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Too Cool For School



Pat Ingram's Charm is Too Cool For School. "Just wait for recess, mom!"



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	William (Terry) Popham	9/7	Bill Heishman
9/3	Robbie Zeske	9/8	Kristal Hatcher
9/4	Cathy Yahraus	9/9	Cherie Meagher
9/4	Dawnery Vargo	9/10	Greg Lambert
9/4	Johnny Nicholson	9/11	Shannon Quinn
9/5	Gary Cathey	9/15	Barbara Parramore
9/5	Debbie Kavossi	9/16	Danny Eggleston
		9/18	Lisa Gonzales
		9/20	Karen Henry
		9/20	John Warren
		9/21	Robin Quintana
		9/28	Sandra Iglesias
		9/30	Caroline Oldham
		9/30	Cathy Garrett



A Very Happy Birthday To All!

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



Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort.

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

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

Sunshine Fund Report

	JULY	YTD
Proceeds	\$89	\$387.09
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Net	\$80	\$387.09

SEPTEMBER 9 @ 7 P.M.



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

THEME: TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

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A Word from Our President



Dear DTCCDC Members,

As summer comes to an end, I hope each of you has been able to make lasting memories with both your two and four legged friends. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at last month's general meeting whether you joined us at the club or online.

Thank you to all who participated in voting for our nominating committee and a special thank you to the members who served on the committee. Your time and commitment are deeply appreciated and vital to the continued success of The Dog Training Club of Dallas County.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Ruth Miles

Your President



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by Charles M. Schutz



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2023 Officers & Directors

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

Corporate Directors:

- Lynda Holman
- Mark Malone
- Maurine Pearson

The objectives of the Club shall be:

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

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

Nominating Committee Report



On August 12, 2025 the following Nominating Committee was elected by online } Heishman. Reagan Chojnacki and David Elliott were elected co-chairs of the committee.

The full committee, along with Mark Malone as the Corporate Director advising, met via Zoom on August 18 and 25. The following nominees were selected:

- **President – Melissa Chojnacki (1st term)**
- **Vice President – Barbara Elliott (1st term)**
- **Training Director Mary Ann Magness (2nd term)**
- **Secretary - Samantha Colvard (2nd term)**
- **Treasurer – Greg Lambert (1st term)**
- **Member at Large – Melissa Jordon (1st term)**
- **Member at Large - Pam Chrystal (1st term)**
- **Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski (2nd term)**
- **Member at Large - Maysel McGown (2nd term)**

For additional information, see the Bylaws Article VI and the September PawPrint on page 5.

Thank you,
Nominating Committee
Donna Heishman
David Elliott
Pam White
Reagan Chojnacki
Ruth Miles
Mark Malone Advising Corporate Director



ARTICLE VI – THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Club Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of November at which time officers and members at large for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records related to that office within ten (10) days after the election.

Section 3. Elections

Elections shall be by secret ballot, except... if there is only one nominee for an office, and then it may be a voice vote.

Section 4. Nominations

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in advance by one of the following procedures:

- A. At the August regular meeting of the Club, a Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot. Each Active Member in good standing and in attendance will be allowed to submit five (5) names on the elective written ballot. The five (5) members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as the Nominating Committee, with the person receiving the greatest number of votes as chair. Any tie shall be decided by a run-off ballot. A Corporate Director will be on the Committee as a non-voting advisor.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall meet within ten (10) days from its election and shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in November, and shall secure the consent of each nominee. These candidates shall be published in the September Pawprint and announced at the September regular meeting of the Club.
- C. Additional nominations may be made at the October regular meeting of the Club by any members in attendance provided that the person so nominated has signified in advance and in writing his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position. Additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.
- D. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.



Additional nominations may be made at the October General Meeting on October 14. See Section 4. Nominations subsection C above for more details.

Voting for the new board will take place at the November 11 General Meeting. Be sure to attend in person or by Zoom and make your vote count.

DTCDC Volunteer Committees

Name	Phone	Email
Vernon Miles	469-853-8293	mainstreamplb@yahoo.com
Building Maintenance – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAC maintenance, etc.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Bylaws – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
Alexis Jankowski	214-532-8532	amharajankowski@gmail.com
CGC – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
Tawny Schaffer	214-769-8523	tgs@schaffertx.com
Commissary – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
Nicole Litterio Ruth Miles	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	nlitter2@gmail.com milesdtcdc@gmail.com
Community Events & Distribution – Promote DTCCDC’s mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Database/Roster – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
Available		
Legislative Liaison – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Library – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
Shelley Carr	678-977-2294	slcarr63@hotmail.com
Membership & Volunteerism – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		

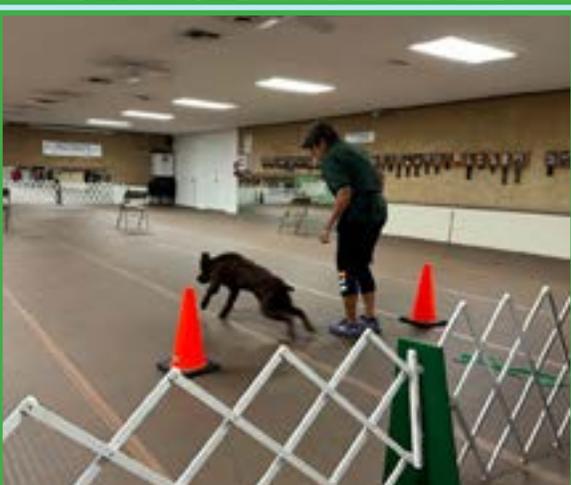
Lana Shuman	214-244-0960	pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
PawPrint – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Printing & Promotional - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		
Lynda Holman Donna Heishman	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	lyholman@flash.net donnapeishman@gmail.com
Purchasing – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
Reagan Chojnacki	919-810-5428	reaganchojnacki@gmail.com
Registration/Registrar – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Show ‘N Go – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Social – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
Glen O’Gorman	817-915-3318	glen@apollomts.com
Social Media – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DTCDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
Marye Boyce	732-354-9323	maryeboyce200@gmail.com
Sunshine – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Technology – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
Felicia Ruhter	214-536-2667	ruhtclan@swbell.net
Telephone – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price		
Treasury Review – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

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

Train the Trainer - August 16

The August Train the Trainer was an introduction to one of AKC’s newest titles. FETCH is a great sport for any dog that can retrieve a toy, ball, or bumper.

Pam Chrystal, who is an AKC Fetch judge, gave this presentation using AKC videos of the different levels and examples of bumpers and blinds. Several members got to try a “novice fetch” with their own dogs and we all had a great time visiting afterward.



A Note from Your Training Director



As summer comes to an end, temperatures come down, and the kids go back to school, many of us return to training our dogs. It was great to see so many of our members at the CEN-TEX obedience show. I was so happy to see the results of our classes reflected in the qualifying scores, placement ribbons, and new titles awarded to these teams. Some of our members and/or their dogs were competing for the first time, some were veteran competitors, and some were even receiving points toward their OTCH (obedience trial championship). There were a couple of people at the show who saw the performances of our members and expressed interest in coming to train at our club.

But this club is not just about competition. We support, encourage, care for each other and work as a family. I'm glad to be a part of DTCCDC.

