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JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Susan Norvell	6/2
Vicki Jackson	6/3
Linda Shearin	6/7
Kayla Emmons	6/8
Darlene D Schermerhorn	6/8
Debra Tanguay	6/9
Sheryll Baker	6/11
Paul Cantwell	6/12
Carol Lautzenheiser	6/16
Wyatt Hinkle	6/16
Beverly Jane Bungarz	6/16
Craig Shuman	6/19
Katilee Ralph	6/23
Bill Schurr	6/24
Jean Robson	6/27
Alexandra "Lexi" Moore	6/28

A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your gifts. If you missed the month of your birthday or there was

no meeting that month, you may bring your gift in a following month! Remember you can always donate to the **Sunshine Fund** on the club's Website.



June General Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 3 p.m.

Refreshments provided by Margaret Culbertson & Barbara Elliott

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Robert, Valarie and Ty Walton own a Pit Bull Terrier named Sherlock.

	<i>April 2018</i>	<i>YTD 2018</i>
Proceeds	\$ 89.00	\$ 263.50
Expenditures	\$ -	\$(130.96)
Net	\$ 89.00	\$ 132.54

A Word from Our President

June is upon us and the club has a lot of exciting events coming up. I would like to encourage everyone to look at the calendar and pick an event you might be able to volunteer to help with.

I want to thank all those who have instructed and assisted in Session 3. Also, a big thanks to all those who helped with the booth at the Pet Expo. Shannon did a great job getting it set up and staffed. It was a lot of fun and we met some really nice people and their dogs. I think we can expect the classes to fill up quickly for the next session. Great job all.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 2nd. Remember your opinions and votes count. I hope everyone has noticed the addition to the Paw Print, the DTCCDC Suggestion Box column, where some of the suggestions from the suggestion box are answered.

Until next month Happy Training!

Best Regards,

David Elliott

DTCCDC 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

The Trick Class is open for registration for Session 4. It remains on Thursday afternoon when the instructor is available.

Next Movie Night will be June 7th 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!

We are now filling instructor and assistant positions for Sessions 5 and 6. If you have not yet instructed or assisted this year, here is your chance to fulfill your obligation to the club!

Contact Sally Browning, Carol Ford, or Jan Bajovich. Super thanks to all who have volunteered!



Jan Bajovich

DTCDC Training Director

Session 4 Instructors and Assistants

Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
Beginner	Mon	6 - 7 p.m.	6/11/2018	7/16/2018	Marylin Hopkins	Pat Schultz	
Beginner	Mon	7 - 8 p.m.	6/11/2018	7/16/2018	Sara Beall	Carol Lautzenheiser	
Puppy	Mon	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	6/11/2018	7/16/2018	Jeff Young	Kay Mashburn	Maron Baucon
Conformation	Tu	6:15 - 7 p.m.	6/12/2018	7/17/2018	Jenny Dunaway		
Foundation Skills	Tu	7 - 8 p.m.	6/12/2018	7/17/2018	Lisa Wharton		
Novice Rally	Wed	6 - 7 p.m.	6/13/2018	7/25/2018	Carol Wright		
Advanced Rally	Wed	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	6/13/2018	7/25/2018	Jan Bruner		
Master Rally	Wed	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	6/13/2018	7/25/2018	Karen Henry		
Beginner	Th	1 - 2 p.m.	6/14/2018	7/19/2018	Pam White		
Foundation Skills	Th	2 - 3 p.m.	6/14/2018	7/19/2018	Donna Conner		
Trick Class	Th	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	6/14/2018	7/19/2018	Michele Hosey		
Novice	Th	7 - 8 p.m.	6/14/2018	7/19/2018	Melissa Chojnacki		
Beg Open/Utility	Th	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	6/14/2018	7/19/2018	Jan Bajovich/ Lynda Holman		
Master Nosework	Fr	7 - 8 p.m.	6/15/2018	7/27/2018	Jan Hitchborn	Benita Zapata	
Beg Nosework	Fr	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	6/15/2018	7/27/2018	Danika Taylor		
Adv Nosework	Fr	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	6/15/2018	7/27/2018	Danika Taylor	Horst Bungarz	

Sessions Schedule for 2018

SESSION 5 (Begins August 5 and ends September 17)

SESSION 6 (Begins September 30 and ends November 9)

Instructor/Assistant Corner:

The most common mistake made when using a marker (whether a word or clicker) is marking the behavior too late. The whole reason a marker is superior to just delivering the reward is that the act of delivering the reward changes the dog's behavior. He moves his head or body to get the treat and you are no longer reinforcing the perfect behavior you wanted.

