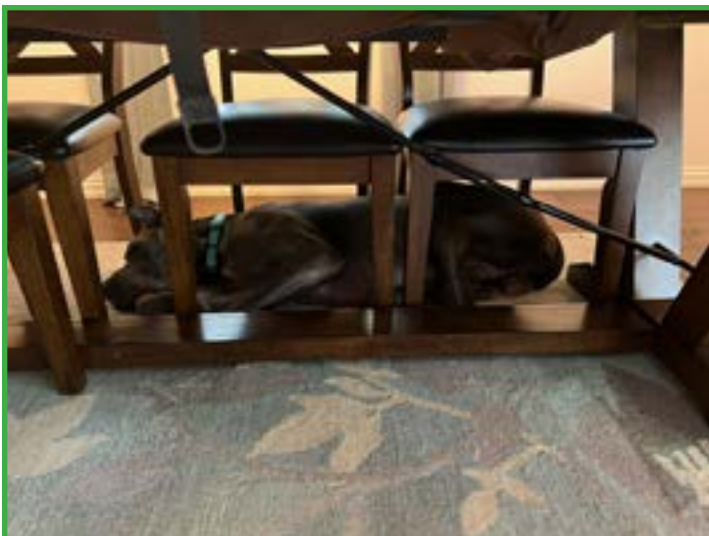
Phone: 972-293-7387

If it is easier, they also posted Amazon and Chewy wish lists:

Chewy Wishlist: https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter_b71563199

Amazon Wishlist: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/317CPQGXP-SNVQ>

Thank you to Margaret Culbertson and Sheryll Barker for the above information.

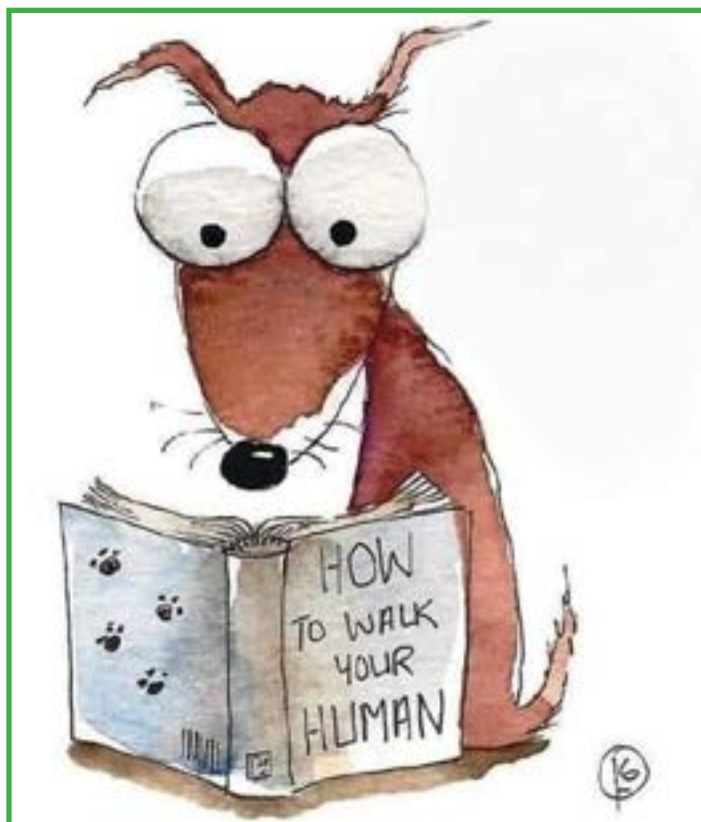


I do not ask how he does the things he does.
I just take the pictures
~ David Elliott



"You should be
allowed to leave
work early if you
miss your dog."

by Dog Lover



Tears fall like rain, memories of you remain,
In my heart, a sorrow, a love that won't wane.
You may be gone, but you'll never be forgot,
My loyal friend, my dear dog.

I ♥ Dogs





Jan Bruner brags:



Ace and I brushed off almost 9 months of dust and competed at the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club Rally and Obedience trials this weekend in Bonham April 18 - 20. Ace earned a nice triple Q on Friday with scores of 98-98-96 and a nicer one Sunday with 3 99's! He also placed 4th in Master Rally both days. On Saturday we showed in Graduate Novice Obedience and earned his 1st Q and 2nd place!

Kudos to the club for putting on a great weekend of trials with some awesome judges!

On April 28 at the Dal-Tex Basset Club Rally Trials, Ace scored 100 in Masters (2nd place), 100 in Excellent B (4th place) and 99 in Advanced B! He



won High Triple Score with 299 out of 300, and High Combined with 199 out of 200! Enjoyed Mary Waugh Swindell 's courses and the club put on a great trial with awesome ribbons and prizes! Thanks to Pamela Cooper White for the picture! The trials were held at Tri-County Dog Training near Azle.

Jose Rodriguez brags:

Ruffino earned his Fast CAT 4 Title. A sight-hound's strong flexible back and angulation power a double suspension run.



Maysel McGown brags:

Zara won her class and her third qualifying leg to receive her Rally Novice A Title at McGregor's Cen-Tex Show, on April 4, 2025. Pictured here with judge Kenneth Kovak.



I also did some FastCAT runs with Anakin and Axel. This was Axel's first AKC event and only needs one more run for his BCA.



Alexis Jankowski brags:

Golden Rea, Treasure, Spider, Claire, and Saber all earned their Farm Dog Certification on April 5 with the North Texas Farm Dog and CGC Group!

Also, Zion earned her STR, CGC, and TKN all at six months old! Axel and Gracie also earned their TKN, too!

Odie earned his UKC Novice Containers (NI) title on April 11 with the Lonestar K9 Performance Club with a fourth placing (out of nine) run time of 18.96 seconds! He also earned a leg in Exterior with a run time of 46.50 seconds and in Vehicles by finding the odor in 33.26 seconds, which was fastest out of four other dogs! This was his first Nosework title!

Spider earned two obedience trial legs with the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club on April 19! We missed Friday because of having to replace my water heater, and we NQ'd on Sunday, but he started his title hunt with a score of 178 in Novice A and a 183 in Preferred Novice! He was one of two dogs to qualify in these two classes. We also won the NQ wine raffle, so ultimately a successful weekend! HA!



Kinnie Hardaway brags:

Piper earned her Novice Grand Championship title in UKC

Piper earned her Overall UKC master title and 2 legs for Excellent HD. She got 2 1st place ribbons. This is UKC nosework trial in Alvarado, Texas.