Mary Ann Magness

Training Director

"Training a dog is as much about training the owner as it is the dog."

Robert Falconer Taylor



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

You may also contact other Training Committee members

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

2025 Session 5 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 5 which started August 18 and runs through September 29. Thank you to those who volunteered to teach or assist this session. We have had a successful year because of you.

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

2025 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M O N	Novice Rally	1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	Aug 18 - Sept 29 No class on Labor Day	Jan Bruner	Pam White	
	Rally Adv & Ex	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Aug 18 - Sept 29 No class on Labor Day	Jan Bruner	Pam White	
	Conformation	6 - 7 p.m.	Aug 18 - Sept 29 No class on Labor Day	Hope McQueen		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Aug 18 - Sept 29 No class on Labor Day	Holly Taylor	Jeff Young, Sherry Woods, Jody Woods	
	Beginner	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Aug 18 - Sept 29 No class on Labor Day	Michelle Moorman	Daniel Hill, Samantha Colvard, Lisa Gonzales	
T U E S	Master Nosework*	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Aug 19 - Sept 23	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	DTCDC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Sept. 2	Ruth Miles		
	DTCDC General Meeting	7 p.m.	Sept. 9	Ruth Miles		
W E D	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Carie Turner	Pam White	
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Theresa York	Dottie Smith	Colleen Gurgius
	Trick Dog Novice & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Michele Hosey	Theresa York	Pam White
	Control Unleashed Attention	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Mary Ann Magness		
	Beginner	6 - 7 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Barbara Elliott	David Elliott, Belinda Tantalo	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Marye Boyce	Steven Boyce, Brad Ralph	
	Novice Polish	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Aug 20 - Sept 24	Class Rotation		
T H U R	BNose & BObedience*	2 - 3 p.m.	Aug 21 - Sept 25	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Chris Swain/Steven Boyce		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 p.m.	Aug 21 - Sept 25	Sheryll Barker	Lexi Moore	
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Aug 21 - Sept 25	Amy Witmer	Maysel McGowen	
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Aug 21 - Sept 25	Melissa Chojnacki	Shelly Young	
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Aug 22 - Sept 26	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nosework	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Aug 22 - Sept 26	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes, Shannon Quinn, Daniel Hill		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Aug 22 - Sept 26	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes, Miriam Inglehart, Daniel Hill		
S U N	Adv Open*	11 a.m - 12 p.m.	Aug 24 - Sept 28	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 p.m.	Aug 24 - Sept 28	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
*PREREQUISITE		**NO CLASS DURING CLUB EVENTS				
*** This class will return to it's original time of 1 - 4 pm when weather becomes cooler.						

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

- Session 1 January 6 to February 16
- Session 2 March 3 to April 13
- Session 3 April 28 to June 8 with June 9 makeup for Memorial Day
- Session 4 June 23 to August 1 with August 8 as makeup for July 4 holiday
- Session 5 August 18 to September 28 with September 29 makeup for Labor Day
- Session 6 October 6 to November 21

2025 Session 6 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 6 (the final session for the year) which starts October 6 and runs through November 16. There are still a few teaching and assisting vacancies. Please look below and see if there is a class you can volunteer for. Thank you!

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

2025 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

Class	Day	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Instructor	Assistant
Rally Novice	Monday	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Pam White		
Rally Adv & Ex	Monday	2:30 - 3:30	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Pam White	Jan Bruner	
Conformation Class	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Alexis Jankowski?		
Puppy	Monday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Tawny Schaffer	Daniel Hill, Michelle Coffin	
Beginner	Monday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Brad Ralph		
Master Nosework*	Tuesday	1 - 4 pm	Oct 14 - Nov 18	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
Open/Utility/Rally*	Wednesday	9 am - 12 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Mona O’Gorman		
Intermediate	Wednesday	12:15 - 1:15pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Carie Turner	Pam White	
Beginner	Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Teresa York	Dottie Smith, Coleen Gurguis	
Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	Wednesday	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Michelle Hosey	Theresa York	Pam White
Control and Attention	Wednesday	4:45 - 5:45 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Mary Ann Magness	Coleen Gurguis	
Beginner	Wednesday	6-7 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Barbara Elliott	David Elliott, Belinda Tantalo	
Puppy	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Marye Boyce	Steven Boyce, Brad Ralph	
Novice polish	Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Class Rotation		
B Nose & B Obedience*	Thursday	2 - 3 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
Rally Novice	Thursday	6 - 7 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Sheryll Barker	Lexi Moore	
Rally Adv & Ex	Thursday	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Amy Whitmer	Maysel McGowen	
Intermediate	Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Melissa Chojnacki	Shelly Young	
Open/Utility*	Friday	10 am - 12 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Mona O’Gorman		
Advance Nose Work	Friday	6:15 - 7:15 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
Beg Nosework	Friday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
Adv Open *	Sunday	11 am - 12pm	Oct 19 - Nov 23	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
Adv Utility*	Sunday	1 - 2 pm	Oct 19 - Nov 23	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
* prerequisite						
** no class during club events						

Thank You!

Thanks to Ruth Miles, Jean Villa, Lisa Wharton, Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Gonzales, Barbara Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Lisa Gonzales, Pat Ingram, and all the club members who helped provide photos and information for this issue. It is your willingness to provide information, answer my endless questions and submit photos that makes this newsletter possible. It takes a club! ~ Lana Shuman

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – August 5, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Ruth Miles, Melissa Chojnacki, Maryann Magness, Alexis Jankowski, Kinnie Hardaway Zoom: Mark Malone
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:04 pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July’s Board Meeting General Meeting minutes have not been published in PawPrint yet, nothing to approve. Lana hopes to have PawPrint out on Wednesday.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	Total Income \$ Total Expenses \$ Total: \$ Sunshine Club Income \$ Expense \$ Total: \$
Conclusion	Barbara did not bring the correct information and will give report at General Meeting

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer – Pam Crystal will give a talk on AKC Fetch Dog
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SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

	<p>SNG dates 8/16/2025, 9/6/2025, 10/18/2025, 12/27/2025</p> <p>Margaret will not be available to run the December SNG we are working on getting an assistant for computer work – Alexis volunteered for December</p>
Conclusion	

CGC/CGCU – Alexis Jankowski

	August 9 2025
Conclusion	

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member applicants • Murphy Peterson and Debbie Reneau
Conclusion	Board reviewed and approved – sending to GM for vote

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna is still looking into replacing our hybrid zoom meeting camera, she will wait until amazon has their prime sale
Conclusion	

Purchasing – Lynda Holman Donna Heishman

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

OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New AKC jump was ordered on July 11, \$424.95 plus shipping Maysel put the order on her card, once jumps are in the club will reimburse Maysel. • Debrah is scheduled for November 8th and 9th to come to the club and do dog teeth cleaning. • The price will remain the same at \$70,00. Becky will do the scheduling, \$20. deposit is required when scheduling, balance due at appt time and will be paid to Debrah. Debrah and the club will split the deposit fee. \$10 each Debrah’s portion will be paid by check.
Conclusion	

NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 2 new waiver/release forms• 1 for offsite Nosework classes• 1 for non-members at club• Reminded MAL to contact their groups, and we will have the Nominating Committee at August General Meeting• Discussed if the club could add Fetch Dog to it's testing
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

Reminder from Nosework

This is a friendly reminder that items in the back storage area on the black shelves inside blue tape area are Nosework items to be used during the nosework classes only (Friday evenings or Tuesday master nosework during the day). Nosework class days and times are in PawPrint.

