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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Mona Gatens	9/2
Peggy L. Phelps	9/4
Cathy Yahraus	9/4
Gary Cathey	9/5
Joshua Burden	9/7
Bill Heishman	9/7
Kristal Hatcher	9/8
Cherie Meagher	9/9
Shannon Quinn	9/11
Nancy Malone	9/13
Terri Schurr	9/13
Judy Brown	9/13
Barbara Parramore	9/15
Maron Baucom	9/15
Karen Henry	9/20
John Warren	9/20
Robin Quintana	9/21
JoAnne McCraw	9/23
Tonya Henderson	9/24
Kelly Browning Henager	9/26
Janet "Jan" Bajovich	9/26
Bruce Kinney	9/27
Kate Zimmer	9/28
Sandra Iglesias	9/28
Bailey Sage Lynne	9/28
Caroline Oldham	9/30
Pam Donze	9/30
Cathy Garrett	9/30

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.

Since we aren't having in-person meetings, we will catch up when we can meet in-person and bring gifts for all the missed months.

Sunshine Fund Report

	Jul-20	YTD 2020
Proceeds	\$20.00	\$410.00
Expenditures	\$-	\$(309.00)
Net	\$20.00	\$101.00

GENERAL (ZOOM) MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15 @ 7 P.M.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

THE CLUB IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

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A Word from Our President

About 18 months ago I attended a tracking seminar taught by Vincent Ramirez. The takeaways from those two days continue to pop into my head. He focused on three basic principles:

- Track proximity.
- Train by calendar, not by the weather.
- Train your dog frequently; test infrequently.

The one I catch myself faltering on is #3. Having taught tennis for many years, I found a distinct correlation. I taught a lot of beginner adults, mostly women. Much like our training classes, you would attend for one hour, once a week for 8 weeks. Each session usually focused on a particular skill, as the forehand or serve. Each session would end with “go out and practice this skill several times before the next class; practicing your forehand 15 minutes a day is better than trying to do it for 2 hours at a time.” What happened next? Susie would contact another classmate and say: “We need to practice, let’s play doubles Thursday morning. I’ll team with Barb and you can play with Sarah, then we can switch for the 2nd set.”

What happens when you keep score? When there is a winner and a loser? You do anything to win. Slap that forehand, push the serve, run around your backhand, and never go to the net. **This is not practice! This is not training!**

Many years later.....laying a track for Ozzy. How easy it is to lay a track to see if he can pass it. Then he misses the first turn, or misses an article, or goes off on a rabbit trail, or goes in circles with his head in the air, and I am disappointed. Who failed? Ozzy or Shari? It is **my** fault for not spending more time training. Why lay a track with 3 turns if he consistently misses the first turn? Help your dog succeed. Make it simple to get that first turn with lots of articles and lots of treats and verbal praise. Slowly decrease the articles and treats until he has it, then move on to the next skill. Teach and train, teach and train. Test when success is imminent.

Watching one of our last show ‘n go’s before we closed, I remember seeing several handlers using props and other techniques to train their dogs during their minutes on the floor. They were opting to train, not to test. You and your dog are a team, you succeed together, and you fail together. It’s much more fun to succeed! Keep on training!

Your President,

Shari Price



2020 Officers & Directors

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

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman
Mark Malone
Maurine Pearson



The Training Director Corner



I was given a great deal of advice and insight as to what to expect when I became the Training Director but none warned me about Corona virus. Regardless of your politics or beliefs about C19 or position in life, you were profoundly affected. Loss of life as well as businesses and jobs and the controversy surrounding it, has created a defining point in this country. I feel a greater victim is the basic way we view our fellow American. When you can't go out without a mask and inwardly frown at those that do, when we silently and subconsciously count heads in a group setting, when we count tiles on the floor to judge if we are six feet away, we have changed. We have changed in another way that I find more disturbing and I hope ends soon. We have lost our good spirit, towards our fellow human and become more reactive and ill tempered. As life returns to some kind of

normalcy hopefully our attitudes will improve.

When I was asked if I would be the T.D. there was one thought that came to mind, make the club more friendly. It should be a place where all members can enjoy training their dogs, developing new friends and enjoying everything about the dogs we love. I put together a committee that shared my vision and we went to work. It was tough in the beginning, we made mistakes as we learned the mechanics and what club members were looking for in the club. After getting the second session underway the TC was working on new things that we felt would enhance being a member. Then Covid 19 hit.

In the history of the club nothing like this has never happened. We had no guidelines, no markers, no history, nothing. The Training Committee agreed that the club should shut down and that was the position I presented to the board and the board agreed. We had no idea how long this would last but the thought was to make decisions month by month.

At first the clubs being closed was not a problem but soon people started having problems.

Understandably some members became frustrated with their inability to train at the club. The board considered this and felt the problems created by opening the club to members only at that time were far greater than the benefits. It needs to be stated that not only was the board concerned with the health and wellbeing of its members but also the safety of the club itself. It would take only one lawsuit no matter how frivolous to destroy the club. All lawsuits have to be defended and that costs a great deal of money.

