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A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the



winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your gifts. If you missed the month of your birthday or there was no meeting that month, you may bring

your gift in a following month! Remember you can always donate to the **Sunshine Fund** on the club's Website.

	July-18	YTD 2018
Proceeds	\$ 62.25	\$ 471.75
Expenditures	\$-	\$ (254.34)
Net	\$ 62.25	\$ 217.41

October General Membership Meeting will be held October 6th at 3 p.m.

There will be a costume contest following brags. Please refrain from costumes with glitter it is hard to clean up afterwards.

Snacks provided by Rita Moreno.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:Caroline and Edward Oldham

A Word from Our President

Wow what a year we are having. Thanks to all of you for making it a wonderful success. Especially the ones that have been instructing in the classes and Show-n-Gos not to mention the CGC folks. You guys rock.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the general meeting on the 6th. And am really looking forward to seeing the dog costume contest. We've had some really great looking dogs in the past and I am sure there will be plenty of excitement this time. It is kind of funny that our training methods follow the saying for this month except we do trick and treat instead of trick or treat.

But I regress, have a safe time with your dogs and enjoy the cooler weather.

Best regards,

David Elliott DTCDC President



2018 Officers & Directors

President – David Elliott
Vice President – Vicki Jackson
Training Director – Jan Bajovich
Secretary – Margaret Culbertson
Treasurer – Shari Price
Member at Large – Carol Ford
Member at Large – Donna Heishman
Member at Large – Jan Hitchborn
Member at Large – Felicia Ruhter

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman Mark Malone Maurine Pearson



Training Committee News

The new Puppy and Beginner student handbook is now complete and available for use in Session 6.

The manual can be found in two places on our website:

- 1. On the Classes page, click on "Class Manual". The password is dtc-dc@727. Students of Beginner and Puppy classes will be automatically emailed the link to this page and the password and will be instructed to read pages 5 11 before coming to the first class.
- 2. In the DTCDC Members section of our website, you can find a copy in the **Member Documentation** folder.

We are in the process of printing the manual for those students who are unable to use or are not comfortable with using the electronic copy.

Work is underway on the Instructor and Assistant manual. In the meantime, feel free to contact the Training Director with any questions you may have about conducting classes or the new handbook.

Thank you all for your assistance with this project and your patience as we complete the process.

DTCDC Training Handbook



Session 6, 2018 - Instructors and Assistants

Class	Day	Time	Begin Date	End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant	Assistant
Puppy	Mon	6 - 7 p.m.	10/1/2018	11/5/2018	Paul Cantwell	Deb Cantwell		
Beginner	Mon	7 - 8 p.m.	10/1/2018	11/5/2018	Michele Coffin	Eric Coffin	Felicia Ruhter	
Puppy	Mon	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	10/1/2018	11/5/2018	David Elliott	Gail Lyssy	Kayla Emmons	Barbara Elliott
Conformation	Tues	6:15 - 7 p.m.	10/2/2018	11/6/2018	Jennie Dunaway			
Foundation Skills	Tues	7 - 8 p.m.	10/2/2018	11/6/2018	Carol ford	Kay Mashorn	Linda Shearin	
Beginner	Tues	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	10/2/2018	11/6/2018	Joe Warner	Kim Edmondson	Carol Ford	
Novice Rally	Wed	6 - 7 p.m.	10/3/2016	11/7/2018	Carol Wright			
Advanced Rally	Wed	7:15-8:15 p.m.	10/3/2016	11/7/2018	Karen Henry			
Master Rally	Wed	8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	10/3/2016	11/7/2018	Jan Bruner			
Beginner	Thurs	1 - 2 p.m.	10/4/2018	11/8/2018	E'Lynne Elliott	Pam White		
Foundation Skills	Thurs	2 -3 p.m.	10/4/2018	11/8/2018	Sandi Myers			
Trick Class	Thurs	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	10/4/2018	11/8/2018	Michele Hosey			
Beginner	Thurs	6 - 7 p.m.	10/4/2018	11-8-2018	Jan Bajovich	Kate Zimmer		
Novice	Thurs	7 - 8 p.m.	10/4/2018	11/8/2018	Mark Malone	Melissa Chojnacki		
Beg Open/Utility	Thurs	8:15 - 9:30 p.m.	10/4/2018	11/8/2018	Lynda Holman			
Master Nosework	Fri	7-8 p.m.	10/5/2018	11/9/2018	Danika Taylor			
Beg Nosework	Fri	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	10/5/2018	11/9/2018	Georgann Hughes	Jan Hitchborn		
Adv Nosework	Fri	8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	10/5/2018	11/9/2018	Benita Zapata	Jan Hitchborn		
Adv Open	Sun	1 -2 p.m.	9/30/2018	11/4/2018	Various			
Adv Utility	Sun	2 - 3 p.m.	9/30/2018	11/4/2018	Various			

^{*}Additional Puppy and/or Beginner classes will be added as needed. Check Eventbrite each session for daytime of these added classes

Instructor/Assistant Corner:

s we start our last class session for 2018, I want to **1** take this opportunity to thank all of you who have instructed or assisted a class this year.

As a volunteer, your payment is the gratitude of the students in class and their happiness with their new canine family member as that dog is transformed from a whirling dervish Week 1 to a sitting, staying, polite dog Week 6. Our reward is knowing that dog will never be returned to a shelter and making new friends when students stay and become members.

I love watching students from my Beginner or Puppy class stay and grow with their dogs. Over the years, I have seen them go on to train dogs in Rally, Obedience, or Nosework. I always have a special interest in their achievements.



All of this is payment, even a reward, for giving our time to the Club. Thank you!

Jan Bajovich **DTCDC Training Director**



Nominating Committee Report

2019 Officer & Director Nominees

t the August General Membership Meeting the following Nominating .Committee was elected to nominate officers and directors for 2019: Lynda Holman (Chair), Jan Bajovich, Carol Ford, Donna Heishman and Jan Hitchborn.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following 2019 Officers and Board of Directors candidates:

- President David Elliott
- Vice President Vicki Jackson
- Training Director Jan Bajovich
- Secretary Margaret Culbertson
- Treasurer Shari Price
- Member at Large Carol Ford
- Member at Large Jan Hitchborn
- Member at Large Linda Shearin
- Member at Large Benita Zapata

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. See Bylaws Article VI for more information.

DTCDC Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion submitted:

"Can we move Beginner Nosework to an earlier time?"