Items of major concern include the cardboard boxes inside the trash bags. Although the boxes may look the same they are not and should not be mixed up. Due to the very nature of the sport it is necessary that certain items be placed on the opposite side of the room from the black shelves.

This includes the cardboard boxes with alpha lettering on them needing to be stacked on top of the black file cabinet and there is also one wooden box by those that is on black cabinet as well. We call these items "hot" items. Scents are removed for storage but retain lingering odor and so need to be away from other items. It is necessary that even those in nosework classes not use these supplies during the week for practice in between classes but only on Friday night.

If you have watched any videos online about the sport and want to try it, we recommend you reach out to one of the instructors to ask to come observe a class. We are all in the member roster - Benita Zapata, Georgann Hughes, Kinnie Hardaway and Jan Hitchborn.



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting August 12, 2025

Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Melissa Chojnacki (for Samantha Colvard)
Attendees	See Sign in Sheet and Zoom Attendance
	<p>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online. • Make sure you have signed in • Remember to be respectful of speakers

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	July’s General Meeting minutes were published in August PawPrint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	No corrections, approved by consensus

TREASURER’S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report presented
Conclusion	<p>Total Income classes \$2,016, SNG \$350.98, dues \$50, merch \$331, sunshine \$439 Total Expenses shirts \$345, adobe \$844, 1099 prep \$400, lawn \$874 Deficit \$209.97 Total: \$47,414.10 No Questions asked</p>

Nominating Committee

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per our Bylaws Section 4-part A – read Bylaw A we will be voting on (5) members for our Nominating Committee to slate our 2026 year Board • Paper Vote counters are Steven Boyce and Sandi Myers; all votes will be validated by comparing votes cast to our attendance list. An email will be sent out with the names of those selected for the NC • Donna Heishman directed the electronic voting process • Sandi Myers and Steven Boyce oversaw the closing of the vote
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TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train The Trainer – Fetch Dog All instructors covered for session 5 Still looking for session 6, sign up at back of room Still have money for CGC/Star Puppy certification for next year T3 Aug 19th Pam Chrystal to present fetch demo, six working spots, on Eventbrite, 2 left, dog needs a retrieve already. • Class dates on website to be updated
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SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August Birthdays - read out loud • Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Winners: no raffle

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September’s Theme: Too Cool for School • Any brags and photos would be appreciated – Due DATE wed Aug 27 • Also, please submit any items you would like to be posted in the Traders Corner • Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting. • Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.
Conclusion	

CGC - Alexis

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGC, CGCA
Conclusion	No date at this time- will be announced once determined, looking at CGCU

Purchasing – Printing Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Jackets options available, Link sent out to everyone, let Donna know what to order • Shirts are re-stocked • Treat aprons • Tote bags available, see Donna if you want one
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering. • Additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated sharing the many duties of this committee • New promotion code for Eventbrite: traindogsforever
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Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNG dates: 8/16/2025, 9/6/2025, 10/18/2025, 12/27/2025 • Volunteers are always needed, please contact Margaret, or anyone on the SNG committee • Learn as you go, anyone is welcome to come and watch • The 8/16 SNG is full and there is a waiting list
Conclusion	

MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 New Members Murphy and Yvette Peterson- Tawny Schaffer spoke in support of the Petersons Debbie Renau – Kinnie Hardaway, Alexis Jankowski and Georgann Hughes spoke in support of Debbie
	All applicants unanimously approved by membership

.Old Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie (lady who does the dog teeth cleaning) is available to come in on November 8th. We can also have her for November 9th if there are enough slots to warrant. • The price will remain the same as last year, \$70.00. • A \$20.00 deposit is required at the time of signing up and balance due on day of cleaning and will be paid directly to Debbie. • Becky Hill will schedule the cleaning appointments and Barbara will work with Becky to ensure all deposits are made. • Scheduling is not currently open, the membership will be advised when it opens • The new AKC Jump is here and will be used during the SNG on Saturday 8/16
Conclusion	

New Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new business• A moment of silence was held in memory of Terri Schurr
Conclusion	

Snacks for September: Maysel and Melissa Jordan

Motion to adjourn by Reagan, seconded by Kinnie Hardaway

Meeting Adjourned for Brags at 7:55 pm



One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.

I ♥ Dogs



Information We Need to Know



1.	<p>Lock Codes: Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com) if you need the codes. We have replaced the combination lock on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the code has NOT changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</p>
2.	<p>Incident Reports: Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings: September Board Meeting will be held September 2 at 7 p.m. October Board Meeting will be held October 7 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: September General Meeting will be held on September 9 at 7 p.m. October General Meeting will be held on October 15 at 7 p.m. Register for the July General Meeting's Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/eZHJQMJgSzmw6UWMcpJgdQ</p>
4.	<p>Fill out Class Registration Sheet for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a Zoom account for meetings. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (donna@heishman.net) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (rv_miles@yahoo.com)</p>
6.	<p>The next Show 'N Go is scheduled for September 6. Registration is open at this link. Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret and shared in this newsletter on page 38. Future Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 9/6, 10/18, 12/27 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com with questions.</p>
7.	<p>The club's Wi-Fi and password information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically. • Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name & password. <p>Contact: Donna Heishman, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p>FOR MEMBERS ONLY! The code for CLASS registration only is: traindogsforever Classes are found at: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</p>
9.	<p>Submit items for PawPrint to Editor Lana Shuman at: pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, maintenance chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: rv_miles@yahoo.com or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>

Information We Need to Know



11. Missed Class Policy
 Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.
 If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.



12. First Responder Discount Policy
 First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT and Paramedics.

13. Sunshine Fund
 August birthdays will be recognized at the August meeting.
 If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact Marye Boyce at maryeboyce200@gmail.com.



14. Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions
 Topic: TBD
 Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025
 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Watch your email for information on the topic and details.
Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.



15. Return Equipment to Original Storage Location
 When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.



16. Help Wanted by Technology Committee
 We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.
[Donna Heishman](#)
 Technology Committee

17. Please **DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings.** It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.
Margaret Culbertson

Information We Need to Know



18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

Ruth Miles



19.

Leash Reminder

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

Training Committee



20.

Gate Configuration

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



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

Happy Training,
Training Committee



21.