This position was held by the club board and the corporate board.

The Training Committee and other committees tried to find ways to keep members engaged in the club during this time. Many ideas were tossed around, some good, some not so. Training articles and tips were thought to be a way to keep membership engaged, and so we asked for help from membership. Send us your best tips, tricks etc. None Came. Videos were the next idea and so we reached out to a member that has done several. She graciously sat in on a TC meeting and told us how she did it.

We then asked for suggestions and ideas on videos to do and volunteers to help. We did this in three consecutive general membership meetings. Only ONE member recently sent a video. ONE, just ONE and there were no substantive suggestions or offers of help.

I did not push the Training Committee to produce videos for the general members entertainment if they could not be bothered to at least suggest a topic. We were very frustrated by the situation and saw no help or solution.

When the time comes to open the club it is my hope that what comes of this is a new spirit of ownership. This is your club. It is not enough to just pay your dues and show up to train your dog and do nothing else. It is not right to stay in your small group of friends and not reach out to help a struggling member or committee. I hope that the next year the club is brilliantly successful and retains its position as the best club around, but it will take work from all.

I personally am committed to serve in whatever way I can to help the club to this end. I am,

Joe F. Warner

DTCDC Training Director

Fall has arrived!

By Carol Ford

It's the time of year we look forward to leaves turning beautiful colors and falling, the last few hummingbirds, fires in the Chiminea, hot cocoa, snuggled in cozy blanket, thinking about the perfect Halloween costume for our fur baby, and yet Covid still hangs on.

It was reported by Joe Warner at the August General Meeting, that although the Training Committee was conducting ongoing discussion on how to safely reopen the club for all classes, the safest target date was January 2021. The members of the Training Committee are all first line instructors, and are part of the highly compromised group. We polled ourselves found that none were willing to teach at that time. If we did not feel comfortable teaching, how could we ask any member to do what we were not willing to do.

We are now witnessing schools, universities, even bars finding new ways to reopen. We have received raving emails thanking us for holding our ground and not opening, while still hearing from those that want access to the club to personally work their dogs. The Training Committee has continued to listen to all voices.

Hopefully, you have received the email sent out to the members looking for a few good instructors and assistants who want to see the club open. If you feel it is time to open the club, then you should be willing to help with the instruction, sanitizing and work it takes to reopen our doors! The outcome is in your hands.

The Training Committee is extremely proud to be working with the Board in making this most difficult decision. We ask you to come attend the September General Meeting on Sept 15, 2020.

We the Training Committee have taken your health very seriously and your thoughts DO matter! Come Zoom with us and let your voice be heard!



Nominating Committee Report

2021 Officer & Director Nominees

Hot off the press from the Nominating Committee!

By Carol Ford

I want to thank YOU, the club members, for asking me, with your vote of confidence, to chair this committee! Thank you, Pam White, Jose Rodriguez, Jan Bajovich, Shari Price and Lynda Holman for putting your thinking caps on and really creating a very exciting Board for next year! This committee came asking one huge question. What is the future going to look like for DTCDC with COVID not wanting to go away? The committee had a resounding answer, we need to think outside the box for new and different ways to address our new life! With that thought in mind, we chose to not look at what had always been done but look at new ideas while complying with the By Laws. I am very impressed with the outcome. 2021 here we come - it is going to be a fantastic year!

I am proud to present you the 2021 Nominations for the DTCDC Board.



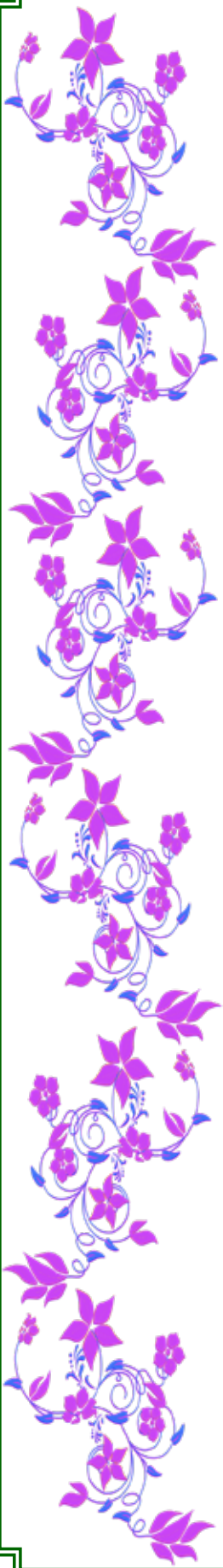
2021 Officer and Board Candidates

- President - Shari Price (2nd term)
- Vice President - Jose Rodriguez (1st term)
- Training Director - Jennie Dunaway (1st term)
- Secretary - Terri Schurr (2nd term)
- Treasurer - Kathleen Stock (1st term)
- Member at Large - Shannon Quinn (2nd term)
- Member at Large - Jana McBroom (2nd term)
- Member at Large - Marilyn Hopkins (1st term)
- Member at Large - Melissa Chojnacki (1st term)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the October General Membership Meeting, provided such nominee consents in advance in writing to serve in the position for which they are being nominated.

