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Boo and You



Steve Weir and Jose Rodriguez and their dogs Eichler and Ruffino are ready for the season. Some dogs do look like their owners.

*Find more Boo and You
on page 22*

OCTOBER 2025



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3	Nina Loftis	10/29	Tawny Schaffer
10/05	Samara Piper	10/31	Justin Normand
10/06	Debbie Reneau	10/31	Vernon Miles
10/11	Robin Romig		
10/11	Lilha Finger		
10/12	Debbie Cantwell		
10/15	Renee Raschio		
10/16	Mona O'Gorman		
10/17	Kim Owens		
10/18	Kim Murphy		
10/19	Robert Coffin		
10/20	Michelle Moorman		
10/21	Jerri Martin		
10/22	Coicean Gurguis		



OCTOBER 14 @ 7 P.M.

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



THEME: BOO AND YOU

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

	AUGUST	YTD
Proceeds	\$97	\$379.65
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Net	\$97	\$379.65

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A Word from Our President



Dear DTCDC Members,

Fall is always a fun time of year at DTCDC, filled with activity and celebration. At our October General Meeting, we will be voting to select our Most Active New Member as well as our Sportsmanship Award recipient. These awards recognize members who embody the spirit of

dedication and sportsmanship which makes our club so unique.

And of course, we'll also enjoy our annual Costume Contest, a fun tradition for both two legged and four legged participants! Can't wait to see you all there!

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Ruth Miles

Your President



BOARD APPRECIATION AWARDS



The Board will be giving out board appreciation awards soon, and we would love your input! If there is anyone you feel should be recognized for their hard work and dedication, please let us know. You may contact anyone on the Board. (See list at right.)

I look forward to hearing your suggestion and thank you for helping us honor those who make a difference.



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Duncanville, TX 75138-0104

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Duncanville, TX 75137

2025 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 vote and in person vote: David Elliott, Reagan Chojnacki, Pam White, Ruth Miles and Donna Heishman.

Reagan Chojnacki and David Elliott were elected co-chair 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 when 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.

As Amended as of September 7, 2019



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@scaffertx.com
Commissary – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
Nicole Litterio Ruth Miles	708-207-1529 817-899-7828	nlitter2@gmail.com milesdtcdc@gmail.com
Community Events & Distribution – Promote DTCDC's mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
Margaret Culbertson	214-926-4273	texasdaisy42002@gmail.com
Database/Roster – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
Available		
Legislative Liaison – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
Lisa Gonzales	972-296-2236	lgonzales66@gmail.com
Library – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
Shelley Carr	678-977-2294	slcarr63@hotmail.com
Membership & Volunteerism – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		

Lana Shuman	214-244-0960	pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org
PawPrint – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club’s monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
Donna Heishman	214-693-6689	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@apolloomts.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 - September 16



Melissa Chojnacki lead a demonstration of common problems encountered in class settings and offered solutions to resolve the issues. The Training Committee members trained their personal dogs to mimic behaviors of the beginner and puppy class students and then showed how to correct those behaviors.

Photos By
Melissa Jordan



A Note from Your Training Director



This past weekend I had the opportunity to share in the joy of people completing CGC and Trick Dog titles on their dogs. Some of them lacked confidence in themselves or their dogs, but with a little encouragement they succeeded. Some of them went away with a short lesson and some training tips, but came back later in the day or the next day and got their titles. A few dogs needed multiple attempts and I was so glad I had the time to give them. I have been doing testing at the CENTEX show in Belton for 3 years, but this is the first year that I didn't have to fail at least 1 dog.

I love training and competing with my own dogs and it's a great feeling to win and get new titles, but nothing gives me as much joy as helping someone else achieve those wins, titles, or other goals with their own dogs.

Help each other and teach or assist in classes. Even if you don't feel like you know enough to help, just be open to sharing what you have learned. Encourage others to enjoy dog sports and to develop better relationships with their dogs. Be kind and friendly to others, whether they are your friends, other club members, or even your competition.