Rabies Certificates

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

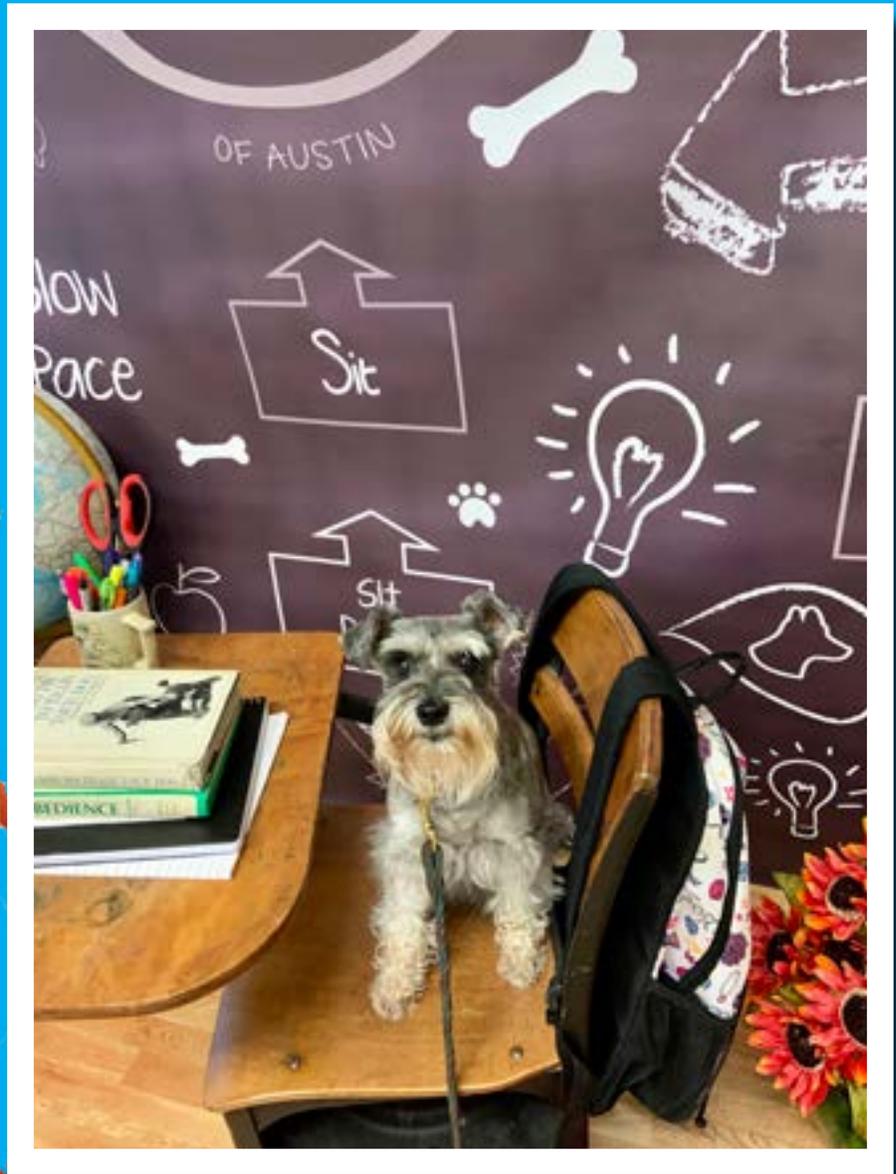


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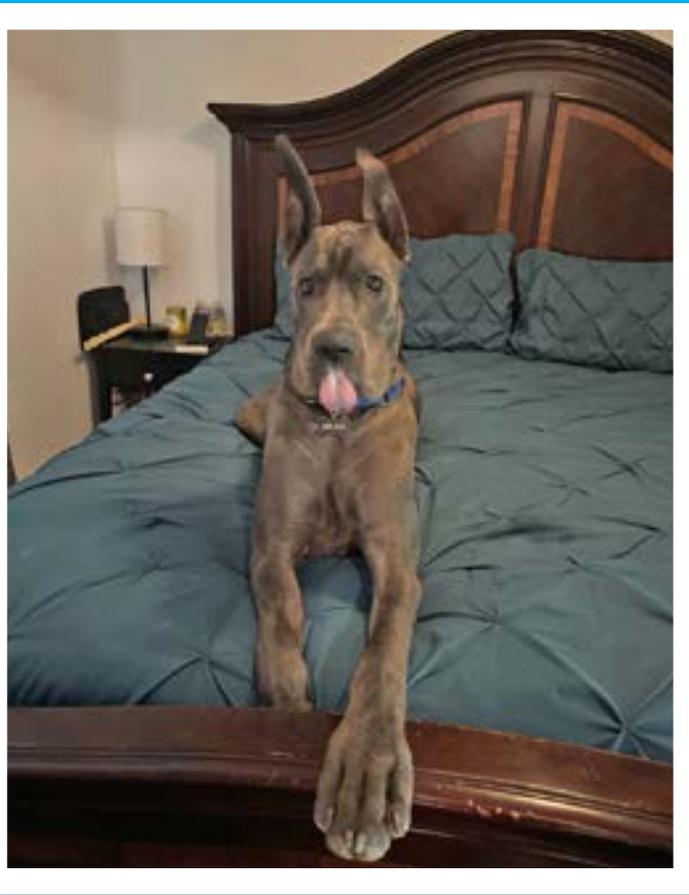
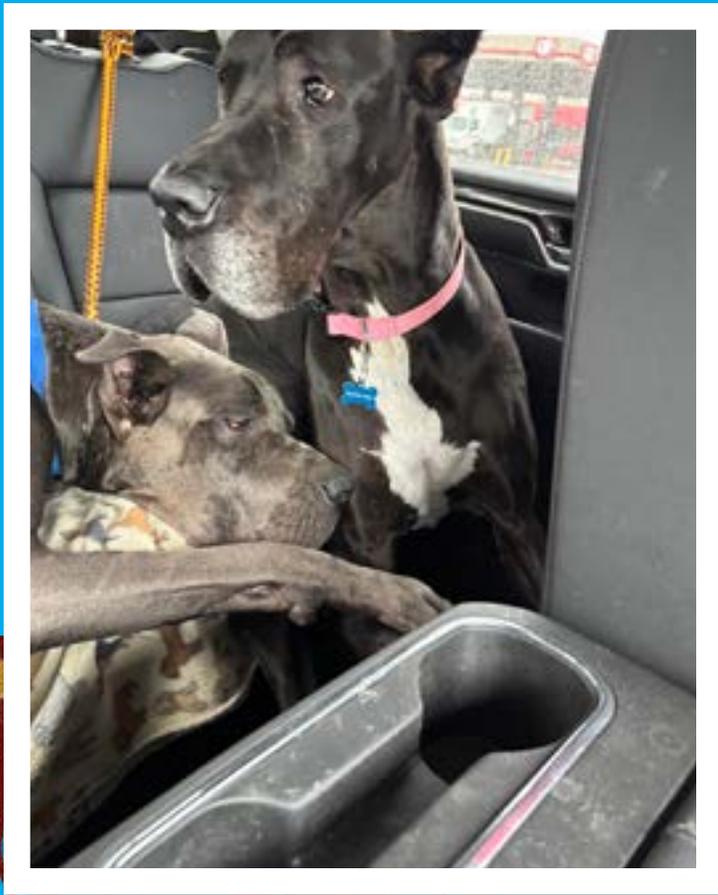
Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease

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

Too Cool For School



Pat Ingram's Tara is also Too Cool for School. She has it all figured out! She also has decided recess is the best part of the day.