Nosework, like Rally class now has 3 levels of class: Masters, Advanced, and Beginner. Masters require large areas and a great deal of setup time; consequently, it has been scheduled at 7 p.m. so the instructor can come early and set up the courses.

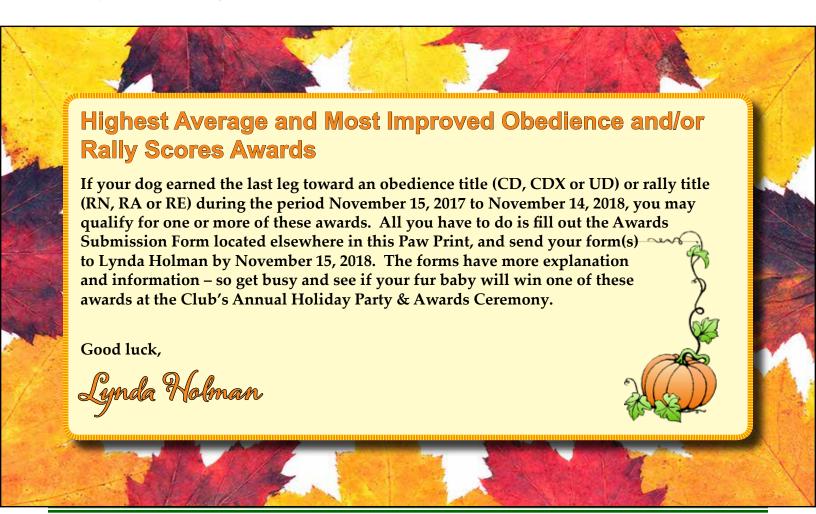
Beginner and Advanced are then scheduled together at 8:15 p.m. and share the building.

When I received this suggestion, I thought about it and could not see a better way to schedule the classes, so I sent the suggestion to all our current nosework students to ask their ideas.

After tossing the suggestion around a little, the students seem to conclude that the current schedule is the best schedule for the majority of the students, so no changes will be made at this time.

Thank you for your suggestion.

Jan Bajovich, Training Director



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting –September 1, 2018

Agenda

Meeting called by	Vice-President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Vicki Jackson
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	 CALLED TO ORDER BY Vicki Jackson @ 3:11 Recognized instructors and assistants Thank Lynda & Nicole for bringing the snacks

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - LAURA LIPSCOMB

Discussion	Sunshine box was passed around	
	There were 6 gifts	

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	 Vicki asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the August 4th General Meeting.
Conclusion	Meeting approved by general consensus

TREASURER'S REPORT - Shari Price

Discussion	Shari will not have a report but it will be publish in the next Paw Print and read
	at the next meeting.

Nomination Committee – Lynda Holman

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Discussion	2019 Officer and Director Candidates
	President - David Elliott (2nd term)
	Vice President - Vicki Jackson (2nd term)
	Training Director - Jan Bajovich (2nd term)
	Secretary - Margaret Culbertson (2nd term)
	Treasurer - Shari Price (2nd term)
	Member at Large - Carol Ford (2nd term)
	Member at Large - Jan Hitchborn (2nd term)
	Member at Large - Linda Shearin (1st term)
	Member at Large - Benita Zapata (1st term)
	October meeting for will be for adding additional candidates
	 November is the election/voting in the candidates
	- November is the election voting in the cultidates

PAW PRINT EDITOR – Lana Shuman

Discussion	Next PawPrint will focus on Therapy Dogs – send in pictures and articles.

Building Maintenance COMMITTEE - David Yahraus & Donna Heishman

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Discussion	Fence has been repaired
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	Developed the former placet control to the production
	Remove the jump shoot – voted to tear down
	r tomo to the jump officer restor to took down

SOCIAL COMMITTEE -Vicki for RITA MORENO

Discussion	Would like to know the feelings of the club of possibly holding our year end party in January instead of December Jan 12 th 5:00 Winter party – Awards and fun No dogs Jan H and Nosework – local and can be late
	Gary motion, Peggy second – voted to have

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE / ROSTER – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion

TRAINING COMMITTEE - JAN BAJOVICH

Discussion	 Give moment to discuss Introduced Danika to talk about Mondio Obedience w jumping – new obedience titles USMRA Handbook will now be given electronically Need assistants for session 6
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PURCHASING COMMITTEE - LYNDA HOLMAN

Discussion	Toys will be there for graduation of session 5.
Rental Committee- Vi	cki Jackson for Sheryl Archer
Discussion	Sept 15-17 AKC show, building will be closed for this rental

BUILDING ADDITIONS COMMITTEE -Vicki Jackson for DAVID ELLIOTT

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Discussion	Construction on the addition has been confirmed with contractor to start on November 14 th .

SHOW N GO COMMITTEE - Margaret Culbertson for Pam Crystal

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Discussion	Show-N-Go Sept 8 th register through Eventbrite

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING COMMITTEE - Donna Heishman

Di	iscussion	 DTCDC will be represented at the Tri-Cities Gala on the September 15th with 2 full tables
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Technology COMMITTEE - Donna Heishman

Discussion	Working on the WIFI	
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THERAPY DOG COMMITTEE - Mark Malone

 Sheryll Baker was honored with the Spirit award 	cussion
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MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE - TERRI SCHURR

Discussion	1 member approved by board for vote.Caroline & Edward Oldham
Conclusion	 Motion made by Danika Taylor, 2nd by Jan Hitchborn – vote - approved

OLD BUSINESS - DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	Ask if there is any old business
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	 Ask if there is any new business January this year only due to building construction in November and December. January 12th was chosen as there were fewer affected by dog show conflicts than other weekends. Membership discussed and voted on this. Approved. Discussion of the jump chute being removed due to dangerous chain links bent and could snag a leg. Membership agreed on the removal. If needed later, it should not cost more than \$300 to rebuild.
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Next month's snacks provided by Rita and still looking for another volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned to brags and refreshments at 4:38

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Culbertson.



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – Sept 1 2018

agenda

Meeting called by	Vice-President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Vicki Jackson
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	Mark Malone, Jan Hitchborn, Jan Bajovich., Felica Ruhter, Margaret Culbertson, Lynda Holman, Shari Price, Carol Ford, Vicki Jackson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Vicki Jackson 1:02

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret

Discussion	 Vicki asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 18th minutes. If not the minutes of the August 18th meeting are approved by general consensus.
Conclusion	Approved

TREASURERS REPORT - Shari Price

Discussion	 Regular financial info will not be ready because of the bank statement did not
	arrive in time.