Using markers allows us to consistently tell the dog the instant he does the behavior that he is right and then it no longer matters if he move or does something else before the reward is delivered.

BUT, big BUT here, the timing of the marker is critical. The marker needs to happen WHILE the dog is doing the behavior, not after. For example, when marking the sit, mark it the instant the dog's butt touches the ground, not when he settles into the sit. (Later you can use markers to gain duration but that is another topic.)

There is a great demo you can use to teach your students the correct timing of the marker. Jeff Young has been using it in his class for some time and it is starting to spread to other instructors as well. I thought I would share it with all of you.

You can use any object – a dog's toy, a pencil. Don't choose anything that will make a loud noise and startle the dogs or a really distracting toy like a ball. Hold the object out at about shoulder height and instruct your students to "mark" the instant the object hits the ground. Drop the object.

You will hear markers used at the time the object hits the ground and some 1 – 2 seconds after the object hits the ground. There may even be one or two who did not mark at all.

I find it helpful to mark it myself as well so the students can hear that they are late compared to my mark. Practice several times until the students can do it. Have fun with it!



Jan Bajovich

DTCD Training Director

Course Descriptions for Offered Classes

Puppy Class:

Our Puppy Class is for pups 9 weeks through 5 months of age. The puppy owner will learn to use positive methods to teach the puppy good manners and to build a bond of love and respect. The pup is socialized with other puppies and people and taught exercises to build confidence when meeting new situations and objects. The puppy will learn to come when called, sit, lie down, stand, and not pull on the leash while walking. They are also taught to settle and be touched and examined by both the owner and a stranger. The instructor leads discussions on Jumping Up, Home Training Problems, Nutrition, Grooming, Crate Training, Spay/Neutering and other subjects to help the puppy's family become responsible pet owners. Puppies are also taught the meaning of "Off", to remove themselves from furniture, etc. Instructions for teaching some tricks (roll over, etc.) are included to give the puppy and handler additional "training fun" and to let the dog "show off." "Authorized [AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy](#) Training Provider"



Beginner Class:

Our Beginner Class is for dogs six months and older. Students learn how to become benevolent leaders and to teach their dogs exercises including attention, controlled walking in heel position, sit, down, stand, fast recalls, walking among a crowd, stay, door and gate manners and an introduction to tricks.

Foundation Skills:



Foundation Skills is for students who wish to continue working with their dogs, develop better teamwork and impulse control as well as to start training for competitive obedience/rally or to earn AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) titles.

Admission is restricted to those who have satisfactorily completed a Beginner class and received recommendation from the Instructor to attend OR have approval of the Training Director. Dogs will remain in this class until they have received recommendation from the Foundation Skills Instructor to move on to the Competitive Class or Novice Rally. Canine Good Citizen tests will be scheduled for the week following the last week of class for an additional fee of \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Advanced Classes:

For information about our advanced obedience classes please contact the Training Director. Click on "[Contact Us](#)" and make your selection.

A) Novice Polish Obedience

Is for handlers who wish to train their dogs for competitive obedience or those who just want to continue training beyond the Foundation Skills class. The class is intended to prepare dogs/handlers for competition in Beginner Novice and Novice classes. Admission is limited to those dogs that have:

- 1) Received recommendation from the Foundation Skills Instructor
- 2) Received a recommendation from the Training Director

B) Beginner and Advanced Open and Utility

Classes are available for those who wish to compete in the sport of Obedience beyond the Companion Dog (CD) level. Contact the Training Director regarding these classes.

C) Novice Rally (Limited Classes)

Is for dogs that have completed the Foundation Skills class and received recommendation from the Instructor to attend or have the approval of the Training Director. Dogs will remain in this class until they have earned the Novice Rally title from the AKC, ASCA or UKC.

D) Advanced Rally (Limited Classes)

Will prepare the handler/dog for competing for Rally titles beyond Novice. Admission is restricted to dogs that have received the Novice Rally title in AKC, ASCA or UKC.

E) Masters Rally (Limited Class)

This class is for dogs preparing to compete in Rally at the Masters level.

F) Conformation – drop in class available. Please call for information.

New Opportunities:

G) Beginner Nosework:

Want a fun class that doesn't require a lot of prior training? Nosework is a new sport where dogs are trained to find certain odors in various elements. Sniffing is one of the greatest joys in a dog's life, yet we rarely allow them to do it. This class is a great confidence builder for dogs, offers an outlet for older and retired dogs, and provides mental stimulation for ALL dogs. Dogs will become proficient on their first target odor and will learn how to be "odor obedient" even in the face of distractions. The class is run seminar style where all dogs are crated when it is not their turn to work so owners will need to bring their dog's crate.