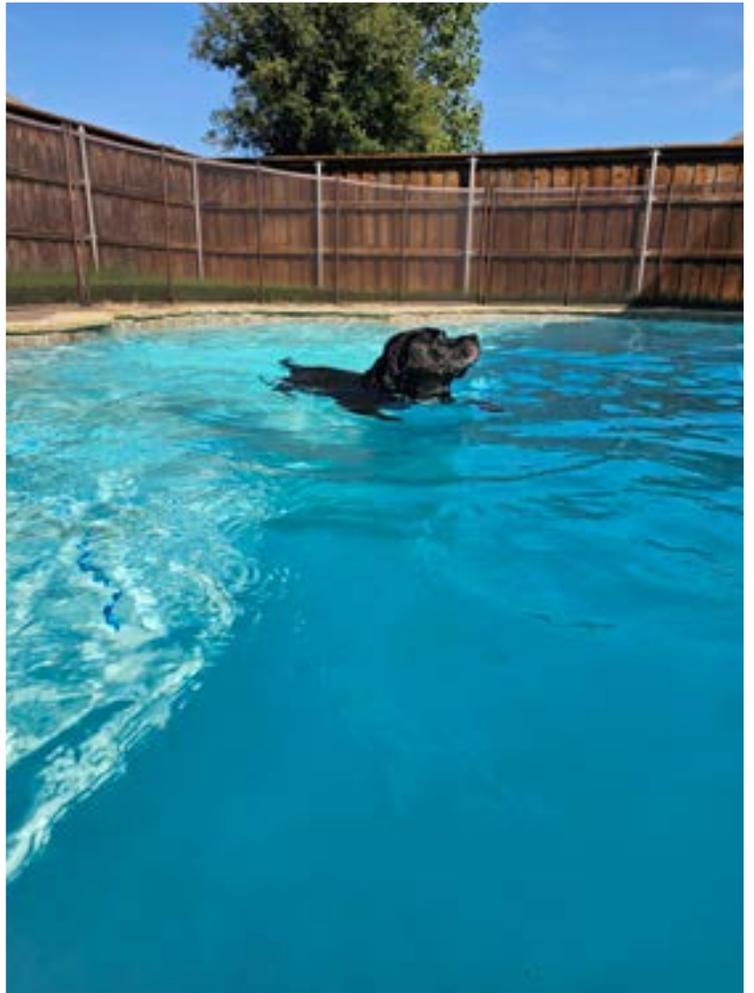
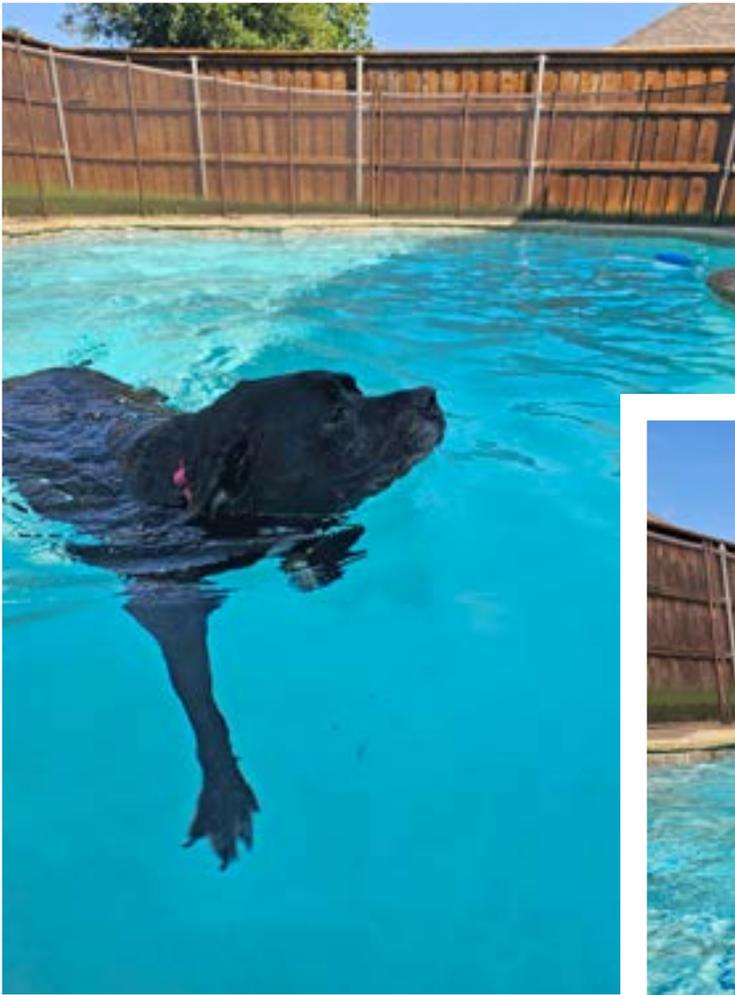
David and Barbara Elliott took Bailey and Bruce on their first RV Camping trip. (top, left) At right, the dogs keep it cool around the house!



Jan Hitchborn's Logan says the sun feels good on senior bones and Oliver likes all the scents the summer breezes bring.

(Below) Jane Palmer's Zyra loves to play with her Mom. "She has such interesting things for me to do. Obedience, Rally and Agility. I'm such a happy girl!"





Kinnie Hardaway's Piper LLOOOVVVEESSS to swim. That is much cooler than going to school...



Melissa Jordan's Uli is doing homework. She says, "We've been mixing Uli's trick practice with his nosework. It makes 'homework' more exciting than 'regular' school." He is Too Cool For (regular) School.





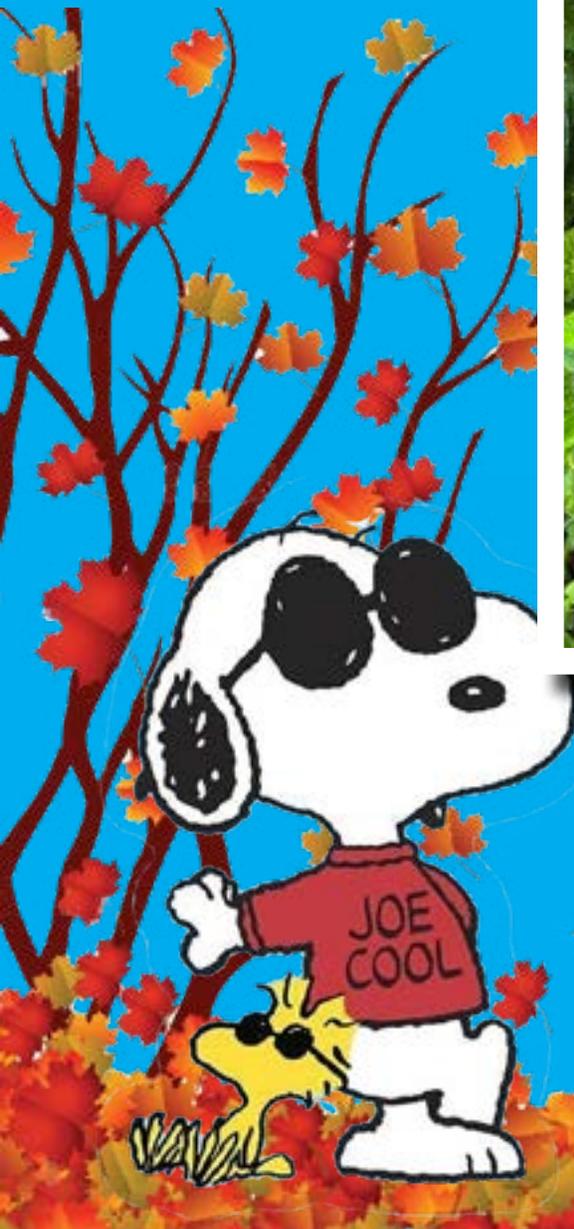
Ruth and Vernon Mile's William is definitely too talented and Too Cool For School.