When you encourage and help others reach their goals, you also share in the happiness, pride, and sheer joy of their achievements.

Take care of each other,



Mary Ann Magness

Training Director

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

You may also contact other Training Committee members

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

2025 Session 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. With this session we are completing our training for 2025. Please be watching your email with next year's training schedule. Start thinking about how you can volunteer to make 2026 a huge success.

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

2025 DTCCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Instructor	Assistant
M O N D A Y	Rally Novice	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Jan Bruner	Pam White	
	Rally Adv & Ex	2:30 - 3:30	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Jan Bruner	Pam White	
	Conformation Class	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Alexis Jankowski		
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Tawny Schaffer	Daniel Hill, Michelle Coffin	
	Beginner	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Brad Ralph	Felicia Ruhter	Lisa Gonzales
TU	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 pm	Oct 14 - Nov 18	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata		
W E D N E S D A Y	Open/Utility/Rally*	9 am - 12 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Mona O'Gorman		
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Carie Turner	Pat Ingram	Kim Murphy
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Teresa York	Susan Whitaker, Pam White	
	Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Michelle Hosey	Pam White	
	Control and Attention	4:45 - 5:45 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Mary Ann Magness Benita Zapata, Donna Ralph		
	Beginner	6-7 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Alexis Jankowski	Bill Heishman, Donna Heishman	
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Marye Boyce	Steven Boyce, Coleen Gurguis	
	Novice polish	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 15 - Nov 19	Class Rotation		
T H U R S	B Nose & B Obedience*	2 - 3 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes		
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Karen Henry	Melissa Chojnacki	
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	Amy Whitmer	Maysel McGowen	
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 16 - Nov 20	David Elliott		
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 am - 12 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Mona O'Gorman		
	Advance Nose Work	6:15 - 7:15 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway - Steven Boyce		
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Oct 17 - Nov 21	Jan Hitchborn/Benita Zapata/Georgann Hughes/Kinnie Hardaway - Miriam Inglehart, Holly Taylor		
SU	Adv Open *	11 am - 12pm	Oct 19 - Nov 23	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 pm	Oct 19 - Nov 23	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	* prerequisite					
	** no class during club events					

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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

2025 Session 5 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 5 which started August 18 and ran through September 29. This was the final working schedule. 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/Alexis Jankowski		
	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		
	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	Coleen 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	Coleen Gurgius	
	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		
	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/Kinnie Hardaway, 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.						

Thank You!

Thanks to Ruth Miles, Jean Villa, Lisa Wharton, Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Gonzales, Barbara Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Lisa Gonzales, Melissa Jordan, Georgeann Hughes, and all the club members who helped provide photos, comments 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 September 2, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Maysel McGown, Shelley Carr, Alexis Janikowski, Maryann Magness, Melissa Chojnacki, 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: 7:00 pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July’s Board Meeting and General Meeting were published in Augusts PawPrint August Board Meeting and General Meeting were published in Septembers PawPrint. Are there any corrections?
Conclusion	<p>July – no corrections - Approved by consensus Correction to August General Meeting Minutes - When volunteering for the SNG, contact the SNG committee not Training committee - Approved by consensus</p>

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<p>Total Income \$4,766.81 Total Expenses \$2,214.10 Total: \$2,552.71 Sunshine Club Income \$97.00 Expense \$ Total: \$97.00</p>
Conclusion	

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer – Problems – August 16th
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SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

	<p>SNG dates 9/6/2025, 10/18/2025, 12/27/2025 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

	<p>October 9th, 7 pm for CGC Testing CGCU Testing November 8th, 10 am at Hillside Village</p>
Conclusion	

MEMBERSHIP - Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member applicants - None Voted in Family Members – Jody Woods and Parker Key
Conclusion	All approved, 1 abstained