Elections will be held at the November General Membership Meeting.

Information We Need to Know



1. **Upcoming Board Meetings:** Sept. 8, Oct. 6 & Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. via Zoom
2. **Upcoming General Meetings:** Sept. 15 , Oct. 13 & Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom
3. You are invited to a **Zoom General Meeting:**
When: DTCDC General Meeting - Sept. 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.
 Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvcO2ggjwiE9flY5k3KiDn4rXYA6dpiv2c>
 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
4. The **PawPrint has a new email address.** If you want to submit something for the next newsletter send it to:
pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
5. The Club now has a **Zoom** account. Contact Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Margaret Culbertson (texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com) if you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. and they can set you up. Once your meeting starts, they can sign off and leave it with you.
6. The new **Roster and Committee Listing** are on the website. If you need to update the roster email Margaret Culbertson at:
dogtrainingroster@gmail.com
7. Please remember that even though we aren't meeting in person, the **Sunshine Committee** (Laura Lipscomb) is still functioning. Please contact Laura if you know of a member who could use a smile or a thought from the Sunshine Committee. Email Laura at: bouvsgrl@aol.com
8. Upcoming **Show 'N Go** Schedule: Under discussion.
9. The 2020 **Eventbrite member registration code** is: **dog2020club**
10. **Additional nominations** for positions on the DTCDC Board may be made from the floor at the October General Membership Meeting, provided such nominee consents in advance in writing to serve in the position for which they are being nominated. Elections will be held at the November General Membership Meeting.

All Classes and Training are Suspended Until Further Notice.
We hope for you to be able to share your knowledge and experience when classes start again soon.

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting
August 4, 2020

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Note taker	Terri Schurr
Attendees	Attendance: Shari Price, Shannon Quinn, Linda Shearin, Terri Schurr, Jana McBroom, Benita Zapata, Lynda Holman, Mark Malone, Joe Warner Margaret Culbertson and Donna Heishman were there to assist with Zoom.

Shari called the meeting to order @ 7:03 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any corrections or additions to the July 7 Board Meeting?
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon moved to accept the minutes; Linda Shearin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari Price for Marilyn Hopkins

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial report 																						
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a lot to report. Partial opening is being considered. Linda Shearin, Pam White and Carol Ford are looking into ways to maximize the building while maintaining social distancing. With 6' between people and dogs we can fit 8-10 people. Traffic control will be the problem. Instructors and assistants will be in the center of the building. Chairs will be only for the participants; no spectators.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been zero interest in video training communicated to the training committee. • There has been concern with training advice given on our Facebook public page that does not relate to our club and training methods. We need a policy statement that says we do not endorse the training methods posted. • Lynda had a video idea. Foster to Furever by Jeff Young • Training equipment question.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe will contact Sandi Myers about a disclaimer about training methods on the public Facebook page that are not sanctioned by our club. • Training equipment will be off-limits for training if the club opens.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom is available for use by any member for committee or other club meetings.
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OLD BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee. The procedures for voting were posted in the August Paw Print. • Sharing computers is a problem with members voting. • How long to leave the link open for voting? Voting will be after the financial report.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting will be only by current members who are attending the General Meeting. • No Jr members. • No associates members. • All eligible members who want to be considered will be listed: First name then Last name. • The link will be open for at least 10 minutes. • The counters will be two people not on the board or tech committee. • Link to the meeting-remind members to look at the roster. • Committee reports, then pause to announce the results and post the link in case of a run-off.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws committee-add electronic devices to meeting rules. • Lynda has problems using the roster. The format is small for the information provided.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include telephone conferencing, video conferencing and computer conferencing. • PDF is the short form of the roster. • Excel is the long form and includes all the information.

Benita moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Shearin seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting
August 11, 2020

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Note taker	Terri Schurr
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	CALLED TO ORDER BY Shari Price @ 7:07 pm via Zoom

Zoom instructions:

1. Type to chat-Nicole is monitoring
2. Raise hand-Donna H is monitoring
3. Votes- Polls are anonymous
4. Contact the Tech Committee to set up your Zoom meetings

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July 14 General Meeting?
Conclusion	Shannon Quinn moved to accept. Mary Boyce seconded to approve. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari Price for Marilyn Hopkins

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report (see Board Minutes from August 4)
Conclusion	

PAW PRINT COMMITTEE – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paw Print material is due Saturday, August 29. This is the first time we will use our own software. The theme is All-American Dogs.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lana needs photos of dogs. Wags and Brags. Jokes, photos, puzzles.