Shari Price asks: "Can you see Vanessa?"

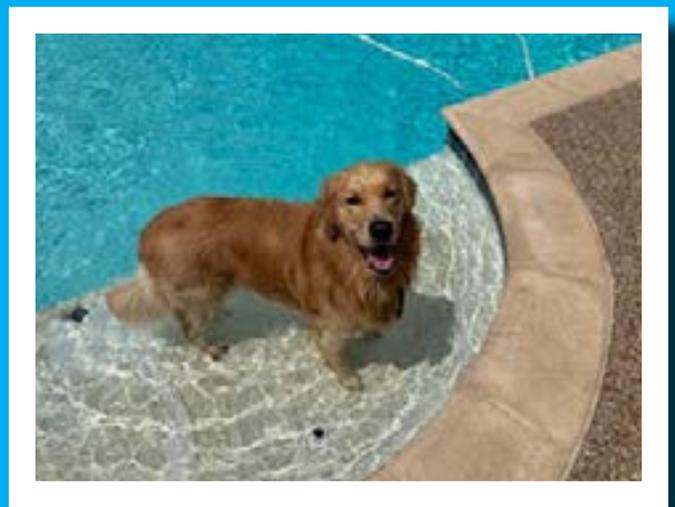
Vanessa loves to play with her mom. "She has such interesting things for me to do. Obedience, Rally and Agility. I'm such a happy girl!?" says Vanessa.

Hey, is she hiding from the truant officer?



Shannon Quinn says,
"Riley was super excited
to show her hard work
from nosework school
that earned her a place-
ment."

Riley is definitely Too
Cool For School!



Tawny Schaffer's Cody knows how
to keep it cool in summer.



2025 DT CDC Costume Contest

General Meeting - October 14

RULES IF YOU ENTER:

- Your dog will be judged by the members. Your human costume, if you so chose, may or may not help in your winning. Dog must have a costume.
- You and your dog must be present(in person) at the club at the meeting to be judged.
- No Zoom entries.
- In person and Zoom attendees can vote. No absenteed “mail in” voting allowed.

Pictures will be published in the November PawPrint.

Prizes for winners, of course!!!

Come with your dog and costume!

This is always a fun time. Let’s make it the best ever!





The Winter Awards Banquet and Live Auction

Saturday, December 13th
3 - 5 p.m.

Stay tuned for more details next month!
Mark your calendars.

Frank Morris and Buddy



Frank Morris was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1908. At the age of six he lost his right eye after hitting a tree branch while horseback riding, and at the age of 16 he lost his left eye during a boxing match. Morris was very frustrated with having to depend on others to help him get around.

In November 1927, Morris's father read him an article by Dorothy Eustis, an American philanthropist living in Switzerland who operated a school that supplied dogs to the police and Red Cross. The article described schools in Germany that trained guide dogs for WWI veterans who had gone blind from mustard gas.

Morris was inspired to write Eustis for help. "Is what you say really true? If so, I want one of those dogs! And I am not alone. Thousands of blind like me abhor

being dependent on others. Help me and I will help them. Train me and I will bring back my dog and show people here how a blind man can be absolutely on his own. We can then set up an instruction center in this country to give all those here who want it a chance at a new life." Eustis agreed to help.

Morris went to Switzerland and trained with a female German shepherd named Kiss, which he quickly re-named Buddy. The training was hard, but after a few weeks Morris was able to get around the Swiss village safely with Buddy's assistance.

In June 1928, Frank returned to the US with Buddy in New York City. He notified the media and demonstrated Buddy's abilities by crossing a busy New York street. According to Morris "She [Buddy] moved forward into the ear-splitting clangor, stopped, backed up, and started again. I lost all sense of direction and surrendered myself entirely to the dog. I shall never forget the next three minutes: 10-ton trucks rocketing past, cabs blowing their horns in our ears, drivers shouting at us. When we finally got to the other side and I realized what a really magnificent job she had done, I leaned over and gave Buddy a great big hug and told her what a good, good girl she was."

Morris sent a one-word telegram to Eustis: "SUCCESS!"

In January 1929, Morris and Eustis cofounded the first guide dog school in the US called The Seeing Eye. It operated in Nashville for two years and then relocated to New Jersey because the weather was more suitable for training dogs. Between 1929 and 1956, Morris traveled throughout the US spreading the word about the organization and the need for equal access laws for people with guide dogs. By 1956, every state in the US had passed laws allowing blind people with guide dogs access to public spaces.

Buddy died on May 23, 1938. Morris named his next dog Buddy, as he would all his subsequent seeing eye dogs. On April 29, 2005, a sculpture of Frank Morris and Buddy titled The Way to Independence was unveiled in Morristown, New Jersey.

Togo, the Hero Sled-Dog

Togo, the hero sled-dog who carried antitoxin serum 260 miles through blizzards, ice and black arctic nights in Alaska to save an entire town



In 1925, a deadly outbreak threatened the children of Nome, Alaska. A relay of sled dogs carried the antitoxin across hundreds of frozen miles. Togo led the longest and most dangerous stretch - 264 miles (421km) through blizzards, cracking ice, and black Arctic night.

The diphtheria outbreak struck in 1925, threatening the lives of the more than 10,000 inhabitants of the area, especially children. The only viable medicine was in Anchorage, 1,000 miles away. Aircraft engines froze and the closest rail line was 674 miles away, so officials turned to sled dogs to move the serum.

Seppala's team set out, 12-year-old Togo at the helm. They covered the most dangerous leg—a shortcut across Norton Sound—through the dark, in a blizzard. But in just 5½ days, the lifesaving serum was delivered to Nome. Togo and Seppala did an astounding 264 miles (421 km); other teams averaged 31.

Togo was very sick as a puppy and was given away to be a pet, deemed unsuitable to be a sled dog. He disagreed, jumping through a closed window to run back to his sled-dog siblings' kennel. This greatly impressed venerated musher Leonhard Seppala.

Togo continued to be a troublemaker, though, and while he showed interest in being a sled dog, he still didn't look the part at only 48 pounds.

But Togo changed Seppala's mind. Before a big trip, Seppala put Togo in a kennel with instructions to not free him until the team was long gone. Togo broke out and trailed the team through nightfall, surprising Seppala the next day. On the way home, Seppala put him in a harness and Togo instantly settled down. Togo logged 75 miles (120km) on his first official day—unheard of for an inexperienced sled dog.

In 2011, Time named Togo the most heroic animal ever. In 2022, a Togo statue was unveiled in Maine, where he spent his last years. Disney released a film about Togo in 2019 with Willem Dafoe as Seppala and Togo played by Diesel, a direct descendant of Togo.

Seppala summarized the entire story perfectly: "I thought of the ice and the darkness and the terrible wind and the irony that men could build planes and ships. But when Nome needed life in little packages of serum, it took the dogs to bring it through."