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	<p>Becky Hill is scheduling for November 8th and 9th to come to the club and do dog teeth cleaning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The price will remain the same at \$70,00. Maysel 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"> • Speaking about AKC Temperament Test - Alexis • Start talking and thinking about Board Appreciation Awards • Ask MAL to send out reminders to members about Most Active New Member and the Sportsmanship Award.
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting September 9, 2025

Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	See Sign in Sheet and Zoom Attendance
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:01 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 • As always please keep reports and discussions concise • Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags. • Thank you to Maysel & Melissa Jordan for the snacks.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	
Conclusion	Are there any corrections? none, approved by consensus

TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

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



TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer – 9/16/2025 – working on problems in classes
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SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September’s Birthdays - read out loud • Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Winners: Marye Boyce

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September PawPrint deadline: 9/24/2025 • Theme: Boo & You • Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org • Traders Corner section is open • Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.

CGC – Alexis Jankowski

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Thursday 7 pm 10/9/2025 • CGCU 11/8/2025 10 am – Hillside Village, Cedar Hill, TX
Conclusion	

TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology committee welcomes anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering. • Promotion code for Eventbrite: traindogsforever
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Purchasing – Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking orders for jackets

Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 18, 2025

Wall Committee – Jan Hitchborn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on getting wall request forms for OTCH, Rally and Perfect 200
Conclusion	

Old Business

Discussion	November 8 & 9 – teeth cleaning
Conclusion	

New Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In October General Meeting: voting for most active new member & Sportsmanship award• We will send out a list of the eligible New Members
Conclusion	

Snacks for October: Michelle Moorman & Reagan Chojnacki

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 7:39 pm

Highest Average and Most Improved Obedience and/or Rally Scores Awards

If your dog earned the last leg toward an obedience title (CD, CDX or UD) or rally title (RN, RA or RE) during the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025, you may qualify for one or more of these awards. All you have to do is fill out the Awards Submission Form located elsewhere ([page 61](#)) in this PawPrint and send your form(s) to



Lynda Holman by November 15, 2025. The forms have more explanation and information – so get busy and see if your fur baby will win one of these awards at the Club’s Annual Winter Social & Awards Ceremony.

Good Luck,
Lynda Holman
lyholman@flash.net



REMINDER:

Teeth Cleaning



At the time we went to press, there were still a few spots open for the November 8th teeth cleaning session with Debbie Higgins at the club.

If you are still interested, email **Maysel McGown** at mforpar@gmail.com. We can't make any promises but it doesn't hurt to try! \$20 deposit due at time of request and \$50 due at time of cleaning.

Good Luck!



Confirmation = your dog has confirmed that they are Catholic

Conformation = the way your dog is put together

@doghandersony

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: October Board Meeting will be held October 7 at 7 p.m. November Board Meeting is November 4 at 7 p.m. Upcoming General Meetings: October General Meeting will be held on October 15 at 7 p.m. November General Meeting is November 11 at 7 p.m. Register for the October General Meeting's Zoom access at: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/IPC6_SVJRNO-xr03i-kf0A</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 43. Future Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 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



<p>11.</p>	<p>Missed Class Policy</p> <p>Attending class for free is a benefit of membership. Entering a class prevents both members and non-members from class participation once the class limit has been reached. If a non-member cannot register revenue for the club is lost.</p> <p>If a club member signs up for a class session and misses three or more classes without notifying the instructor or training director of the absence for reasonable cause (injury or illness of the person or dog) prior to class, they will not be eligible to enroll in classes the next session.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>First Responder Discount Policy</p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Sunshine Fund</p> <p>August birthdays will be recognized at the August meeting.</p> <p>If your birthday is being recognized, feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle. If you have any questions please contact Marye Boyce at maryeboyce200@gmail.com.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</p> <p>Topic: Training Games Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Train the Trainer this month will be training games with your dog. Bring your dog and have fun. We will play a group version of "My Dog Can Do That" and maybe some other games.</p> <p>Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</p> <p>When using the equipment in the storage area please return the equipment and any equipment moved in the process back to the original location. Several members have spent hours straightening that room and it would be nice if it could be maintained in an organized manner. The more careful everyone is with the equipment the longer it can be used.</p> 
<p>16.</p>	<p>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p>Donna Heishman Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings. It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><i>Margaret Culbertson</i></p>

Information We Need to Know



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

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

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

Thank you!