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Jan Bajovich

Discussion	 Discussed the training committee plans and activities Student handbook – members only section of website – members only and classes page – have a copy available to download. Eventbrite sending linking to handbook etc and password for upcoming students A few printed copies in supply room for those that cannot use the digital form. Next updating instructor and assistant manual Confirmation class is now on Eventbrite session 6
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Registration- Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	 Discussed the roster – roster and excel spreadsheet both on the website.
	Created a new email dogtrainingroster@gmail.com to email roster changes

Donna Heishman- Vicki

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Discussion	Technology Committee- The following was added to the Eventbr	
		classes. "We reserve the right to refuse service."
	•	Public Relations & Advertising – DTCDC will have 2 tables representing the
		club at the Tri-Cities Gala on the 15 th .

Suggestion Box - Vicki Jackson

Discussion	•	Box was empty
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BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Vicki Jackson for David Yahraus

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Discussion	•	Video – cable on order
	•	Fence along side of parking to remove – is torn and can cause injury. Not planning to replace unless membership asks for it as no one has used it for a long time. It was build as a jump chute. Remove for safety Jan Hitchborn gave the motion, Carol Ford second approved Back fence repair is completed Start date for construction on addition Nov 14 th confirmed with contractor

OLD BUSINESS - Vicki Jackson

At November 2017 meeting, review 2015, 2016 & 2017 financials were deferred to David Elliott. Need to set a date. Per the club Bylaws (Section 2, E, b) "At the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. As soon as practicable, following the Annual Meeting, there will be a review of the financial records of the Club by the President and two (2) qualified Club members appointed by the Board." Need a date to be set (now) (Files were moved from building and will start the review later this month) Date of September 25th was chosen with the 27th as alternate. At Shari's house.	<u></u>	
	Discussion	deferred to David Elliott. Need to set a date. Per the club Bylaws (Section 2, E, b) "At the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. As soon as practicable, following the Annual Meeting, there will be a review of the financial records of the Club by the President and two (2) qualified Club members appointed by the Board." Need a date to be set (now) (Files were moved from building and will start the review later this month) Date of

New Business -

Discussion	Building rental - Sept 15-17. Vicki opening building for them all days.
	Vicki asked to check the prong collar supply in cabinet.
	Possibly changing Bylaws – define "active members" for the statement of quorum for members and review percentage – Committee is Carol Ford, Donna Heishman, Lynda Holman, Maurine Pearson, Vicki Jackson, David Elliott
	Change financial requirement for two signatures from \$200 to \$500

Suggestion of membership dues reduced by activity volunteering – too hard to manage and make fair.

Add membership attendance to Pawprint

Shari noted that we have lost 2nd signature at bank. Bank no longer checks the signatures/amount for 2 signatures.

Winter social – Dec & Jan weekends all have shows and holiday issues. January 12th 5:00 was suggested

Cleaning locked out due to chain incorrectly placed on front gate – getting key for the service.

By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 2:54

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Culbertson





A BLAST FROM THE PAST

....and FUTURE with Stella Moore

DTCDC HEALING HOUNDS

Ronda Carnahan started things off in January, 1995, asking that anyone interested in therapy dog work contact her. The dogs had to have a 'Therapy CGC" and be registered with Therapy Dogs of America which included liability insurance. A contest was held and the club membership voted to accept Virginia Grossman's submission, HEALING HOUNDS (HH), and she won a \$25 PetSmart certificate. HH went on visitation in their white shirts with green letters.

After the initial years club members were registered by Therapy Dogs International. For thirteen years Stella Moore, TDI evaluator and a core team (Charlotte Strom, Mark Malone (with <u>Sasha</u>, <u>Steffi</u> and <u>Sheba</u> as the test dog), with Felicia Ruhter, and many others who assisted, offered TDI testing for the general public at the club building. In 2007 Therapy Dogs

International changed their rules and the Healing Hounds had to be disbanded.

Currently members can sign up with **Alliance of Therapy Dogs** (www.therapydog.com) or Therapy Dogs International (www.tdi-dog.org). In 1998 the Healing Hounds Committee offered the first annual "Spirit To honor Charlotte Strom for her dedication to therapy dog work and her exemplary therapy dog, "Spirit". The list of Spirit Award recipients is on a plaque on our club wall.

Charlotte Strom and "Spirit" and "Fiona"



My Two Therapy Shelties: <u>Spirit</u> came into our lives when he was 9 months old. We found the dog club and began lessons. We both loved it and continued on after completing our first class. It led to another class and to membership. My mother had Alzheimer's disease and was living at Grace Presbyterian Village. I asked them if I could bring <u>Spirit</u> with me to see her, because she had always loved the dogs and cats we had when I was growing up. She didn't react as much as I had hoped she would, but the other residents loved meeting Spirit and wanted him to come back and see them. I loved how he interacted

with them. I also loved seeing the joy in their faces and the memories of their own pets, which they would share with me. I kept on visiting and <u>Spirit</u> loved it. In 1995 someone in the club told us about Therapy Dogs International and we decided to have our dogs tested and joined TDI. Several of us would take our dogs and go visiting different places. I mainly went to Grace Presbyterian Village. It was the happiest time of the month for <u>Spirit</u> and me. It was great to be with our friends and their dogs. We could see the people's eyes light up when the dogs entered the room and the dogs were happily wagging their tails and finding someone special to pet them. My heart was broken when <u>Spirit</u> died in August of 1998. At the club Christmas Party I was given a special award, <u>The Spirit Award for therapy dogs</u>.

June the following year we got our puppy <u>Fiona</u>. She loved puppy class and so we went on to other classes. When she was a year old, she passed the therapy dog exam. She was a wonderful therapy dog. She received the Spirit Award in 2011. She lived to be 15 years old before going to the Rainbow Bridge in May 2014. Once again our hearts were broken.

So many of us need to thank Stella Moore for becoming a TDI evaluator. Probably hundreds of dogs became "visitors" through her volunteering to help those interested. Therapy dogs serve a wonderful purpose in our

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community, showing love and friendship to those whose lives we touch. For anyone interested in therapy and who has a gentle dog who loves to be petted by many people, please consider doing it. Share your dog with others who love dogs and share your heart with others. It was one of the happiest time in my life!

Lynda and Gary Holman

With love and thanks to our therapy dogs we've been blessed to have: Marquis, Zeppelin, Spice, Chelsea, Charlie, Magoo. We have been fortunate to share our dogs with others through therapy work over many years. It's actually like we're the ones receiving the therapy when we see the smiles from nursing home residents as they pet our dogs and tell us stories of their dogs. It just doesn't get any better than watching a hospital



Spirit with Charlotte Strom (at right) and Charlotte's mom.

patient's face light up when a dog walks into their room or seeing children at the libraries read to the dog as they hold their book in one hand and pet a dog with the other!