TRADER'S CORNER

For Sale, Trade or Give-away:

This space is saved in every PawPrint for you to advertise dog-related items you would like to sell, trade or give away.

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

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

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



Pat Ingram shares these photos of club members competing at the Centex Kennel Club Obedience and Rally trial in McGreagor, Texas, on August 22, 23, 24. (Above, left) Pam Chrystal and Deo, (top, right) Mary Ann Magness and Jenny, and (right) Sheryll Barker and Theodore.

Thanks, Pat, for sharing these photos of our members in action.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)



**Titles earned on
Session 4 - 2025**

Congratulations to:

- **Melissa Jordan & Uli**
- **Melissa Chojnacki & Brody**
- **Rose Barnes & Finn**



Trick Dog Titles



**Titles earned on
Session 4 - 2025**
Congratulations to:

- **Michelle Moorman & Lily - TKN**
- **Melissa Chojnacki & Brody - TKN**
- **Teresa York & Sever - TKN,TKI**
- **Rose Barnes & Finn - TKN, TKI, TKA**
- **Melissa Jordan & Uli - TKA**



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

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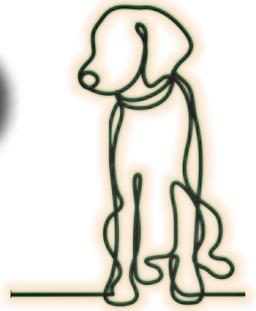
604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show 'N Go

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025

Pre-Entries Only

Limited to 6 hours of ring time



Classes Offered: Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov

Details: \$9.00 first five minutes
\$1.00 each additional minute
(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)
Start time depends on number of entries
Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise

Pre-Entry Details: "Events" on DTCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org
Link: [DTCDC Show & Go](#)
Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, August 22
Entries close @ Noon Thursday, September 4
(or when limit is reached)
Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on
Wednesday, September 3
Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of
Friday, September 5

Upcoming Dates: 10/18, 12/27

Questions: Margaret Culbertson
(214) 926-4273
Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



*You are required to follow all DTCDC rules
and policies including but not limited to no
bitches in heat, no e-collars, no wire crates on
mats, no harsh corrections.*



Show 'N Go

The most important part of making our club as special as it is is the members who volunteer for club events and training. On August 16 the following members volunteered their time to help run the Club's Show 'N Go:

- Pat Ingram
- Alexis Jankowski
- Pam Chrystal
- Joan Jung
- Megan Tiedtke
- Maysel McGown
- Diane Gossett
- Benita Zapata
- Heike Nash
- Judy McClelland-Sherman
- Belinda Tantaló



Four of the volunteers:(left to right) Maysel McGown, Benita Zapata, Pan Ingram, and Alexis Jankowski.



Volunteers who also participated in the Show 'N Go:

(Left) Diane Gosset and Windsor

(Left, below) Pam Chrystal and Deo

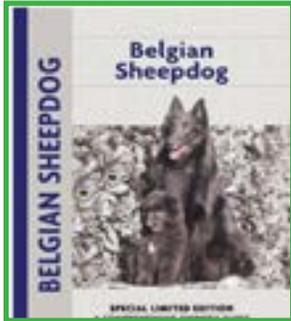
(Below, middle and right) Benita Zapata and Raiden

(Right, above) Pat Ingram and Paris



DTCDC LIBRARY

Recommended Resources:

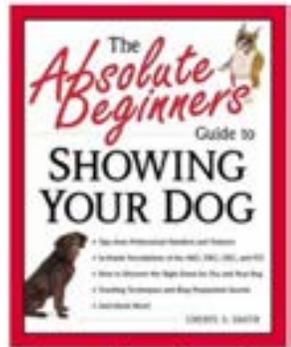


Belgian Sheepdog

by Robert Pollet

Written by the leading authority on Belgian breeds and a renowned international judge, Dr. Robert Pollet, handbook dedicated to the Belgian Sheepdog offers a comprehensive look

at the history, personality and, physical characteristics of this strong and agile working dog.

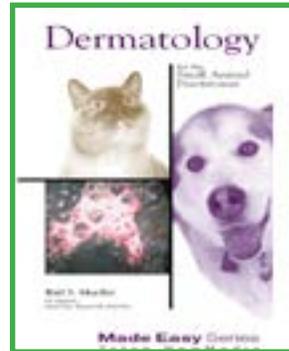


Absolute Beginners Guide to Showing Your Dog (2001)

by Cheryl S Smith

The Blue-Ribbon source for showing your dog. Showing your dog can be great fun! You know your dog has what it takes to be a champion, but how do

you get started? Inside is everything you need to know about the rewarding world of the dog show circuit. This easy-to-read guide will help

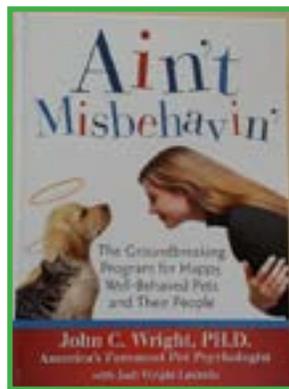


Dermatology for the Small Animal Practitioner (2000)

by R.S. Mueller, DMV

Dermatology MES is a readily usable reference for veterinary dermatology. This title provides practical guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of the skin

diseases commonly seen in a practice. The organization consistently progresses from a detailed description of all diagnostic tests and procedures, to clinical evaluation of the test results, and presentation of treatment options.



Ain't Misbehaving (2001)

by John C. Wright, PhD

In Aint Misbehavin, applied animal behaviour pioneer John C. Wright, Ph.D., takes the guesswork out of pet behaviour problems. Dr. Wright shows readers how to diagnose causes and provides effective, easy-to-follow solutions to

hundreds of common misbehaviours.

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

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

Contact: Lisa Gonzales, Robin Vogel or Lana Shuman





Name:	Murphy Peterson
City:	Lancaster
Phone:	717-729-4708
Email:	peterson.mh@gmail.com
Birthday:	03/31
Dog name:	Zeke
Breed:	Labrador Retriever
Full Name:	Zeke Peterson
Name:	Yvette Peterson
City:	Lancaster
Email:	peterzones@gmail.com
Birthday:	7/31

Name:	Debbie Reneau
City:	Granbury
Phone:	817-598-8646
Email:	pam.pooch@icloud.com
Birthday:	10/06
Dog Name:	Bruno
Breed:	Australian Shepherd
Dog Full Name:	Beau Geste Ltz Tlk abt Bruno
Name:	Jade Reneau
City:	Granbury
Phone:	817-733-3774
Email:	jadereneau@yahoo.com
Birthday:	5/7
Dog Name:	Beastie
Dog Breed:	Australian Shepherd
Dog Full Name:	Beau Geste
Dog Name:	Willow
Dog Breed:	Australian Shepherd
Dog Full Name:	Beau Geste Whamping Willow





AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

AKC[®] Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC[®]) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



Everything We Do,
We Do for Dogs.