Ruth Miles



19. **Leash Reminder**

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

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

Training Committee



20. **Gate Configuration**

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



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

Happy Training,
Training Committee

21. **Rabies Certificates**

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

22. **Allergies, Covid, RSV and Canine Respiratory Disease**

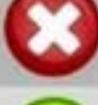
If you have symptoms please stay home (away from club classes) while you are symptomatic. Wash your hands and avoid contact with your face, cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and then dispose of it. Also, remember canine respiratory disease is also going around so if your dog is unwell please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

Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Emotional Support Dogs; What does each mean?

by Sheryll Barker

Have you ever wondered what each of these terms means? Are they interchangeable? They are not interchangeable! Each of these categories has specific legal definitions!

Service Dogs, also called Assistance Dogs, are dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The handler must have one or more disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the dog must be trained to mitigate these disabilities. Examples include (but are not limited to) seeing eye dogs, hearing ear dogs, wheelchair-pulling dogs, balance-mobility dogs, and PTSD dogs. Legally, service dogs are a piece of medical equipment for their disabled handlers and have no rights on their own; these dogs have public access rights only when assisting their disabled handlers. **THERE IS NO NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR SERVICE DOGS!** This is one of the largest concerns; there is no standard certification required for service dogs nor is any identification required! In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, staff may ask only two specific questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability.

COMPARISON	SERVICE DOGS	THERAPY DOGS	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS
 ADA covered: Rights to bring animal into public establishments			
 Needs to tolerate a wide variety of experiences, environments, people			
 May live with their Disabled owners, even if "No Pets" policy in place			
 Primary function is to provide emotional support, through companionship			
 Specifically trained to assist just one person			
 Provide emotional support and comfort to many people			

Therapy Dogs are so named because they provide a therapeutic benefit to the general public. They may be certified through a number of organizations. They may only visit in public where they are invited and have no public access rights.

An **Emotional Support Animal (ESA)** provides comfort and emotional support to the dog's owner and is prescribed by their doctor. Unlike a service dog, it does not require special training to perform tasks but provides relief and comfort simply through companionship. The Federal Housing Act protects the right of an individual to have an ESA in their housing (even in "No Pets" situations). However, they do not have public access rights and are no longer federally protected on airlines.

Other terms, such as "comfort dogs", are colloquialisms. They could be ESAs or therapy dogs, depending on context.

Here is a chart summarizing each of these types of dogs at left.

I'll be happy to answer any other questions!



Boo and You

Jan Hitchborn and pack, including Logan, Skye and Maggie.





Maysel McGown shared this picture of Zara as the Beetlejuice skeleton dog.





Melissa Jordan shared two photos of her dogs:
(Left) Callie Chaos supervises Halloween decorating.

(Right) Double Trouble: The guardians are ready for tricks and treats. Callie Chaos (left) and Uli (right). You won't believe how many treats this photo cost me.





Shannon Quinn shared this photo of Riley in her Fairy Princess costume.





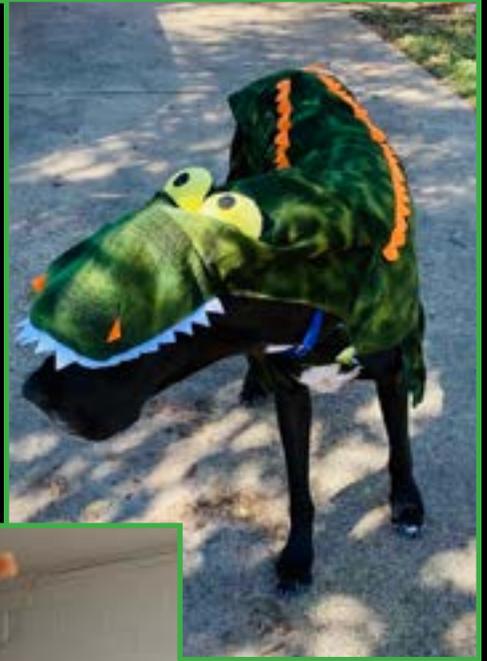
Sheryll Barker shared photos of Phyllis Diller at left and the King of Jesters at right.