If your dog has a working nose and LOVES food, come join us!!! Whether you plan to compete, or just want to have fun with your dog – Nosework fits the bill. Beginner class is a prerequisite and Foundation Skills is recommended.

H) Advanced Nosework

This class focuses on preparing handlers/dogs to compete in the sport of nosework. Your dog is a candidate for this class if:

- 1) Your dog has been recommended by the Beginner Nosework Instructor.
- 2) Your dog has earned Nosework titles in any level in UKC, NASCW, PSD, or AKC
- 3) Your dog is tested and recommended by the DTCCDC Advanced Nosework Instructor

The Instructors will set up unique courses each week for teams to run and work on all elements (weather permitted for exteriors and vehicles) at all levels. The class will concentrate on the introduction of distraction odors, blank rooms, detailing, advanced handling techniques, and extended searches. The class is run seminar style where all dogs are crated when it is not their turn to work so owners will need to bring their dogs crate.

If you are serious about competing, then this is the class for you!

I) Masters Nosework

This class is for competitors who have earned the first two levels of nosework titles and are preparing for the more advanced levels. Your dog is a candidate for this class if:

- 1) Your dog has been recommended by the Advanced Nosework Instructor.
- 2) Your dog has earned Advanced Nosework titles in UKC, NASCW, PSD or AKC.
- 3) Your dog is tested and recommended by the DTCCDC Masters Nosework Instructor.

J) Trick Dog Class



Students will learn the skills needed to teach tricks suitable for earning the new AKC Trick Dog titles. Foundation Skills class or approval by the Training Director is required and space is limited.

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – May 5th, 2018

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	MAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY David Elliott @ 3:10pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized instructors and assistants for Session 3 Thanked Rita and Gary for bringing the snacks

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Laura Lipscomb

Discussion	
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SECRETARY’S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the April 7th minutes of the General Meeting.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quorum so cannot not vote on April minutes

TREASURER’S REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went over financials Voted on approval of April financials – no quorum
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quorum so cannot vote on finances

WALL COMMITTEE – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the wall plaques and requirements. We have frames again so turn in your pics
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PAW PRINT EDITOR – David Elliott for Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paw Print family Obedience subject for June Paw Print Lana is hoping we will have several articles on dog obedience training, skills, competition. Last month was a great example of how we can cover all aspects. We had Sandi's column describing Rally, Carol Wright's column that encouraged others to participate and Jose's personal column. You club members are awesome trainers and writers. Lana will also be looking for lots of photos concerning obedience. Lana is always looking for brags with or without pictures. The deadline for this month’s Paw Print is May 23rd. It would be a great help though if you send your articles etc in early so she can work on the issue during the month.
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Building Maintenance – David Yahraus & Donna Heishman

Discussion	
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE - RITA MORENO

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need donations of trophies – dropped off at club before/at the next meeting.
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REGISTRATION– Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New code for Evenbrite is DTDCDC2018 – members do not pay
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog cleaning without anesthesia August 18 for \$80 - \$20 up front deposit• Movie Night in June – Shaping Behavior• New manual for puppy and beginner class in the works• Session 4 registration to go live this week• Trick class has been requested and will be in Session 4• Proofing class has been requested, still working out the details• New vaccination policy – in review stages – if you have any input please contact Jan
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PURCHASING COMMITTEE – Lynda Holman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New supply of club shirts in the closet• Restocked training equipment• Instructor or assistant – need nametag, contact Lynda
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Rental Committee- David Elliott for Sheryl Archer

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chihuahua rental is September 15-16.• We need someone to open and close both days. They would like to set up Friday if someone could meet them for that too.
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BUILDING ADDITIONS COMMITTEE – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction in late November after sessions end. Should take 3 weeks to build as long as weather permits.• Josh Helms construction company. Insured and bonded.• Meet with Josh , he is revisiting the bid and starting to get prepared to submit paperwork for permit.
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SHOW N GO COMMITTEE – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Show N Go May 12th. Will need volunteers. We train so don't worry if you do not know what to do.
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CITIZEN CANINE COMMITTEE – Terri Schurr for Robin Quintana

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next CGC & CGCA end of Session 3 – Wed June 6 - Looking for dates for trick dog and Urban CGC TBD \$10 member/\$20 non-members
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COMMUNITY EVENTS – Shannon Quin

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still need volunteers for Pet Expo 5/19 & 5/20
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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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THERAPY DOG COMMITTEE – Mark Malone

Discussion	•
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LIBRARY – Sally Browning

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed books in the library• List of DVDs to be included
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MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member to vote on the 1 new member he is already been approved by the board• New Members – The Walton Family – Robert, Valarie, and Ty from DeSoto with their Pitbull, Sherlock
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion Jan Bajovich 2nd Kim Componation – will email for rest

The LIASION COMMITTEE – Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dallas Animal Services – stray dog policy – any citation – class C misdemeanor• No breed band – against State of Texas law
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS - DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	•
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	•
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The meeting was adjourned to break for refreshments and brags at 3:59

Next month's snacks provided by Margaret Culbertson.

Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson.



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – May 5, 2018

Minutes

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	David Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Vicki Jackson, Jan Bajovich, Shari Price, Mark Malone, Felicia Ruhter, Jan Hitchborn
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – David Elliott
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David called the meeting to order at 1:06PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David asked if there were any corrections or additions to the April 7 minutes. • Building a Calendar
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the April 7 meeting are approved by general consensus.

TREASURERS REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial information was discussed. • Move savings to an online system to maximize interest rates. • Update on tax returns – taxes have been paid • Overview of Hartford insurance • Online banking for a better interest rate 												
	<p>Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2018:</p> <p>Cash</p> <table> <tr> <td>Operating</td> <td>\$5,173</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td>\$62,854</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PayPal</td> <td>\$-</td> </tr> </table>	Operating	\$5,173	Savings	\$62,854	PayPal	\$-						
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Conclusion		

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination Policy was discussed • Movie Night – June 7 at 7pm • Alternative teeth cleaning opportunity – August 18th - \$80 with a \$20 deposit applied to total • Trick class for this next session, proofing still planning • Dallas Pets Alive – foster based rescue – CGC ready – table and talk to Robin Q
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO - Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show N Go pricing \$1 approved previously. Ideas of changing to \$7 for 7 up to 10 for Utility and \$5 for 5 up to 8 for Open/Novice. Start at 7:30. No extra minutes. Tabled until next month for further study.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes were made.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Donna Heishman & David Elliott for David Yahraus

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer committee was agreed upon, Glenn to chair • Internet was not installed in April, plans to install in May
Conclusion	

SUGGESTION BOX – Vicki Jackson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need new doors • Pet Expo discount • Recap in PawPrint • Policy to membership vote • 8 vs 6 weeks training sessions
Conclusion	

OLD BUSINESS – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At November 2017 meeting, review 2015, 2016 & 2017 financials were deferred to David Elliott. Need to set a date. Per the club Bylaws (Section 2, E, b) “At the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. As soon as practicable, following the Annual Meeting, there will be a review of the financial records of the Club by the President and two (2) qualified Club members appointed by the Board.”
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of Quorum at general meetings• Add pictures to wall for elite titles in other areas than OTCHA – David mentioned carpet must be vacuumed. What about Pawprint have a section to
Conclusion	

By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM
Respectfully submitted for approval, Margaret Culbertson



DTCDC Suggestion Box



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

Suggestion submitted: “Go back to 8-week sessions! 6 weeks is not enough time!”

I opted to wait and let 6 weeks have its fair test so the 2018 schedule has been set with 6-week sessions. I invite all feedback on the topic but please include concrete reasons. What are your observations that cause you to feel 6 weeks is not enough time?

I had heard “it is not enough time” and “students are not learning the material in 6 weeks” so I have been attending the first and last classes of most puppy and beginner classes and assisted a puppy class. My observation is that if students come to class and work with the dog at home, they are learning the material in 6 weeks. What are your observations?

Students new to training usually need two Beginner classes – the first to learn themselves and the second to teach the dog. This is true for the 8-week sessions as well and I am not seeing that the 6-week sessions are any different. What has your experience been with this?

The Training Committee will be requesting more feedback soon on this issue prior to proposing the 2019 schedule.

Jan Bajovich, Training Director

Suggestion Submitted: “Anything as important as the correction policy should be put before the membership for a vote – not decided solely by the Board.”

The current Board has been diligent to report to the membership in the Paw Print and in membership meetings what they are discussing and working on. For example, it is clear in the May

Paw Print and was mentioned in the May membership meeting that the Board is discussing the club vaccination policy.

The new corrections policy was brought to the members in the general membership meeting prior to becoming policy which occurred when it was printed in the Paw Print. At that meeting several questions were raised and discussed regarding the policy. Not one member raised objections to the policy at that time and, in fact, many members have thanked us for instituting this policy as they had seen corrections at our club that made them uncomfortable.

We understand that in a club of over 100 members there will always be those who agree and those who do not agree with new policy or change. The current Board’s motto is “What is best for the club”. Policy is never about any individual or group within our club but always about our club and its image and standing in the community and the service we provide to that community. If we advertise ourselves as a positive reinforcement club (and we do), that is what the community needs to see anytime they see someone representing the club.