Mark Malone - Sasha, Steffi, Sheba & Summer

My therapy dogs have been great partners on our therapy adventures. It has been a privilege to be on the end of the leash as my German Shepherds worked their magic on our therapy visits. They have all brought joy and smiles to countless souls. I appreciate the DTCDC for many reasons, but none more than for my introduction to therapy work. It has been a mainstay for me for 23 years. I have been very fortunate that all of my girls have earned various titles for me, but what they have done for others through their therapy visits is certainly more important. Each facility is special in its own way.

The visits to Grace Presbyterian Village gave us a chance to make our senior friends smile and reminisce about beloved pets from the past. The Ronald McDonald House took us to the other end of the spectrum where my girls made babies giggle and laugh. The Baylor Hospital in downtown Dallas is one of my favorite venues as I have wonderful memories of my Shepherds cheering up patients.

Another aspect of therapy work is all of the incredible people you meet and get to volunteer with. Stella and Charlotte have been great mentors from our club along with Linda Marler with the Baylor program. I have always enjoyed the camaraderie of our visits with both the humans and the dogs. It has also been my pleasure over the years to help present the **Spirit Award** to more than a dozen therapy teams in recognition of their contributions to the therapy world.

Sandi Meyers and "Cyan", Dual Champion Mye Primadox Shambala BN, CDX, RAE, THDD, TKP, CGCA, CGCU, TT, TWT, TDI Gold.

The essence of a therapy dog is their ability to connect with human beings on a deeper level. It is about this connection between the dog and the patient/person/child being visited that can instantly change how someone is feeling right then. To brighten their day, to make them laugh or smile, to put them at ease, make them forget their troubles - this is the innate ability of a true therapy dog. I always say "They must be unflappable. The more you volunteer with your therapy dog, the more they want it and the more you will want to give back to the community. It's a win-win cycle of trust."

Sandi's circle of trust has been built from her first therapy dog - a German Shepherd Dog named <u>Rocky</u> followed by Standard Longhaired Dachshunds, <u>Shasta</u> and her son, <u>Tank</u> and Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund, <u>Tinka</u> (all with TDI). Then came <u>Cyan</u> who had 808 visits as a TDI dog. And now our journey will continue with, Miniature Longhaired Dachshund, <u>Sammy</u> as an Alliance of Therapy Dogs participant.

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Sheryll Barker

Sheryll became a member of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) in1993 while she was in graduate school in NM. Her first partner was a Rough Collie named **Harmony**, the first of eight Collies and one Border Collie mix that she has had registered with ATD. Sheryll became a Tester/Observer in 2000, and served on the ATD Board of Directors from 2002-2015.

Sheryll has visited in almost every type of venue with her registered therapy dogs. **Daisy**, who has visited for almost 9 years, has made over 850 therapy dog visits ranging from disabled newborns and toddlers to reading programs at schools and libraries to stressed out college students to senior citizens over 100 years old. **Daniel**, **Windcrest King of Hearts, CDX, PCD, RE, TKA, CGC**, **HIC, THDD** recently completed his 400th therapy dog visit and loves true animal-assisted therapy. **Emma** has now completed 15 visits and is showing great skills! As long as Sheryll has been visiting, she continues to be thrilled when her dogs help brighten someone's day or help to make a significant improvement in their lives.



Here is a photograph of therapy dog handlers with their dogs at Grace Presbyterian Village (from left to right) Benita Zapata and Raider; Lynda Holman and Charlie; Gary Holman and Chelsea; Jorge Ayala and Ginger; Laura Tillison and Chloe; Susan Stout and Jonah; and Charlotte Strom and Fiona.

For example, <u>Daniel</u> has developed a love of people who are catatonic. It is thrilling to watch people who are unwilling to communicate with others suddenly begin to pet, brush, and even speak to your dog!

If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Sheryll at **bebd@yahoo.com**.

Stella Moore

"Echo" UNJ UCD, URO3 Black Gold Necco, CD, ASCA-CD, RAE, ASCA-RE, AKC-DN (1st Belgian Sheepdog to earn this title), CGC, TDI, TDIA, ThD, FMD, AKC-HIC, AHBA-HCT, WD-SS, WD-WTXX, TT, My Dog Has C.L.A.S.S. B.A. w/ Honors, M.A. w/Honors and I enjoyed 13 years of therapy dog activity – and before that my Starla, GSD, and Vandy, Belgian Malinois were wonderful therapy dogs. But, who would have thought that a long haired black dog with a wolf-like muzzle and stood 27.5" tall would make a good therapy dog. Well, Echo was beloved by children and adults as well as doctors, nurses, and medical technicians wherever he went: Grace Presbyterian Village, Baylor: Institute for Rehabilitation, Our Children's House, and the Baylor Liver & Transplant Ward as well as The Ronald McDonald House. Echo would HOWL in the car as I turned into a facility parking lot. He could hardly wait because he knew that every person in that building was ONLY THERE TO LOVE ON HIM. Some people (more adults than kids) had a moment of fear seeing his large blackness – he won them over within a few seconds. Echo LOVED therapy dog 'work' and it brought us so many treasured moments with people and other therapy dogs. We were all joining together to bring smiles and a moment of magic.

Therapy dog "work" is all about the dogs and we, the handlers, are used for scheduling, facilitating and transportation. We also share, with our dogs, the joy of this activity of giving back to people in our community that need it the most.

Therapy Dog

By Horst and Beverly Jane Bungarz

It happened during a TWP (Tail Waggin' Tutor) Reading Therapy visit to a local Elementary School.

As a rule the young Second Grader meets the dog in the school library, however, on a rare occasion the student does not show up and we decide to let Kaiser go and pick up his client at the classroom. If the situation allows, we may let the youngster hold part of Kaiser's leash on the way back to the library. This was the case that day and the student was a particularly small girl, the hallway was quiet and empty, most teachers had left their classroom doors open.

From an "Upper Class" room a bigger student emerged and immediately backed up into the room when he spotted the large dog, leaving the hallway wide open for Kaiser and entourage. When the little girl realized



EHD, EC, SI, AN, UCD, URO1 Kaiser von Bungarz CD, RN, THDX, CGCA, CGCU, TDA, HIC, ASCA(CD & RM), TT, TDIAOV, TWT

Visitations on regular schedule to Elementary Schools, Public Libraries, Nursing & Retirement Homes, etc.

what just happened, the turned to us with the broadest smile on her face, saying: "They sure make room for you when Kaiser is with you."