The next three pages are pictures from past costume contest winners and just plain cute costumes. Do you recognize any of these charming pups and owners?









2025 DTCCDC Costume Contest

General Meeting - October 14

RULES IF YOU ENTER:

- Your dog will be judged by the members selected by the President. 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.

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!



HOLIDAY PARTY



The Winter Awards Banquet and Live Auction

**Please join us
December 13 from 3 to 5 p.m.
at the club**

**604 Crestview Dr., Duncanville, Texas 75137
for an afternoon of celebration,
a homemade dessert contest,
and an optional live auction.**

More information to come, please watch for updates next month.

In Remembrance...

Becky Hill

**Club member from
2019 - 2025**



It is always sad to hear that a club member has passed away -- we have great members and they feel almost like family. A few days ago we heard that a dear member, Becky Hill, had passed away in August.

I didn't know her very well, but as I looked back through the last few years of PawPrints, I saw she had been very active. I have also heard some wonderful comments about her giving spirit and desire to support our club.

Becky joined the club in April 2019. She was the breeder of beautiful Cairn Terriers. How many of you remember Jan Bajovich's little Rusty? Jan purchased him from Becky. Rusty is such a cute, active little sweetheart. Jan loved working with him.

I am sponsoring a **DOG TEETH CLEANING** event at the club on **Saturday, December 17, 2022**. Also, depending on the response and need an overflow day of **Sunday, December 18, 2022** will be scheduled.

The teeth cleaning lady (a dental hygienist) does not use sedation. She works her magic with your dog totally awake.

- The cost is **\$80 TOTAL PER DOG**.
- That includes a **\$20 DEPOSIT PER DOG** to hold your appointment. *The deposit is non-refundable!*
- The additional **\$60 (PER DOG)** is paid to the hygienist at the appointment.

The deposit can be placed in the white box in the cabinet right inside the main entrance at the club or by mailing it to the club's mail address: (P.O. Box 380104, Duncanville, TX 75138-0104)

This service is hard to find. And it's a bargain! The appointments are thirty minutes long. You can schedule by calling or texting me.

Becky Hill - Call or text (214) 351-6553



One thing that has really struck me was the comments about how she helped her fellow members. I remember going to visit Jan Bajovich shortly before she passed and seeing Becky there. She was a great encourager and helper to Jan.

Becky was an active volunteer. She volunteered as an assistant as soon as she was voted in. It wasn't the only time she assisted. I saw where she volunteered usually for the daytime beginner, nosework and trick classes. I found pictures of her with her dog Smokey when he earned his Novice and Intermediate trick dog titles. I also found a

photo of her with David Elliott when one of her dogs received a CGC title.



Becky participated in community outreach events, too. In 2019 she volunteered to man our booth at Pet Expo that was held at Dallas Market Hall. She took a turn answering questions of many dog lovers who attended the event.

Starting in 2022 Becky volunteered to coordinate the Dog Teeth Cleaning opportunity for the club. This opportunity is a great service for members. She headed it in 2024 and started the process for this year, too. It takes a lot of time and effort.

As you read the other comments from members about Becky, I think you will find she is very missed. She was quiet, caring and shy. And she loved her dogs.

~ Lana Shuman

I had the pleasure of getting to know Becky while I was president. She was very organized and helpful in arranging and managing the dog cleaning events. She also volunteered to assist in a few classes. She was shy and a little introverted but with time I saw a wonderful member to our club. With COVID hitting shortly after her joining, she didn't have time to get into a rhythm. I am very sad to hear of her passing.