David Elliott, President, and Jan Bajovich, Training Director

Suggestion Submitted: “Rplace all doors especially the front and back ones.”

President David Elliott is looking into getting new doors.

Vicki Jackson, Vice President

Suggestion Submitted: "Offer discounts for a class to those who visit the DT CDC booth at the expos that we participate in."

This is currently being done. The discount cards were not out at the Bark for Life in Midlothian because of the high winds. Discount cards were at Dallas Pet Expo May 19.

Vicki Jackson, Vice President

Suggestion Submitted: Make a section in the Paw Print for the suggestions so members will know what has been suggested.

The May 2018 had the first posting of the suggestion box. See page 10.

Vicki Jackson, Vice President

Suggestion Submitted: Make a document with a recap of all suggestions for the month.

This is being looked into to decide how to list a recap of all suggestions so if someone has a suggestion they can look at the recap to see if it has already been suggested.

Vicki Jackson, Vice President

Suggestion Submitted: Find a way to channel and share with all members that they have been heard and that the suggestions are appreciated.

This will be discussed at the June board meeting.

Vicki Jackson, Vice President

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

DOG TRAINING CLUB
OF DALLAS COUNTY

SUGGESTION
BOX

My idea
is....

Obedience 101 for Dummies

by Jan Hitchborn

I was asked if I would write up a piece on obedience as no other articles had been submitted. So once again I will lead you on a personal journey. This time in obedience.

First, I do want to say that I always took a basic beginner class in obedience for all my past dogs. I always wanted a dog who knew the basic commands, had leash and social manners and I could count on as a reliable good family dog. My dogs all got the basic CGC title but that was the extent. I felt I had enough knowledge to work with dogs we fostered for rescues and for the new ones we took on to be family members no matter if they were a puppy or an adult dog. Then came Skye!

Skye was an eight-week-old puppy who cried for the entire hour and a half ride home late September 2014. She was "adopted" by one of my senior golden girls, Abbie, who set about teaching her puppy social manners. The two bonded immediately. Abbie had been diagnosed in August with a hemangiosarcoma in the upper abdomen and three weeks after Skye came into our family her "mommy, Abbie", passed away. The other furry family members just let Skye run all over them, take their toys and in other words as time passed by Skye was a cute 10-12 pound bully. I had heard about a dog training club in Duncanville years before and decided to research it and see where it was located. Imagine my surprise to find it was only a stone's throw from my home. In December of 2014 I got the okay to enroll Skye in the January 2015 beginner obedience class even though she would not be six months old until January 26th.

On that first Monday night class, little did I realize how that one class would not only change the life Skye was to lead, as well as that of my other dogs, but would change my life drastically. My husband was terminally ill. Retirement as I had pictured it was not going to be as I had thought. Even future thoughts of new things we planned to do would not be feasible.



This was Skye's graduation from her first beginner obedience class taught by Laurie Rodriguez in late February 2015. Was end of both our first classes at DTCDC. Skye is one que away from her ASCA CD and has six ASCA Rally titles. We have both come a long way thanks to all our teachers and mentors.

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Now comes the dummy part of all this on my side of the equation. Those of you who had me in your classes may know what is coming. I was that student who just wanted a well-behaved dog(s). I loudly proclaimed I did not care how my dog sat if the dog sat. Same went for down. I was never going in the ring and I was not concerned with form. Well that came back to bite me big time when I did get interested in competing. It is still at times an issue with Skye but not often. We still work on it and just this year Skye has grown tremendously, possibly more because I have grown.

After Skye’s beginner class, I stopped classes with her and brought Logan in for beginner, then intermediate. I returned in the Fall of 2015 to intermediate with Skye and we took it three times learning different skills from three different instructors. It was at this time Pam Crystal started a new intermediate styled class which introduced Rally and CGC prep. Back came Logan in the middle of the first session of this class to get his CGC followed by CGCA and CGCU. Skye was in the next new intermediate class and she got her CGC and CGCA as did Maggie. I got hooked on Rally. I started taking Rally classes with Robin Quintana and stepped out early to trial in the ASCA trials in Azle. The hook was set!

It was Fall of 2016 that I met Peggy Phelps at one of our early ASCA trials and overheard she gave private lessons. I was pushing to start beginner obedience too, so I approached her. I was fascinated watching the dogs in Open and Utility. I started with her one on one with both Skye and Maggie. I continued classes at DTDCDC. It became painfully apparent that the weakest link in my rally and obedience partnerships was me.