Kaiser, the reading dog.

At the beginning of the School year, Kaiser is introduced as "Kaiser the Reading Dog".

Inevitably, someone will ask "He will read to us?" - "NO, you will read to him!"

Weeks later, while walking in the quiet school hall, a whisper was heard from one of the adjacent rooms: "That's Kaiser, the talking dog."



Children reading to a Kaiser in a public library. Note the line of waiting clients in the background.



Kaiser poses with other DTCDC visiting therapy dogs.

Auggie R. Doggy

Have Good Times - Will Travel

By Jose Rodriguez

Auggie R. Doggy, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, had soft fur but his eyes were even softer. His contagious smile invited you to spend some time in the present, to relax, to have a good time and to stay a while. There was no need to hate, fear or worry petting and playing with such a genuine fun loving being. That was his destiny. A destiny that I proudly shared.

We found him in a group of 15 plus aging puppies. Well beyond the age of irresistible wobbles and sweet breath, they had not found homes and were now left to fend for themselves. The greed that convinced a woman to breed all four of her bitches when they simultaneously came into heat left her without a home and husband. A friend took her in and the flea bitten puppies were put in an empty horse stall attached to a barn. We weren't there to buy a puppy and I didn't want to encourage this woman by giving her money but one look into Auggie's eyes and his destiny was ours. I gave the woman some money hoping that she would use it to provide for the remaining puppies. She



didn't have flea shampoo, so we gave him several baths with a water hose and dish soap we found in the barn. As he licked my face and nibbled at my chin, I wrapped him up in an old towel and put him in the back of the car.

He rode to the pet store and got in the shopping cart like he had done it a 100 times before. With his little nub tail wagging and big smiles on both our faces, we went up and down the aisles shopping for food and supplies. He wore the collar and walked on the leash like he had trained for months. Once home, he asked to go out to do his business. Later that night, he went into his crate and slept all through the night without a whimper. I was astonished. More honestly, I thought there was something wrong with this dog. That was not the case. That was Auggie R. Doggy. He accepted whatever was thrown at him with the confidence and tranquility I can only pray for.

Training was nothing complicated. I wasn't interested in formal or competitive obedience so I did my best at communicating what I wanted from him. He did his best to oblige. I wanted him to be a good dog and he was.

Twelve years ago, Sheryll Barker and some of her big hearted friends gave Auggie the opportunity to become a therapy dog. He worked hard to earn the honor, loved the responsibility and took it very seriously. We visited people in assisted living, the Veterans Hospital and, our favorite, a home in Richardson for people with Alzheimer's disease. He was a soft touch, a sweet smile, a pleasant moment, in an otherwise difficult day. He made people happy. What more can you ask from a dog?

Auggie went on to bigger and better things earlier this year. He taught me so much more than I taught him. I miss my friend and it hurt to say good bye but I am grateful for the time we had together and the good times we created. I encourage you to help your dog make a significant difference in the lives of people in need. Partner up in therapy and create some good times of your own.

Canines For Christ

Brightening Peoples Days with the Good News

By Kay Mashburn

Today was supposed to be just a practice run for Missy's and my first day out as a therapy dog team, but it turned out to be so much more! Yesterday the box arrived from Canines For Christ with a beautiful vest for Missy and other items to equip us to meet people and brighten their day with the Good News of God's love for them. Visiting Home Depot in Lancaster was the destination for our inaugural launch, and from the moment we entered the door, we were met with smiles, questions, and appreciation for Missy's loveliness. I was able to pray with a precious man in a wheelchair and a cashier going through a really difficult situation. Now, I am by nature a shy person and Missy is what I would call cautious, but



together we breached the gap and hopefully encouraged those we encountered. I am not sure which places we will end up visiting--I love being with children--and perhaps we will participate in C4C's

Study Buddies program.

I can never thanks DTCDC enough for all the training and socialization we have gained here, and look forward continuing to grow as a therapy dog team.





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Missy poses outside Home Depot in Lancaster.

Logan Takes Advantage of Every Opportunity

~ with Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs

By Jan Hitchborn

Tn January of 2017 Logan was tested and earned his therapy dog **⊥**credentials from Alliance of Therapy Dogs and then we joined Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs. After his supervised visits were completed, he had a very early test. Logan was asked to go to a middle/high school as a therapy dog for testing stress relief for students and teachers late Spring 2017. He was "mobbed" and had so many belly rubs, massages and paw shakes to last a long time. I was going to ease him into this calling but he handled it like a champ! He has never looked back and has been an active participant in reading programs at schools and is getting ready to start this new school year. He doesn't need a "real therapy visit" to go into therapy dog mode and takes every opportunity to to tell those he meets that they are special whether we are at a dog trial or in a store. He even takes the time to tell each cleaning lady when they come to the house how special they are. I think that is the main reason they come here!





Jan and Logan pose following their first day of the new school year at Anna May Daulton Elementary School. They are wearing their new shirts from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs.



Blast from the Past... By Stella Moore

When Stella was the Club's public relations chairman she wrote a number of stories about club members and their dogs that were published in local community newspapers. This is one of them...

Neighbors – a Dallas Morning News publication

Published: October 7, 2006

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Duncanville Goes to the Hounds

By Sterling Robertson, Neighbors Editor

In a nondescript looking building in Duncanville, members of the Dog Training Club of Dallas County met recently for an open house. Residents and their dogs crowded into the building Sept. 30 and got to see what a lot of patience and practice can do for dogs.

Tennis balls, barriers and obstacles littered a small area where dogs of all shapes and sizes ran at top speed, demonstrating their agility and control. Outside the arena, dogs were busy yapping and barking and getting under foot.

Back in the arena, a dog named Spencer was so well-trained that when the owner dumped a box of toys onto the ground,

the canine waited patiently until told to pick up the toys before moving a muscle.





And though the activities might look like play, it's a strictly stylized behavior designed to train the dogs' obedience.

Also present at the open house were the Healing Hounds. This group of dogs and owners is dedicated to the therapeutic side of dog training.

These dogs get to visit nursing homes and places like the Ronald McDonald House.

These dogs were better behaved than most children. The pooches sat patiently with their owners, or skittered about with their own agenda, ignoring the bustle going on around them. The Dog Training Club of Dallas County welcomes any dog to join them for obedience classes.

With a little time and effort, any dog can learn a new trick.