~ Margaret Culbertson



I remember Becky from when Gabe and I first started in Nosework at the club. She was always kind and very helpful to us.

~ Robin Vogel

I knew Becky from her participation and assisting in Nosework classes a few years ago. Always attentive and kind, especially with her own dog. We had a good time together. I don't think she ever competed, but had fun working with her Cairn. I don't remember the dog's name - will look back to see if I can find it.

Becky was a sweetheart! I'm very sad that she's gone from us.

~ Georgann Hughes



It was with a sad heart that I shared the news of the passing of our dear member, Becky Hill. Becky's sister let me know that she passed in August and is currently caring for her dogs. She is hoping to rehome them, so if anyone is interested or able to help, please reach out to me directly.

As many of you know, Becky took great care in scheduling the dog teeth cleanings with Debbie. I'm sorry that I cannot provide more



details about Becky's passing, but I know this is sad news for us all. Becky's kindness, and dedication to our club will be missed. Please keep her family and beloved dogs in your prayers.

~ Ruth Miles

You left too soon,
I wasn't done loving you
yet..



In Remembrance...

Barbara DeLamar

**Club member from
2021 - 2025**



The photo above was taken at the 2021 Holiday Party. Ruth Miles enjoys posing with her mentor Barbara DeLamar.

I was lucky in so many ways to have known Barbara DeLamar. It is because of her that I got so involved in dogs. She taught me a lot and it was because of her that I stayed with it.

I had gotten two sister Rottweilers in 1991. I didn't know that you weren't supposed to open the newspaper, go to the classified ad, and call the number. Which is what I did, then after I got them started to read up on them. Backwards, I know... I lucked out, Py was a good dog and she with Barbara's help, taught me so much about dogs.



I read a book and at the end they listed SAR groups in each state. I was sure Py could do that. So, I contacted them and in 1993 we joined and started down the road which I will always be grateful to have traveled.

Barbara was a team member there and she took me under her wing. She introduced me to obedience training clubs so that Py would learn to be a model dog citizen. In those days there was just Obedience and Tracking. Then when Py turned 7 the SAR team decided I needed a younger dog. Barb and I decided to try Agility.

Agility, had come across the pond from the UK and USDAA was having trials. AKC had started up too. Py loved Agility and so did



Barb's Nicky. We often traveled together to trials. Being safe in motel/hotel rooms wasn't something we worried about as Barb would usually have 2 Dobermans and I would have 2 Rotties and a Chow.

When Covid was winding down Barbara came over to share what she was learning about Nosework. It brought back memories of the years in SAR and it was fun to teach our dogs to find the scent. Together she finished Stitch and I finished Toby and Oreo with their EN's in 2021.

Together we did Obedience, Agility, Rally, Lure Coursing, Dock Diving, and Nosework. We had such fun together. Norman, her husband, would always say the we led each other into trouble. It was the best kind of trouble as it usually involved travel and dogs.

I will miss her and being totally selfish, I wish she was still here so I could call her and tell her how much she meant to me.

~ Mim Aiken



There really are no words to express the grief I feel with the news of Barbara's passing along with that of her beloved dogs, Gayle and Ariel. That is not even considering the injuries to her husband as well. I still cannot focus on it, but my mind returns to all our years together instead.

Somewhere around the summer of 2019, Benita and I decided to try Fast CAT with my dogs Logan and Maggie and her Raiden down at Dallas Air Dogs in Midlothian.

Let's just say so much for "instinct taking over,"

where my two were concerned. Maggie got "bitten" by the lure and Logan sniffed it once (a white bag) and decided it wasn't nosework so the goal was to run like a bullet train towards me. As we were deciding to leave, Deb, the owner of the facility, came to us and asked if we did nosework and if so, would we talk to the lady doing dog check-in about it. She said the lady had taken a class or two about a year prior before her husband had a health issue and she had to stop





to care for him. He was healthy now and she was looking into restarting. So, we grabbed a DTCCDC brochure and went to speak with Barbara. A long time friendship started that day.