Nosework hooked me first. In nosework the handler learns to be the quiet one letting the dog work out the search and find. Don’t ask me why but I felt obedience needed to be serious. That I needed to give commands and the dog would learn to blindly perform. Ha! I was serious in Rally (actual truth be told, I was petrified at first doing both). I have been very fortunate that the folks in the dog world or at least at DTDCDC are patient and willing to give suggestions for one to try. Over time things started to come together. Once I understood my body and posture were being read by the dogs (often we were not on the same page!), I started trying to get me right. I started to understand why Skye (she is the one who loves rally and obedience) did what she did. A couple months ago I told a few folks that if I were Skye I wouldn’t want to train with me as I was no fun! Not sure what happened, but I think the biggest factor in my growth was Peggy got a puppy and she started demoing things with



Jand and Skye Blu setting up for long recall at an ASCA Trial in Azle.

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this puppy for me and my ears finally got into the act actually listening to her happy voice and encouragements and praise while doing her exercises with Chase. After 18 months with Peggy, countless intermediate, rally and novice club classes and almost every SNG making sure to do two runs, I have found my silly voice, my happy voice but then I am conflicted as to when I can use it and when I can't. The one constant command I hear from all of you at the SNGs is SMILE! Look happy. Oh yeah – walk faster!! From Peggy it is to be a cheerleader and tell Skye when she has done it right. The word “yes” in a happy high-pitched voice has worked wonders. I am learning to call and give commands like it is Christmas not like a Drill Sargent giving orders to recruits. Rally is still easier, but we are progressing in obedience. As I get better, Skye soars forward. I am blown away at what she is now doing and doing with enjoyment.



Now if I can just get my hands to cooperate as we progress into Utility exercises. Skye is close to doing all commands with either hand signals or verbal only. I am very expressive with my hands when I talk. I also at first mixed up what hand to do what command. But I must be careful about moving my hands around in between because Skye watches me like a hawk. One day as she sat, she stood up, took a step, started to down – I caught this out of the corner of my eye. I had put her in a sit but was asking questions and my right hand was moving around and my poor girl was trying hard to figure out what the heck I was wanting her to do.

What has getting involved and training in obedience taught me? It has first and foremost taught me patience. I can remember my despair at teaching Skye my non-retrieving dog the dumbbell and hearing how for some of my mentors it took a year or more for their dogs to hold and walk with it. I persevered working just a few minutes a day and one morning almost a year to the day, Skye decided this thing was good to hold, pick up and then to walk with and now retrieves on the flat and jumps over obstacles to get it and return. Patience has expanded into all parts of my dog training and personal life. Maggie in nosework is a new beneficiary of my patience. Getting hooked on obedience has made me brave. Yes – brave to go to trials, brave to get behind the wheel and drive, often alone, hours to go to a trial. Not only has obedience helped with this but all of you who have done this for years have been an inspiration. Flat out I am a better me because of being involved in all of this. I have re-discovered my inner fun child and it comes out in my training with my kiddos. I love seeing their eyes light up and enjoyment spread over them when we are practicing or at a trial.

The long and short of it for me is that being involved with obedience has been as beneficial for me as it has been for my dogs. I am still a work in progress, but the pieces are fitting together. I can no longer imagine life without it in our lives and all the dog sports it has introduced to us.

Tips for Obedience Training and Showing

By Peggy Phelps



As an instructor it is my job to impart as much information to my students as possible. Sometimes we forget a few things. I am going to try and add some things that I may have forgotten to tell you.

1. Keep your dog close to you at all times both in and out of the ring. Do not let them get too far out on the leash. Bad things can happen. Rocket loves to jump in peoples' lap.
2. Make a list of what you need to take with you. Check it twice to be sure you have not forgotten anything.
3. Be sure to pick up after your dog.
4. Keep your dog back from the ring at least 10 feet when you are warming up. If there is an area away from the ring use that for your warm up. No squeaky toys near the rings.
5. Plan your warm up and be consistent.
6. Work your dog as much as you can. You get what you put into it.
7. Work your attention before you go into the ring and every day.
8. Most important thing for you to remember. -----You are taking the best dog home with you.

Quotes on Obedience

My dog is NOT spoiled, I am just Well Trained.

— Jennie Dunaway

Being a dog obedience instructor was always something I thought of as an honor, and I was lucky to do it for a long time. It is great to keep learning, and over a lifetime we can sure accumulate a lot of knowledge. But we should remember that whatever learning we have becomes useless and stagnant unless shared. Support other instructors and your students, be generous with what you know, mentor other instructors, and keep in mind the importance of passing what you know to a new generation!