Left to right: Membership Chair Terri Schurr introduces new member Caroline Oldham

New family membership:

Name:	Caroline Oldham
City:	Mansfield
Phone:	817-675-1960
Email:	ckoldham@att.net
Birthday:	9/30
Dog Call Name:	Hershey
Breed:	Labrador Retriever

Name:	Edward Oldham
City:	Mansfield
Phone:	817-456-2782
Birthday:	1/8
Dog Name:	Timber
Breed:	Welsh Springer Spaniel
Dog Call Name:	Katie
Breed:	Belgiam Malinois

Correction:

Kim Edmonson's email is kimedmondson@prodigy.net



For October...

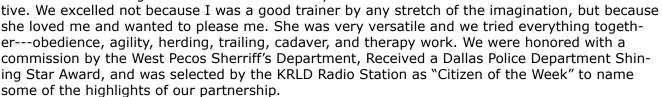
Kate Zimmer

The animals that have graced my life have been profoundly remarkable. They have taken me on a journey rich with wonder, joy, grief and spiritual growth.

Growing up, the Michigan woodlands, and the shores and waters of Lake Huron were my playgrounds. I immersed myself in the natural world I was surrounded by. I explored, rescued, nurtured and wondered at all the critters that crossed my path. These experiences built the foundations I draw on in the relationships I share with my canine family.

The first dog that I owned was a Golden Retriever named Sasha--the perfect family pet and companion. She was tolerant, biddable, and LOVED water. In fact, she could not be near water without being

The dog that opened the doors to training and partnership, was a beautiful little rough coated collie named Toby. To this day I believe I "entertained an angel unawares." She was very altruistic and intui-





Tess, my Belgian Tervuren, made me a good trainer. She was quick minded, highly opinionated, and plainly honest; seasoned with a good measure of piss and vinegar. I had to step up my game---she was more dog than I was handler. We learned to complement each other's weaknesses with our respective strengths and forged a strong team. We had a great run in trailing and cadaver work. She made some amazing finds.

I now have a four-pack of feisty Norwich Terriers that I adore. We've had some fun exhibiting in conformation. Tom-Tom finished his CH before AKC added the Grand. Andi is a GCH CH with one leg towards her CD in obedience. Brick is a GCH CH and we have started training for obedience. And Razzle has a

leg towards his first title in lure coursing. He is scheduled to run this coming weekend in McKinney to see if we can finish that. And, I see Barn Hunt somewhere in our future.

The dogs that come after, stand on the backs of the dogs that came

before. I've made mistakes, learned from them; and the new ones get a better version of me. I've learned you train the dog that shows up in your life. There are hidden treasures in any shortcoming and those are what make

you a better trainer. I know for myself, that I always go home with the right dog.













NOVEMBER PAW PRINT THEME: THANKFULNESS SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 (or earlier) UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES: DECEMBER HOLIDAY FUN JANUARY FOSTERING & RESCUING

OCTOBER DOG CALENDAR:

- Adopt-A-Dog Month®. By American Humane Association.
- Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month, By ASPCA.
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month.
- National Pet Wellness Month.
- National Pit Bull Awareness Month.
- National Service Dog Month.
- 1st Week of October. National Walk Your Dog Week.
- 1st Full Week of October, Animal Welfare Week. (AVMA)
- Oct. 1: National Fire Pup Day.
- Oct. 1: National Black Dog Day.
- Oct. 2: World Farm Animal Day.
- Oct. 4: St. Francis of Assist's Feast Day.
- Oct. 4: World Animal Day.
- Oct. 10: National Pet Obesity Awareness Day.
- Oct. 27: National Pit Bull Awareness Day.
- Oct. 28: Plush Animal Lovers Day. A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate...as they unstuff them...

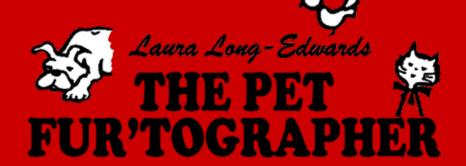


SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:

- Oct none
- Nov 10th
- Dec- none

Happy Halloween







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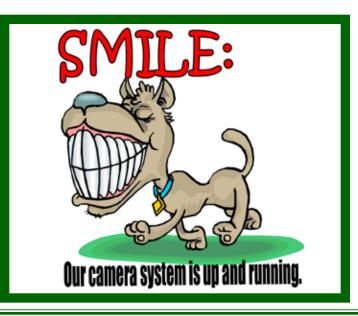
Website: www.thepetfurtographer.com

939 Winterwood Ct. Arlington, TX 76017



If you are interested in getting photos taken of your dog(s) before the holidays, we have included the contact information of The Pet Fur'tographer for your convenience.

We will not be setting up a time for photos at the club. The links to her email and her website are active.





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.





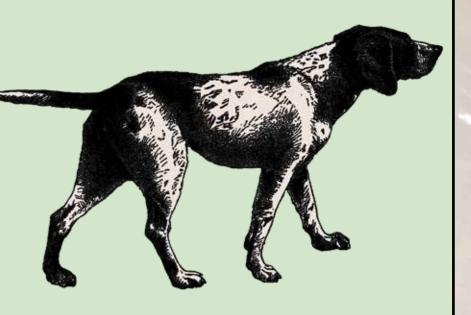
Chair leg rubber tips

Members, if the rubber tip is getting old on the bottom of the chair leg you are sitting in and will not stay on, please get a new one from the storage closet.

They are in the white USPS envelope hanging on the wall.