She came to classes with her Doberman, the late Stich. Barbara and her longtime friend Mim Aiken started trialing. You always knew at a trial if Stich was doing containers as he was joyful about it and the boxes flew. If you followed Stich in a UKC container trial you received an apology and "it will be a moment as we have to reset." Many of us were with her at the trial when Stich received his Elite

Nosework title. She retired Stich and started the adventures of having Border Collies focusing on nosework.



She came to our Thursday Covid pup class with Gayle along with those of us with new dogs including Jan Bajovich and Vicki Jackson. She worked the nosework exercises and came to Friday beginner nosework classes followed by advance classes and joined the club in 2021.

I had many a conversation with her about her past and learned she had once owned her own training and grooming facility.

Somewhere she came to meet Caroline Oldham or some of us referred her to Caroline for more advance classes and she started classes with her often still coming Friday nights especially when she got Ariel.

Then along came Ruth and Vernon with young William to start nosework. Oh my!! (Sorry Ruth!) He was the first dog I had in nosework who promptly lifted his leg to let a long stream out on the wooden odor box. Vernon was given a wooden box with instructions on how to take care of that issue and brought it home with him. After that if I started to ask if William had been out prior to class Ruth was already saying, "Yes, ma'am, he has been out!" I decided it was time to bring in "the big guns," Barbara De-

Lamar. None us had experience with Dobermans and we knew Barb's background was "always Dobermans" until recently. Without hesitation she said "yes" and came to coach Ruth and help with everything about William. We did it again recently with a beginner nosework student Melissa Jordan with Uli. Once again Barbara became an immediate friend especially for Uli.





Barbara was a soft spoken, no nonsense lady, calm in her suggestions or corrections. She had a type of confidence that caused people and dogs to respect her. Dogs wanted to do what she asked of them.

Barbara always called to let us know what she had advised and why, so we would continue it. She checked back often with those she helped. She was a great asset to the club and all who were fortunate to cross her path and get to know her.

She called me often over these last 15 months to check up on me. When she came at my request to see and give suggestions on Uli, she came early to hug and see me. She gave encouragement on how to get back in the game. I will truly miss those calls.

~ Jan Hitchborn

This is with heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Barbara DeLamar.

The devastating news has brought me to tears. She was a great lady and friend, whom I first got to meet at a Fast CAT trial. She was always thoughtful,

loving, and caring for others. Barbara had distinctive values that shaped her unique personality.

Some memories of Barbara are when she would say to me "I wish everyone would get along with each other." She was never one to say anything to cause friction among others. Another memory is when she tripped and fell and had an injury.

This happened at a nosework trial. Barbara was a strong-willed person, even when facing difficulty. I believe that Barbara was also a lady with perseverance to have achieved many successes throughout her many years of training, in helping others to train their companions, and in her personal life.

She will be missed by many in the dog world, our club and especially among the nose work and scent work community.

With Prayers and Sympathy to Barbara and the Delamar family.

~ Benita Zapata

It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our member Barbara DeLamar. Barbara tragically lost her life, along with her pups, in a recent house fire. Her husband remains in the hospital, and we ask our DTCCDC family to keep him and their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara was a dedicated and caring member whose generosity, knowledge, and love for dogs enriched our club. She will be remembered for her kindness, her willingness to give, and her warm spirit. Barbara's presence will be deeply missed, but our memories of her will always remain with us.

~ Ruth Miles



This is terrible news. I'm so sorry to hear. She was a great club member.

~ Margaret Culbertson

Sending my condolences to her family! This was and is a shock. I didn't know her but from what I am reading she was loved by the dog club.