— Helen Cariotis

From a t-shirt in the 90's - "The only thing two obedience trainers ever agree upon is that a third is doing it completely wrong!"

— Sheryll Barker

I'm an Associate member and haven't been involved in obedience competition for some years. However, I've been involved in obedience training since my first exposure at DTCDC many years ago. There's certainly been an evolution in dog obedience training from the jerk-n-pop method with a choke chain to more positive reinforcement and the fun of clicker training. What I have learned is that obedience is a relationship. It is first the relationship between the handler and the dog. But it is also the relationship between the club members. There were many sweet years of training with fellow members, finding solutions to training challenges, going to dog shows, and rejoicing or consoling each other's accomplishments or disappointments. And the relationship between the handler and the dog solidified the obedience training as we learn to trust and respect the dog and the dog learns to trust and respect us as handlers. So, this isn't an article, just some thoughts.

— Judy L. Harmon

2 Hours at the Pet Expo 5/19/2018

By Kim Lullo

Today, I helped man the DTCCDC booth at the Dallas Pet Expo.

I am always so surprised to find out how much I enjoy time spent with other club members.

There is no reason to be surprised. There is a big common factor among all the members of the club. A love of dogs. And each person I meet adds to my knowledge. Never once have I met a member that did not add to my knowledge.

On top of getting to spend time with club members, I got to meet and greet more types of dogs than I could ever imagine. From the Irish Wolfhound to the Tea Cup Chihuahua, they were all a delight.

Finally, is the ability to share the Club information and to talk in depth about the training the club offers. It seemed to me that people were snapping up as much information as they could get about training and the care of their beloved pets.

Requests for information about Therapy dog training seemed to be the most popular subject.

I think this demonstrates how these dog owners want to be able to share the love they receive from their dogs with others.

People who would take the time to come to the pet Expo are all people who love their non-human family members. This covers everything from dogs to those strange arrow-headed lizards I met today.

The concern people express about their dogs that are not behaving as they want causes them real emotional concern. Not just for the worry of their furniture, but, for some, because of a fear that they have failed their pet. It made me realize something today.



I have always felt that we have to train the owners more than the dogs.

Today I realized that by training the owners, we are healing a self-perceived weakness they have. The training can increase their self-confidence as well as strengthen the bond they have with their dog to be better family members.

By increasing the bond between the dog and the owner, we are helping to insure those dogs don't become deserted strays on the streets, too.

All, said and done, the Pet Expo was a great experience and I will gladly be one of the first to volunteer next year.

This year's volunteers at Pet Expo

Saturday May 19

10a-12p

Barbara Elliott

Felicia Ruhter

12p-2p

John Cullen

Kim Lullo

Kim Componation

2p-4p

Vicki Jackson

Michelle Hosey

Donna Conner

4p-5p

Vicki Jackson

Georg Burgess

David Elliott

Lana Shuman

Judy Werner

Maron Barcom

Samantha Lawrence

Maron Barcom

Shari Price

Sunday May 20

11a-1p

Terri Schurr

Nicole Desproges

1p-3p

Lynda Holman

Cathy Yahraus

3p-4p (breakdown)

Shannon Quinn

Krystal Hatc her

Kayla Emmons

Stephane Desproges

Carol Wright

David Yahraus

Scott Quinn

Georg Burgess



June's Paw Print Family

Nicole and Stephane Desproges

We have been animal lovers for as long as we can remember. Early in our marriage (22 years), we went to a pet adoption event to get our first dog. We ended up coming home with a cat! That darned cat was so darned sweet, fun and smart that we ended up adopting her foster buddy a week later. So... two cats, still no dog.

Then, a year later, driving to my parents' house for a weekend, I suggested to Stephane that we look at a litter of German Shepherd pups at a place along the way. I just happened to have our checkbook with us, so we continued our road trip with an eight-week-old GSD! I can confirm that no one slept well that night with a crying pup in the bathroom. My parents were happy to see us go home.

Fast forward the next 15 years or so, we went through many trainings and good times with two GSDs (one received the CGC title) and our two cats. One by each, they passed on, and as their times came it broke our hearts. It made us think that we were done with the whole pet thing, too painful! It took about a year without pets to remember that life really is better with them! We had relocated for work and were living in a condo at the time. We needed a dog that could thrive in a condo while being active enough to keep up with hiking and outdoor activities we love. In came the Min Pins! Neo, The Explorer (1.5 years), and Zedd, The Lover (10 months), came into our lives. Neo is smart, gentle and thoughtful. Zedd is enthusiastic, hilarious and the extravert in the family.