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Shearin and Carol Ford have worked on a way to safely reopen the training facility. When we do reopen it will be with a maximum of 10 people. • On our public Facebook page, opinions and ideas were being presented that may not represent our philosophy of training. It is a public forum but we do not want liability issues to arise.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A disclaimer was posted on our public Facebook page that states the ideas and training may not represent our training philosophy and are not endorsed by the club.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will reopen when it is safe to do so. It will depend upon schools, health, etc. it will be a decision by the Board and Training Committee. The club will be asked to their opinion on reopening.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING – Jose Rodriguez

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescue groups donation ideas. September 17 is National Giving Day. Give to shelters. Shannon Quinn suggested a Garage Sale to benefit shelters. Vicki Jackson suggested a photo of your dog in Halloween Costume. Post the photos in the Paw Print. Jose Rodriguez suggested a parade on the first Sunday in October for the Blessing of the Animals. We could decorate our cars and dress up our dogs. The contest could benefit Tri City Animal Shelter.
Conclusion	These ideas will be considered by the Community Relations committee.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom is available for committee and club meeting sessions. We will have a practice.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer to the practice poll: Flock Guards and Mastiffs.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominating committee vote. Counters are Pam Joyce and Michele Hosey. The roster will be presented via Survey Monkey. It will be first name followed by members last name. If we need a run-off due to a tie, it will be held after the initial voting.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 2020 Nominating Committee is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Ford-Chair Pam White Jose’ Rodriguez Jan Bajovich Shari Price

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Member-at-Large positions are expiring at the end of 2020.
Conclusion	

Brag: Margaret Culbertson reported that Mia escaped the yard. She called her to a Come-Front. She obeyed.

Linda Shearin reported that Tobin left an egret nest alone when called.

Motion to adjourn: Linda Shearin. Seconded by Shannon Quinn Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr, Secretary

All-American Dogs

The All-American Dog

By Shari Price



Shari's dogs Simon and Sedona (cattle dog mix and goldendoodle)

As with much of today's world, we strive to be politically correct. When I was growing up (yes, it was a LONG time ago), a dog that wasn't purebred was a mutt. A derogatory term was mongrel, which was usually associated with stray dogs. Then they became mixed breeds or hybrids, now, they are All Americans. I have to admit, it is much more pleasing to see All American on a premium list than Mutt.

Usually, a mixed breed dog is a combination of 3 or more breeds. We also hear the term Designer Dogs, which is the intentional breeding of 2 pure breeds. This group has acquired a host of cute names, such as chiweenies, morkies, peekapoo, puggle, yorkiepoo, and my favorite, the doodles. There are goldendoodles, labradoodles, bernedoodles, shepadoodles, aussiedoodles and double doodles. All have some degree of poodle in their lineage. Why? Poodles don't shed and are smart and come in several sizes and color combinations.

I am sure at this point, many members are cringing and going on to the next PawPrint article. Yes, it is disturbing to find that the asking price for many of the doodles is several times over the cost of some purebred dogs. It's the supply and demand theory. If they're in demand, the price goes up. Doodles are in demand.

What's the down-side in getting an All American? Obviously, you can't participate in conformation, there is no breed standard, and the AKC and UKC do not recognize them as a specific breed. There are breed dog clubs, they don't fit there either. They are able to participate in AKC, UKC and other events that are not breed specific, such as tracking, scent or nose work, agility, obedience, coursing, fast cat and rally. AKC has an AKC Canine Partners where you can register your All American.

I have had many purebred dogs, now I have three All Americans and one Australian Shepherd. I won't take a position of what is better, once they become a part of your family, it really doesn't matter about their heritage. I wouldn't trade any of them for any amount of money.



This is Shari's dog Ozzy who is a goldendoodle.

Donna Eidelbach shared these photos of her two All-American dogs:



“These are our girls. They are both wonderful dogs. So loving!”

“The first picture (at left) is of Goldie. She is the sweetest dog. An All-American mutt, but we love her dearly!”

“The second photo (below, right) is of Sister, our labradoodle puppy, who is the biggest cuddle bug! Can you say teacup poodle. Lol!”

“The third (below, left) is a photo of both girls!”



The Holman All-Americans

By Lynda Holman

We lived in the city of DeSoto when I trained my first dogs in obedience. They were purebreds, a Miniature Poodle, Doberman and Flat Coat Retriever. When we moved to what was then a pretty rural Midlothian, all we had to do was wait and sooner or later our next dogs would come walking across our property and become our All American rescues. Our current All Americans are: Sweetie/Labrador Mix, Magoo/Labrador Mix, Kate/Terrier Mix and Duncan/Chihuahua Mix.

During this stay/home time in our lives, I sent in the dogs' mouth swabs to have DNA tests done on them. It was fun to get the results, which showed some of the breeds I suspected were in them but also some fun surprises:



The Holman's All-American Dogs are (left to right) Duncan, Magoo, Kate and Sweetie.

- **Sweetie's DNA Results:** 25%Labrador Retriever, 25%American Staffordshire Terrier, 12.5%Collie, 37.5%Breed Groups Sweetie most likely related to: Hound, Herding, Asian, Sporting
- **Magoo's DNA Results:** 25%Labrador Retriever, 25%American Staffordshire Terrier, 12.5%Australian Cattle Dog, 37.5%Breed Groups Magoo most likely related to: Asian, Terrier, Herding
- **Kate's DNA Test Results:** 37.5%American Staffordshire Terrier, 37.5%Miniature Pinscher, 25%Parson Russell Terrier
- **Duncan's DNA Test Results:** 50%Chihuahua, 25%Miniature Pinscher, 25%Breed Groups Duncan most likely related to: Terrier, Guard, Sporting

No matter what their mix, they're all such fun to love, train and watch their different personalities shine through. They remind me of the cute email you may have seen titled:

HOW MANY DOGS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?