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 14 @ 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER DOG CALENDAR:

- Animal Pain Awareness Month.
- National Pet Insurance Month.
- National Responsible Dog Ownership Month.
- National Service Dog Month.
- Pet Memorial Month.
- Pet Sitter Education Month.
- World Animal Remembrance Month.
- National Disaster Preparedness Month.
- Sept. 1: Boykin Spaniel Day.
- Sept. 5: Canine Enrichment Day.
- Sept. 8: National Dog Walker Appreciation Day.
- Sept. 9: Happy Dog Day.
- Sept. 10: National Pet Memorial Day.
- Sept. 10: National Hug Your Hound Day
- Sept. 13: Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day
- Sept. 13: Scooby-Doo Day.
- Sept. 14: National Hug Your Hound Day.
- Sept. 14: National Pet Memorial Day.
- Sept. 14-20: Adopt-a-Less-Adoptable-Pet Week.
- Sept. 16: Puppy Mill Awareness Day
- Sept. 17: National Pet Carbon Monoxide Safety Day.
- Sept. 18: Love Your Dog Groomer Day.
- Sept. 20: Responsible Dog Ownership Day.
- Sept. 20: Puppy Mill Awareness Day.
- Sept. 21: National Dog Gut Health Awareness Day.
- Sept. 21-27: National Deaf Dog Awareness Week.
- Sept. 21-27: National Dog Week.
- Sept. 22: National Walk 'n' Roll Dog Day.
- Sept. 23: Dogs in Politics Day.
- Sept. 23: Adopted Dog Day.
- Sept. 25: National Schnauzer Day.
- Sept. 27: World's Largest Pet Walk.
- Sept. 27: Sighthound Day.
- Sept. 28: World Rabies Day.
- Sept. 30: Pet Tricks Day.
- Sept. 30: National Puppy Mill Survivor Day.

OCTOBER PAWPRINT

THEME: BOO AND YOU
DUE DATE: WED., SEPTEMBER 24

Share a photo of your dog in the favorite costume he or she ever wore.

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES

NOVEMBER	Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	Introducing Our New Board
JANUARY	No PawPeint
FEBRUARY	RAINBOW BRIDGE 2025

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



TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

Junior Scholarship

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





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Active Membership Requirements:

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

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

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

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



AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

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

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

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AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

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

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



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



This is being provided for your information only.



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

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

You can drop them off at their location:

1150 E Pleasant Run Road
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Phone: 972-293-7387

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

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

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

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



10 Flood Safety Tips for Dog Owners

1. Don't leave your dog kenneled or tethered outside during a flood. Leash your dog and keep them with you.
2. Don't leave your dog in the basement or on the lowest level of your house during a flood. Move to the highest floor possible and stay together.
3. Don't wait to evacuate with your dog. Grab your emergency go bags, follow local authorities' evacuation instructions, and do not veer off route.
4. Don't walk your dog in floodwater. Six inches of moving water is strong enough to knock you and your dog down.
5. Don't walk or drive with your dog over bridges above fast-moving water.
6. Don't assume your dog can swim. Even a great swimmer can panic in such a stressful situation. Keep your dog's life vest with your emergency go bag and put it on your dog the moment a warning is issued.
7. Don't let your dog drink floodwater. Harmful substances may have contaminated water sources. Offer bottled water until authorities tell you the water is safe to consume.
8. Don't let your dog stay wet for too long. Wet fur and inflamed skin can create a breeding ground for bacterial and fungal infections.
9. Don't let your dog outside without a leash after a flood. Broken glass, nails, sharp sticks, or other dangerous hazards could hurt them.
10. Don't panic! The calmer you are, the calmer your dog will be.





Alexis Jankowski brags:



Turbo Loco Motion "Odie" earned his very first conformation points on August 8, 2025 with the Arkansas Kennel Club in Little Rock for a 3-point major! He then spent the rest of the weekend in Longview working on his UKC championship! Spur Creek's Treasured Velvet at Stone Desert "Treasure" also worked on her UKC championship in Longview on August 9th and 10th and earned her Novice Container (NC) title - her fourth novice level title!



Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine "Golden Rea" is working on her 12th title! She has now added Rally to her resume!



This weekend, Golden Rea earned two qualifying legs with Cen-Tex Kennel Club with a 71 and 80, respectively. We need to focus on engagement,

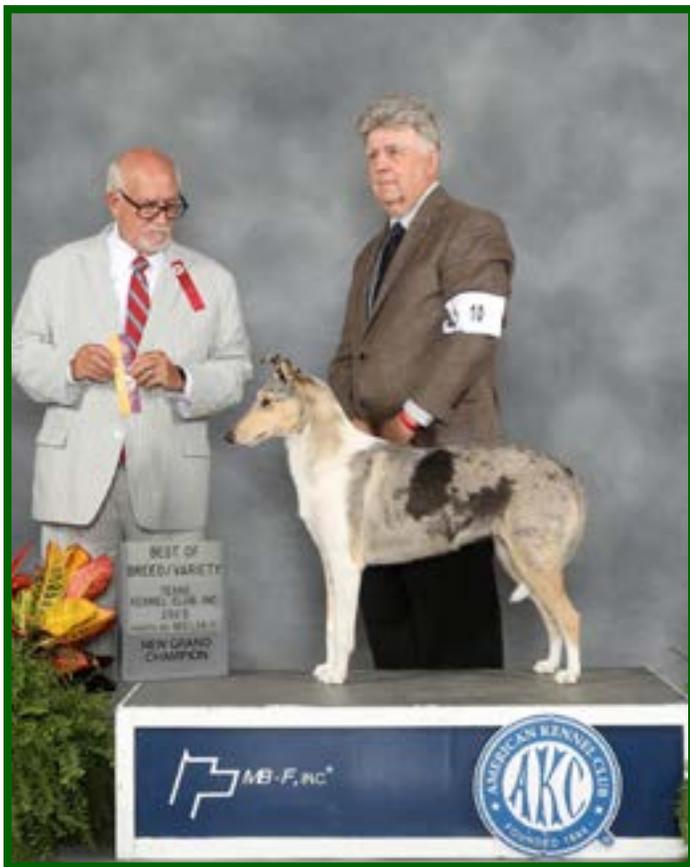
Melissa Jordan brags:

We definitely aren't in the league of all the hard core competitors. But, Uli passed the tests for AKC Novice Trick, Intermediate Trick, Advanced Trick and Canine Good Citizen this summer.

We're really proud that he's finally caught up with his growth spurts and has figured out where he begins and ends. His biggest accomplishment of the year: he hasn't worn a bandaid to school in over six months!

Honestly, we've spent so much time going to school and doing homework this summer that he doesn't know all the other kids are out for summer break. Shhh! :)

Rex Wilhem brags:



Ch. Calibre's Dakota Million Dollar Baby "Sage" was awarded Best of Variety and Best of Breed Owner Handled by Judge Michael Canalizo at the Lone Star State Classic in Dallas. The 5 point major gave Sage her AKC Grand Championship.



Sage's success continued in North Dakota at the Bismarck Kennel Club dog shows where judge Dr. Vicki Sandage awarded her Best of Variety and followed up with a regular Herding Group Four placement.

The new Grand Champion and handler Rex Wilhelm were also recognized at the Bismarck shows with three Owner Handled Group placements. Group Two awards by judge Jason Hoke and Beth Downey and a Group Three from Dr. Terill Udenberg.

Holly Taylor brags:

Both Hadley and Bilbo got their TKN this month.