Joining DTCCDC has been a great way for us to spend time with our dogs, learn more about dog sport, and make new friends (since we moved to Dallas, Texas, from San Jose, California, in August). Zedd went through the Puppy STAR program and our goal is to get both dogs through the CGC before exploring new activities in rally, obedience, or other sports.





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THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 3 P.M.

THE JUNE BOARD MEETING IS AT 1 P.M.



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THEME: CONFORMATION

SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

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

JUNE DOG CALENDAR:

- National Pet Preparedness Month. This month, timed for the first month of hurricane season, urges people with pets to make preparations in case they should be hit by a disaster...and that includes making plans for what you would do with your dog in case of a hurricane, tornado, flood or other natural disaster.
- June 3-9: Pet Appreciation Week.
- June 8: Best Friends Day
- June 10: World Pet Memorial Day.
- June 18-22: Take Your Pet to Work Week.
- June 21: National Dog Party Day
- June 22: Take Your Dog to Work Day.



SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:

- June 16th
- July 14th
- Aug 11th
- Sept 8th
- Oct - none
- Nov 10th
- Dec- none



SMILE:



Our camera system is up and running.



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.



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 p.m.



Your Training Committee



**ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR DOG TO EARN
THE CGC or CGCA TITLE?**



WHEN: Wednesday, June 6th

TIME: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE: DT CDC

COST:

\$10 for Members

\$20 for Non-Members



Registration is available through

DT CDC's [Eventbrite page](#)

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



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DTCDC will be holding an AKC Trick Dog Event.

When: Saturday, June 2nd
Time: 9am to 11am
Cost: \$10 per Dog per Trick Title for Members
\$20 per Dog per Trick Title for Non Members

Registration is now available through DTCDC's [EventBrite](#) page.

- Novice Trick Dog
- Intermediate Trick Dog
- Advanced Trick Dog
- Performer Trick Dog

Contact Robin Quintana @ robinquintana@att.net with any questions.

Visit <http://www.akc.org/trick-dog/> for additional information. The applications provide details and the Evaluator Guide also provides details.

Additional Information:

The club will be providing the following items for Tricks. If there is something not on the list, you will need to provide on your own. If there is something we have overlooked as item at the club, please let me know and we will have it accessible.

Club Items Available for Trick Dog:

- Jumps (Bar, High, Broad, Flyball)
- Chairs
- Table
- Nosework Scent Boxes (Hot; Unscented)
- Grooming Table
- Low Dog Walk
- Hula Hoops
- Ladder
- Step Stool
- Blind
- Weave Poles
- Agility Platform
- Agility Tunnel

If you have any questions about your tricks, please let me know and we will do our best to answer your questions.

We will send another email with assigned times a few days before the event.

Your assigned time will be between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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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 18th 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.



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.*



I want to Thank the club for the beautiful plant and lovely card sent to me on the recent loss of my Dad. Your kindness, thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me. Hugs to all.

Kristal Hatcher

Dogs

come into our lives to teach
us about **love** and **loyalty**

They depart
to teach us about **loss**

We try to **replace** them but
never quite **succeed**

A new dog never **replaces** an
old dog
it just **expands** our heart

If you have loved many dogs,
your heart is very **big**





Vicki Jackson brags:

Saturday Bolin earned two qualifying runs and two first places which earned her a Superior Container title.

Sunday She qualified twice in novice exteriors earning her a Novice Exterior title and completing her Novice Nosework NN title.

Georgann Hughes brags:



Swish & I participated in our first AKC Scentwork trials in Norman, Oklahoma, the first weekend in May. Came away with the Novice Containers title & a leg in Exteriors, Buried & Handler Discrimination - 1st place in Handlers. Very challenging for her, but a great experience!



Benita Zapata brags:

Raiden traveled to Norman Oklahoma to trial in her 1st AKC Scent Work competition.

She came home with several qualifying and placement ribbons at the novice level.

May 4th: HD, Handler Discrimination Novice
1st Leg with a 1st Place Win
Container

1st Leg with a 4th Place Win

May 5th: Container, 2nd Leg

Exterior, 1st Leg

Interior, 1st Leg with a 3rd Place Win

Buried, 1st Leg

May 6th: Handler Discrimination Novice
2nd Leg with a 1st Place Win

Container, 3rd Leg with a 1st Place Win

and earning her Container Novice Title

Exterior, 2nd Leg with a 1st Place Win

Buried, 2nd Leg

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Training Director Jan Bajovich and her miniature schnauzer Kelly...



Jan Bajovich and Kelly with the judge taking first place in Mondioring Obedience Only.



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**Sheryl Archer and
Flyer**



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Sheryl Archer's Flyer shows how to jump



Jana McBroom's Piper (in the middle) doing a long stay!