LAB: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I?

JACK RUSSELL TERRIER: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

CHIHUAHUA: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

More All-American Dogs...

Jana McBroom shared this photo of “Piper and Darcy, my All-American terrier mix babies!”



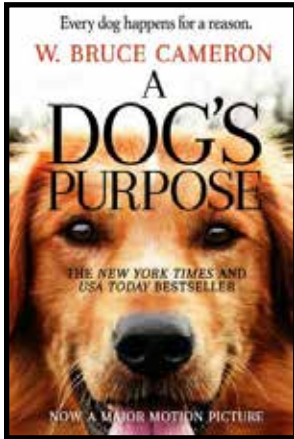
Craig and Lana Shuman found Cub with his head stuck in a chain-link fence. He was about two months old. As far as we could tell he was an American Eskimo/Chow mix. See his little black tongue? Cub crossed the rainbow bridge about six months before we got Fiona in 2011.



Promotional/Community Relations/Advertising Committee

DTCDC Fun Filled Fall Activities

Proposed activities for this fall include



Dog Book, Training Article or Video of the Month discussion group(s)

Nicole Desproges suggested: Small discussion groups meet via zoom to talk about what they thought about techniques, theories or practice with their dogs. Members could share experiences and videos. Objective is to continue learning and sharing.

Doggy Park Social Group(s)

Nicole Desproges suggested: Opt – In members would be assigned to small groups (5 or less) based on their preferences (location, dog size, dog type, social objectives). Bring your own chairs, crates, beverages, snacks, etc.... Objective is to continue socialize with dog lovers and keep our dogs socialized as well.



Halloween Virtual Costume Contest(s)

Vicki Jackson suggested: Members only post photos on club Facebook page. Contests could be best individual dog costume, best group dog costume, best dog & owner costume, best family costume. Objective is to have a little fun and to share the love.



Charity Garage Sale

Shannon Quinn suggested: We would follow all local regulations and CDC safety practices. Event proceeds would benefit local shelter/rescue. Location to be determined. Objective is to raise money to help shelter/rescue dogs.



Tri City Animal Shelter Doggy Parade Drive

Jose Rodriguez suggested: Decorated car contest combined with dog training demonstrations, balloons, and donation drive. Tri City Animal Shelter parking lot. Objective is to attract attention and people to the shelter (dogs).

Please join in our September zoom club meeting for more information. Got another great idea? Please call Jose Rodriguez at 214-587-3893 or send him an email. We really would love to hear from you!



AKC Vir- ly Class

tual Ral- Kick Off

Six teams are launching our AKC Virtual Rally pilot training class. It is held at Jose Rodriguez's home every other week. Off weeks are zoom meetings reviewing at home team performance and practice videos for group evaluation and feedback. We are not simply trying to duplicate in building training sessions. We are leveraging easily available technology to add value, flexibility, and uniquely customized for our members. First class agenda includes:

- Selecting 3 Virtual Rally Novice and Intermediate courses.
- Learning best practices for taking video, up loading to You Tube, and sharing video links.
- Initial focus is on setting the best foundation with attentive heels, straight sits, fast and complete downs, and sharp go arounds.
- Review the signs and discuss best ways to teach and practice.
- Assign individualized homework including videoing and sharing assignments.



How I stay busy in these crazy times

By Jan Hitchborn

We all, Logan, Maggie, Skye and I have been busy training new pup, Rookie, who is now 35 pounds and in between Logan and Maggie in height. He is a sponge and so observant. Skye and I have been working Rally and fine-tuning exercises for ASCA trials in September. Logan is back in the groove for nosework Master HD trial late September. Both weekends just one dog their level in and out to get us semi restarted. I will not be doing all dogs all trials in future. Skye also getting back up to speed in nosework. I have continued swim lessons with Rookie, and he has learned a few tricks. You know your training is paying off when a four and a half month Golden Retriever pup will sit for a group photo. A laughable moment during it, Rookie's "front box" was next to us and he felt he should sit there! I picked it up as it was a scary item to Maggie. So many different personalities.



On the human side I am overseeing home school two days a week with my granddaughters. As I was a first-grade teacher for two years once and helped run, taught in and co-owned a private tutorial school, it has really helped with the first grader. It also helps that on one of those days Logan

attends with me and lies under the study table. Girls are doing virtual for first six weeks to see how numbers go. We have finished week two.

I am still very cautious with this pandemic but venturing out here and there. I am very pleased with my community for everywhere I go, folks are in masks and practicing social distancing.