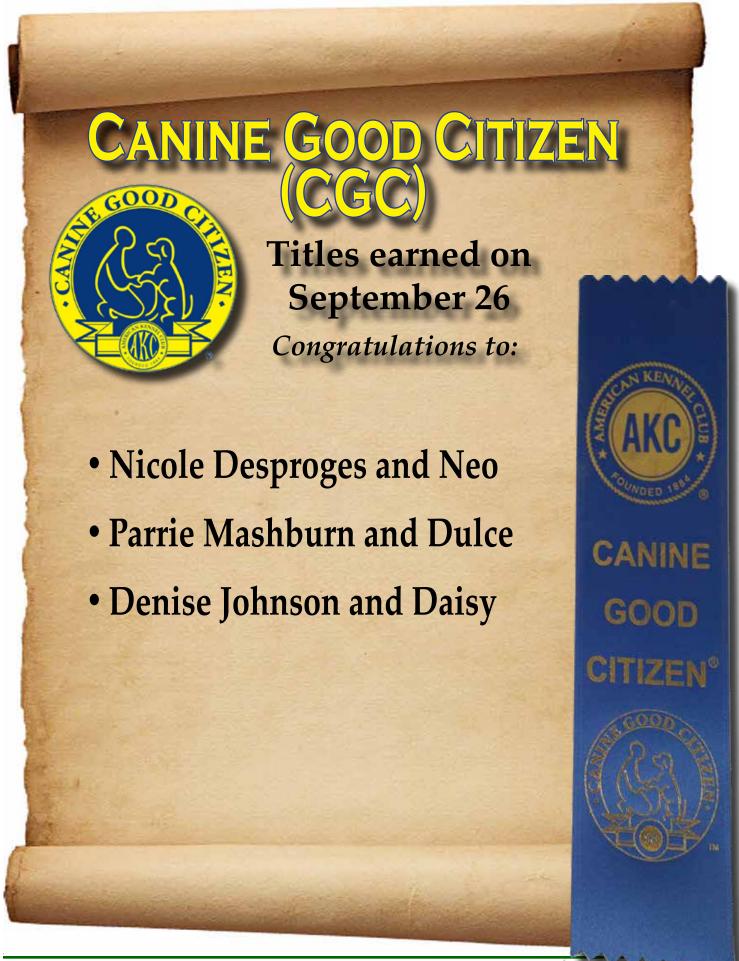
REMEMBER



Closing Checklist

- Backdoor is locked
- Garage door is locked
- MVAC is on program
- Ceiling fans are off
- Interior lights are off
- **☑** Lock the front door
- Lock the gate

Thanks for taking care of our building!



TRICK DOG TITLES



Titles earned recently:

- Diane Gossett & Caleb TKI
- Donna Heishman & Sparky TKI
- Sandi Myers & Sammy TKI
- Kay Mashburn & Missy TKP
- Darlene Schermerhorn & Kenzi TKN, TKI
- Marilyn Hopkins & Sergeant TKA
- Lynda Holman & Kate TKI
- Linda Shearin & Tobin TKN, TKI
- Terri Schurr & Paisley TKN

Congratulations to all, and a BIG thank you to Pam White for evaluating!

~ Michele Hosey

TKN = Novice Trick Dog

TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog

TKA = Advanced Trick Dog





Marilyn Hopkins brags:

Sergeant has trick dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Trick Dog.

Karen Henry brags:

Karen Henry and her crew had a very successful trip to Small Dog Obedience Camp in Iowa. Each of the dogs came home with at least one new title. Tulsa, at the age of 15 years, 8 months, and 4 days, earned her AKC Community Canine (CGCA) title! Casey earned his CGCA, and his WCRL Rally Intro title, as well as multiple qualifying legs towards two other WCRL titles. Couper completed 2 new WCRL titles - Rally Intro and Rally Level 1, as well as earning his AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN) title. Journey earned her WCRL Rally Intro title, as well as one leg towards her Rally Level 1 title. That's a total of SEVEN new titles!

Donna Heishman brags:

Sparky earned his Trick Dog Intermediate. He was also recognized by the AKC as an Achiever Dog.



Jan Hitchborn brags:

Great weekend at Golden Triangle Working Aussie Group two-day rally trial at Tri County September 8/9, 2018. Skye did all four trials and received four qualifying runs with a first and two second places and one X leg. She earned her Rally Excellent title.

Georgann Hughes brags:

Jazz, Swish & I traveled to Tulsa Sept. 8 & 9 for the UKC Nosework Trials at Companion Dog



Training Club of Tulsa & had a super weekend! Swish finished her overall Advanced Nosework Title with a 3rd place in Advanced Exteriors, which also earned her Advanced Exteriors Title. She also earned her Masters Containers Title with another 3rd place in her second run. She is now AN SC MC PTE BCRT Nothin' But Net CGC NTK.

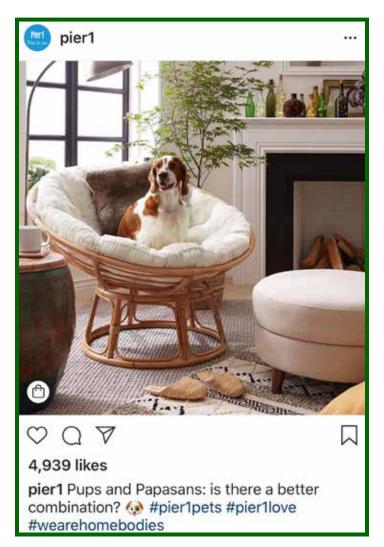


Jazz finished his overall Novice Nosework Title with a Novice Vehicles run & 2nd place, so he also finished his Novice Vehicles Title. I moved him up to Advanced Vehicles the second day, even though we hadn't really practiced it very much. He passed with a 1st place & High In Trial in Advanced Vehicles, locating the hide & alerting in 12 seconds! Jazz also passed both runs in Superior Containers, earning that title, with 2nd & 3rd places. He is now NN SC PTE The Jazz Man!

Very, very proud of my two pups!

Caroline Oldham brags:

Timber was featured in a Pier 1 advertisement!





Paw Print Photo Album







David Elliott and Mickey have a unique Therapy Dog activity. They go to DFW International Airport and greet passengers...





Here is a photo of my Monday evening puppy class for session 5. All completed the requirements for AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy. ~ Terri Schurr

Benita Zapata's
Raiden takes an
awesome picture
during an exterior
nosework search.
The picture was taken
by Holly Taylor.







Mark Malone presented Sheryll Barker and "Rough" Collie Daniel with the 2017 Spirit Award at the September General Meeting. Mark described Daniel as: Dedicated-Accountable-Numerous-Inspiration-Excited-Leader.





Annual Awards Information & Forms

HIGHEST AVERAGE OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY SCORE AWARD AND MOST IMPROVED OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY SCORE AWARD

DID YOUR DOG EARN AN OBEDIENCE AND/OR RALLY TITLE DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 15, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2018? If so, you may qualify for the following awards DTCDC will present at the annual Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony.

The <u>Highest Average Obedience Score Award and Highest Average Rally Score Award</u> are awarded to the club member achieving the highest average score on the three legs required to earn an Obedience Title (i.e., CD, CDX, UD equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC) and the club member achieving the highest average score on the three legs required to earn a Rally Title (i.e., RN, RA, RE equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC). To qualify: By November 15th Club members submit the form on the next page indicating the dates, names of the shows, and the scores for each leg to the Purchasing Committee Chairperson</u>, who determines which club members had the highest average Obedience and Rally scores. The third leg of the eligible scores must be earned during the period of November 15 of the previous year to November 14 of the current year. There is no limit on the number of times a club member may earn and receive these awards. The awards are presented annually by DTCDC.