After writing the above a big adventure occurred for Rookie today. Long and short we were loaded up and on our way to a training class, when I felt uncomfortable that battery of van might need replacing. Had a few issues starting van up etc. So called my tech in Waxahachie who wanted to test it soon. I decided more important thing to do was the battery. So, we went to Waxahachie instead to the dealership. Test showed was getting ready to go. So after cleaning up Rookie's crate (yes he still gets a little car sick and no he had no breakfast so was more drool and phlegm), I could tell getting out of crate was a little unnerving to him as service bay very close to I35. So, I had put him back in his crate. (See photo at left.) The service gents gently lifted his crate out of the van and carried it with Rookie in it over into the shade of the service bay. We had a very nice breeze. I sat on the crate for a while and drank my coffee as I was alone and could take off mask. The highway vehicle sounds were very audible, and vehicles were arriving for servicing. A Dodge Charger eventually roared in right in front of us, but by that time Rookie

felt so secure in his crate that he appeared curious, but unfazed. He also had many folks stop a six-foot distance away to talk to him. Since nosework vehicle searches often take place close to roads, I am hoping this casual and comfortable way of associating the noise stays in his memory. When it was time to leave, he came out of his crate the very obedient way of waiting until I gave the ok which earned him compliments from the Tech who nicely put the crate back in the van. All in all, a very interesting first time out in the "wild and loud world" outside his home, the vet's or Sylvie's.



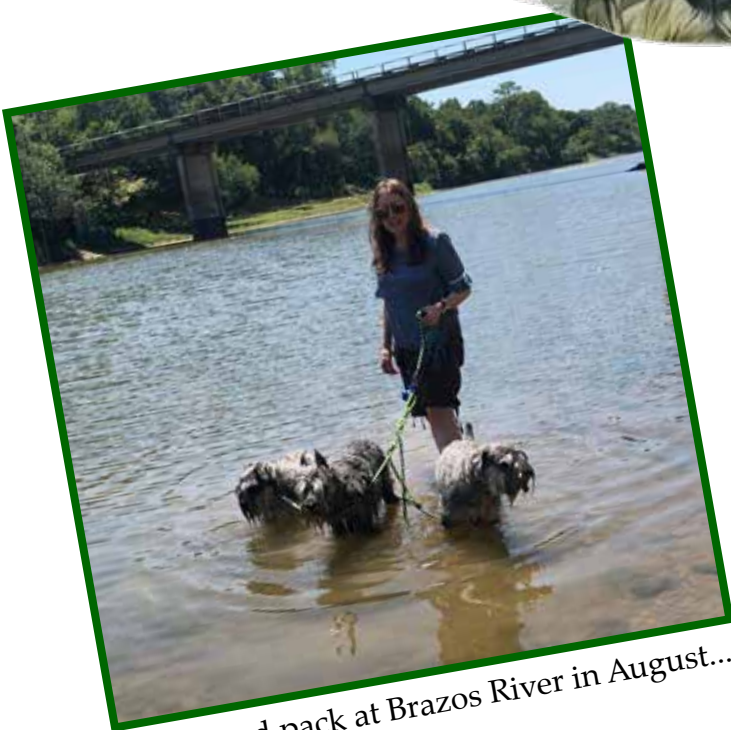
Donna and Bill Heishman stay busy during COVID with day outings with their dogs...



Donna with Sparky and Kati in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, in June.



Donna and all three dogs at Glen Rose in July...



Donna and pack at Brazos River in August...



Bill and pack at Brazos River in August...

Need a new trick to teach your dog?

How about this one: Teaching Your Dog to HUSH

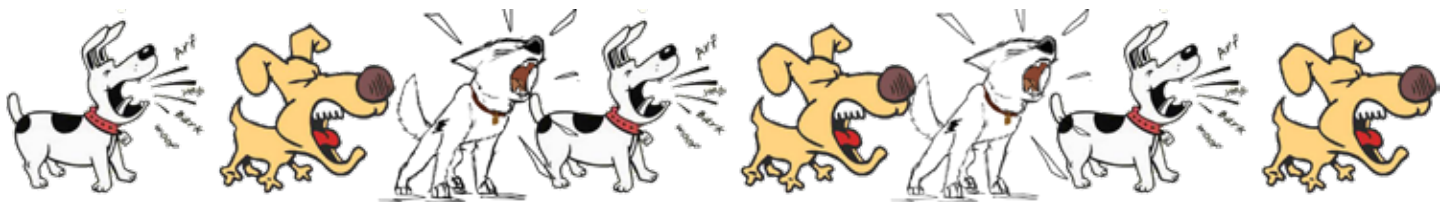
Time for a new trick! Hush is a useful one, that can make a big difference in how your dog responds to you when visitors come to your house. This suggestion is from doggiebuddy.com. Have fun!

Michele Hosey

Difficulty: Moderate

Prerequisite: None

Items Needed: Clicker, Treats



Hush. It's an incredibly useful command that saves your ears and peace of mind. Depending on the breed, your dog may or may not be a barker. If he is territorial at all, you may be dealing with a lot of barking problems. Barking is good - it warns you of potential danger; but it can be very annoying if the dog is barking at every jogger that goes by. With this trick, teach him to be silent when you give the command.

Step 1:	Focus your attention on your dog while he is barking. If he looks at you and stops barking, even for a second, click and treat.
Step 2:	Repeat this several times, eventually adding the word "Hush" as you click and treat.
Step 3:	After several training sessions while your dog is barking, give your dog the command and click and treat when he hushes. Repeat this until he has mastered the trick. Each time you repeat, try and go for longer durations of silence.
Step 4:	You can now add a hand signal to help with this trick. Use it whenever you give the command, and he'll associate it with the trick.

OUR EXPERIENCE


Caspian can be a worrier. He barks at every dog that walks down the street, as well as walkers and joggers, not to mention the mailman and the poor FedEx guy. We almost didn't get a package one time because Caspian was barking so loud. Even though he has a deep bark, he's made entirely of fluff, and would probably lick a burglar to death instead of attacking. However, the barking issue was a problem that we wanted to fix, and the hush command has done its job.

TEACHING TROUBLE

When I stare at my dog to get his attention, he just ignores me and keeps on barking. You may have to get his attention some other way. Clear your throat, say his name, or show him the treat. Eventually, he'll learn not to ignore you.




DTDCDC Bulletin Board



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 13 @ 7 p.m.
via Zoom**



OCTOBER PAW PRINT

THEME: RESCUE DOGS

*If your dog is a Rescue Dog,
this is your month to highlight
your dog's accomplishments and
talents.*

*What things does your dog like
to do that clearly shows you
he/she is awesome.*

DUE DATE: SAT., SEPT. 26 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

NOVEMBER	PUPPIES
DECEMBER	HOLIDAY PHOTOS



SEPTEMBER DOG CALENDAR:

- National Service Dog Month.
- National Pet Insurance Month.
- Responsible Dog Ownership Month.
- Pet Sitter Education Month.
- Animal Pain Awareness Month.
- Sept. 8: National Dog Walker Appreciation Day.
- Sept. 13: National Pet Memorial Day. Established by the International Association Of Pet Cemeteries & Crematories (IAOPCC).
- Sept. 13: National Hug Your Hound Day.
- Sept. 13: Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day.
- Sept. 14-21: Adopt-a-Less-Adoptable-Pet Week.
- Sept. 19: Puppy Mill Awareness Day.
- Sept. 19: Responsible Dog Ownership Day.
- Sept. 20: International Doodle Dog Day. ** rescheduled from May due to coronavirus.
- Sept. 20-26: National Deaf Dog Awareness Week.
- Sept. 20-26: National Dog Week.
- Sept. 24: Remember Me Thursday® is an international social media awareness day that brings attention to the millions of adoptable pets waiting in shelters and remembers those pets who never got a second chance. Share your rescue pet using #RememberMeThursday.
- Sept. 26: World's Largest Pet Walk. Sponsored by Pet Partners.
- Sept. 28: World Rabies Day. Sponsored by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control.

There are two scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for the Terri Clary scholarship, please contact a DTDCDC Board member or Training Committee member. For the Greg Quintana Memorial Fund, please contact Robin Quintana.



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.

The Greg Quintana Memorial Fund



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



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



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



Jan Hitchborn brags:

Another Rookie brag. He got so excited at the pool the other day he jumped in to follow Maggie as she jumped for the lure. He had a life vest on. And he had to work on where to get out. Decided he did not want to do it again!!



Jennie Dunaway brags:

Kip wins Best in Show to finally earn Ruby Grand Championship in UKC. She earned 3 Best in Shows! So proud of my Veteran at the UKC show in Grove, Oklahoma.



Here is a picture of Rookie that night. Look at those long legs. He is now five months old...

Jose Rodriguez brags:

Ruffino earned his first qualifying score in AKC Virtual Rally Intermediate with 98 out of 100 points. It took a little less than 2 weeks to get the results, but they came with an explanation for the point deductions and comments from the judge. So glad that AKC is exploring new & creative ways to keep us active & engaged. Ruffino, a Peruvian Inca Orchid, likes it when I wear my Peruvian Caballo de Paso hat! (See photo at right.)



Georgann Hughes brags:

Team Hughes had a busy couple of weekends!

First, the Lonestar K9 Performance Club and UDOG UKC trials in Alvarado July 31 - August 2. On the first day, Pekingese Jazz earned his first two Master Handler Discrimination legs on his first tries! The first one was just under the allowed time of 4 minutes, the second one at 19 seconds! Both were 1st places. This is not an easy class!!

Day 2, Jazz finished his Master Interior title with another 1st place!

Day 3, Border Collie Swish and I earned our first Elite Interior leg under the 2020 rules of not knowing how many hidden odors are placed in the search area, from 1 to 4. Turns out there were 3. She earned a second place and was one of only two qualifiers! Very proud of that leg!

Next came the new club East Texas Scentwork Club's AKC trials, also in Alvarado, August 22 & 23. I just took photos of their ribbons because both dogs showed a lot and were worn out! Not interested in taking pics with their ribbons!