The <u>Most Improved Obedience Score Award and Most Improved Rally Score Award</u> are awarded to the club member achieving the greatest point score improvement between any two of the three legs required to earn an Obedience title (i.e., CD, CDX, UD equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC) and the club member achieving the greatest point score improvement between any two of the three legs required to earn a Rally Title (i.e., RN, RA, RE equivalent from AKC, ASCA, UKC). To qualify: By November 15th Club members submit the form on the next page indicating the dates, names of the shows, and the scores for each leg to the Purchasing Committee Chairperson, who determines which club members had the most improvement between scores. The third leg of the eligible scores must be earned during the period of November 15 of the previous year to November 14 of the current year. There is no limit on the number of times a club member may earn and receive these awards. The awards are presented annually by DTCDC.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCORES: Scores must be submitted via U.S. Mail or email to Lynda Holman BY NOVEMBER 15, 2018. Fill in the information on the Award Submission Form on the next page and send to Lynda. Use a separate form for each award for which you are submitting scores. Scores submitted are to be for each of the three legs required to earn the degree. 4th legs do not count. The first 2 legs of the degree can be received at any prior time, but the 3rd leg that earned the degree must be received during the period November 15, 2017 to November 14, 2018. Highest Average is an average of the legs that earned the title. Most Improved must be points between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd or 1st and 3rd legs. It cannot go backwards.

Send to Lynda Holman by November 15, 2018:

VIA EMAIL: lyholman@flash.net or

VIA Snail Mail: 1531 N. Mockingbird Ln, Midlothian, TX 76065

Questions?: Email or call Lynda (972-723-3475/home; 214-662-3475/cell)

Award Submission Form (please type or print)

Please check the award for which	n you are submitting	scores:
Highest Average Obed.	Score Award	Most Improved Obed. Score Award
Highest Average Rally S	core Award	Most Improved Rally Score Award
Your name:		
Your email & phone:		
Dog's formal name:		
Dog's call name:		
1st Leg Score:	1st Leg Date:	
1st Leg Show/Trial Name:		
2nd Leg Score:	_ 2nd Leg Date:	
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3rd Leg Score:	_ 3rd Leg Date:	
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MOST ACTIVE NEW MEMBER AWARD

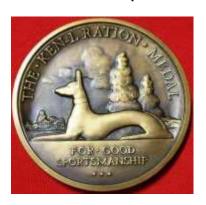
At the October Meeting we will elect the **Most Active New Member.** Below is the list of new members who joined in 2017 and in January-September of 2018. Think of the new member that goes above and beyond the call of duty, the one who seems to be helping at every event. Do you see them assisting, working the Show-n-Goes, volunteering at meetings, or lending a helpful hand without being asked? We are sure there are many to select from on this list. Who will be the one you select for the Most Active New Member? Attend the October meeting and cast your vote! **Bring this page so you have the list of names.**

2017 New Members	2018 New Members
Angela Averhart	Rebecca Altshul
Lisa Bluitt	Gary Cathey & Justin Normand
Georg Burgess	Donna Conner
Melissa & Robert Chojnacki	Nicole & Stephane Desproges
(2017 Most Active New Member award recipients)	
Michelle & Eric Coffin	Marsha Dillon
Kim & Paul Componation	Renee Doyal
Pam Donze	Kim & Jack Edmondson
Brandi & John Dowty	Kayla & Scott Emmons
Donna Dudley	Lea & Nick Hunt, Kyndall & Kaylea
Jennie Dunaway	Denise Johnson
Jay Fisher	Nina Loftis
Barbara Anne Gillis	Kay Mashburn
Diane Gossett	Chris Parikh
Nancy E. Hood & Charles V. Smith, Jr.	Caroline Oldham
Michele & William Hosey	Andrew Richards & Tareyn Richards
Carol Lautzenheiser	Carol Richtsmeier
Ray Lewis	Carol Trice
Samantha & Jeff Lowrance	Robert, Valarie & Ty Walton
Kim Lullo	John Wentz
Gail Lyssy	Kate Zimmer
Tamra Mason	
Cynthia Prescott	
Jose Rodriguez	
Caryn Sawlis & Craig Hinkle	
Victoria To	
Esmeralda Villalobos	

DTCDC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

HISTORY: The Gaines Sportsmanship Award was sponsored and furnished by the Gaines Dog Food Company for many years. The award item which Gaines furnished to clubs/organizations was a beautiful embossed medallion (pictured below). In 1998, Gaines (then known as Gaines/Pupperoni) no longer offered this award. Therefore, in 1998, DTCDC decided to continue its tradition, changed the name to "Sportsmanship Award" and began purchasing and awarding engraved brass carriage clocks as the "Sportsmanship Award" item.

Photo of the Retired Gaines Sportsmanship Award



DTCDC Sportsmanship Award Recipients

(Formerly known as the Gaines Sportsmanship Award until 1998)

1983: Norma Walker	2001: Georgann Hughes
1984: Lynda Walker Holman	2002: Charlotte Strom
1985: Maurine Pearson Leffingwell	2003: Pam Kernan Raymond
1986: Roberta Stout Mills	2004: Mona O'Gorman
1987: Judy Harmon	2005: Toni Skiles
1988: David Taylor	2006: John Warren
1989: Sally Browning	2007: Paul Cantwell
1990: Gene Norman	2008: Lisa Wharton
1991: Peggy Phelps	2009: Sandi Myers
1992: Marla Bull	2010: Jan Bajovich
1993: Jo Humphry	2011: Felicia Ruhter
1994: Libby Palmer	2012: Robin Quintana
1995: Virginia Grossman	2013: Robin Romig
1996: Lee Fausett	2014: Chris Teel
1997: Cecelia Young	2015: Jan Bruner
1998: Cathy Garrett	2016: Karen Henry
1999: Stella Moore	2017: Benita Zapata
2000: Mark Malone	

At the October meeting we will be nominating and voting on the 2018 Sportsmanship Award. Please come with some nominees in mind.

The DTCDC Sportsmanship Award is awarded to club members that exemplify the finest traits of good sportsmanship. Anyone who has been awarded this award by DTCDC is not eligible to win again. Anyone who has been awarded the Gaines Sportsmanship Award (previous name) or a Sportsmanship Award with any other club is eligible for this award from DTCDC. Recipients of the DTCDC Sportsmanship Award are nominated and voted on by the Club membership. The award is presented annually to the new recipient by the past year's recipient.