The first pic is of Swish's ribbon haul! She earned two titles: Novice Handler Discrimination with a second place for one run, and Novice Buried. She also earned one Novice Interior leg and an Excellent Container leg with a 4th place.

Jazz also earned two titles: Advanced Containers with a 1st place for his first run, Novice Interior, plus he earned his first two legs in Novice Handler Discrimination. Overall, he qualified in 5 out of 5 classes, Swish qualified in 5 out of 6. I am super proud of these two!

Added bonus of a cool black and white photo of Swish and me in Handler Discrimination taken by Gigi Goesling.



Benita Zapata brags:

Raiden earned a first leg with a second place win in Excellent level Handler Discrimination AKC scent work trial on August 23 in Alvarado.



Shannon Quinn shared these photos of her dogs this summer:

(Left) Riley loves playing in her sandbox. She really loved digging and snorting the sand after the rainstorm.

(Middle) Riley says this isn't fair, all she wants to do is chew on her bone. :)

(Right) Bear has been passing the time playing frisbee and enjoying the outdoors.



Jan Hitchborn says Rookie is growing. He is outgrowing favorite places.



Jennie Dunaway says Kip and Maggie enjoy their Coolaroo naps.



Dog Humor



When you leave the TV on for your dog, on a news channel, and come home 8 hours later...



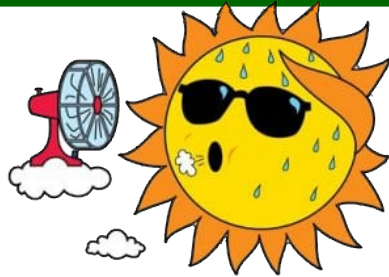
Judy Henry shared the funny items on pages 27 & 28.

Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video





Funny Dog Jokes

Q: Why are dogs like phones?

A: Because they have collar IDs!

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?

A: Because it's hard to run in squares!

Q: What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

A: A collie-flower!

Q: What do you get when you cross a racing dog with a bumblebee?

A: A greyhound buzz!

Q: Why did the snowman name his dog "Frost"?

A: Because "Frost" bites!

Q: What dog keeps the best time?

A: A watch dog!

Q: Which dog breed absolutely LOVES living in the city?

A: A New Yorkie!

Q: Why is a tree like a big dog?

A: They both have a lot of bark!

Q: What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a rooster?

A: A cockerpoodledoo!

Q: What do you get when you cross a frog and a dog?

A: A croaker spaniel!

Q: What do you get when you cross a dog with a phone?

A: A golden receiver!

Q: Where do you find a dog with no legs?

A: Right where you left him!

Q: Why aren't dogs good dancers?

A: Because they have two left feet!

Q: What did one flea say to the other?

A: Should we walk or take a dog?

Q: Why should you be careful when it rains cats and dogs?

A: Because you might step in a poodle!

Q: Why can't dogs work the DVD remote?

A: Because they always hit the paws button!

Q: How are a dog and a marine biologist alike?

A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale!

Q: Why was the dog sweating so much?

A: She was a hot dog!

Q: What did the waiter say to the dog when he brought out her food?

A: Bone appetit!

Q: What do you call a great dog detective?

A: Sherlock Bones!

Q: How do fleas travel from place to place?

A: By itch-hiking!

Q: Which dog breed does Dracula love the most?

A: Blood hounds!

Q: What's a dog's favorite dessert?

A: Pupcakes!

Q: What kinds of stores do dogs love the most?

A: Re-tail stores!

Q: What's a dog's favorite kind of pizza?

A: Pupperoni pizza!

Q: Which dog breed chases anything that's red?

A: A bull dog!

Q: What did the dog say when he sat on some sandpaper?

A: That's rufffffff!!

Q: What's a dog's favorite instrument?

A: A trombone!

Q: What did the hungry Dalmatian say after his meal?

A: "That hit the spots!"

Q: What type of market should you NEVER take your dog?

A: A flea market!

Q: What do you call it when a cat wins a dog show?

A: A CAT-tastrophe!

Q: What do you call a dog that's been out in the cold?

A: A pupsicle!

Q: What do you do if a dog chews your dictionary?

A: Take the words right out of his mouth!

Q: Which breed of dog is the quietest?

A: A hush puppy!

Q: Which dog breed just LOVES bubble baths?

A: A shampooodle!

Q: What did the dog say to the flea?

A: Quit bugging me!

Q: What's a dog's favorite breakfast food?

A: Pooched eggs!

Q: Why did the Dalmatian go to the eye doctor?

A: He kept seeing spots!

Q: Which dog breed is guaranteed to laugh at all of your jokes?

A: A Chi-ha-ha!

Q: What does a dog get when she finishes obedience school?

A: Her pet-degree!

Dog Breeds Word Search

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| husky | collie | dobermann | ridgeback |
| malamute | boxer | setter | pomeranian |
| mastiff | brittany | retriever | poodle |
| spaniel | pointer | labrador | pug |
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