~ Diana Dienell

Our amazing nosework instructors were responsible for our doberman pinscher, Uli, having the opportunity to work with Barbara DeLamar. When she walked into our class and pulled up a chair by him, the big guy knew he had found a new friend. She provided us with the kind of guidance that comes from experience. But, it was her absolute love for the Dobie breed that made the real difference. She saw straight away that we had a big, goofy teenager who needed encouragement to stay focused. She spent an entire evening loving on our big boy.

During our ongoing conversations, she always reminded us to be sure to let our big boy know he was loved. She had planned to come watch his first dock dive competition; but, couldn't due to a health issue. When I called to report that he had logged a 19-9 inch jump in his first competition, she was thrilled and insisted that we just needed to remember to believe in him because if he could do that as a beginner, he could do more. We were devastated to learn of her passing. But, we know that her beloved Stitch was waiting to meet her on the other side of that rainbow bridge. We will miss Barbara.

~ Melissa Jordan



I've known Barbara for many years, way back when we both belonged to MABOC. She was a kind, sweet lady and this is just tragic!

~ Pat Ingram



I'm so heartbroken to hear of her passing in that awful house fire in Ft. Worth. Barbara was very involved in training and showing dogs, had been a groomer, showed her wonderful red Doberman, Stitch, to a Grand Championship in conformation in both AKC and UKC, as well as his Elite Nosework title in UKC. More recently she was training and trialing her 2 young border collies in Nosework. Barbara was one of the sweetest, most loving ladies I've ever known. A few weeks ago came to the Beginner Nosework class to give pointers to a student with a young, strong Doberman which helped greatly. Never said a negative word about anyone, always encouraged everyone at trials and class. She will be greatly missed.

~ Georgann Hughes

Barbara was one of the first people I met when I started my Nosework journey. She was so dedicated to her dogs and everyone else's dogs. She was so knowledgeable about the sport and about Dobermans. If you had any questions about how to train your Doberman, she was your source and we did use her in that area several times. She was always there to offer a hug or support. If you needed help she was there to support you. I remember telling her, "When are you going to start trialing with Gale?" She didn't think they were ready. Well, when they did go, they nailed it, as I knew they would. You never saw her without a big smile. She will be missed.

~ Kinnie Hardaway



TRADER'S CORNER

For Sale, Trade or Give-away:



All items on this table (together) are for sale for \$20. Price is negotiable.

They mostly fit a small 10 lb dog. Though my sheltie used the scuba diving costume and the big dogs used the hats/combs. I can meet you at the Club on Friday nights.

Miriam Inglehart

You may reach her at:

email - Mstroop3@aol.com

Phone - 210-421-6073

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

Barbara Elliott's Wednesday Evening Beginner class. Two of her class were absent.



Mary Ann Magness' Control and Attention Class

Dog Training Club
of Dallas County, Inc.

Celebrating

50 Years

Day Training Excellence
1974-2024

Show 'N Go

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025
Pre-Entries Only



604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

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 DTCCDC website: dallasdogtraining.org Link: DTCCDC Show & Go Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, October 3 Entries close @ Noon Thursday, October 16 (or when limit is reached) Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, October 15 Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, October 17
Upcoming Dates:	12/27
Questions:	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com



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



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Recommended Resources:



Great Danes A Complete Pet Owners Manual by Baron

This manual focuses on the care of a friendly, intelligent dog that is easy to care for. Like every very large dog, the Great Dane requires plenty of space for exercise. Typically, he has a placid personality, and is patient and sociable

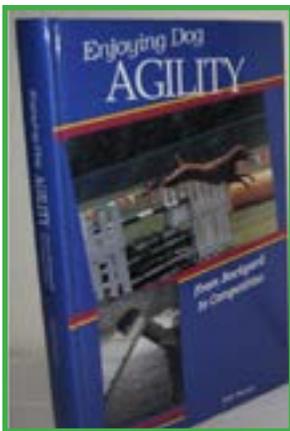
with kids. Written especially to introduce inexperienced and prospective pet owners to the pleasures and duties of pet care.



Click for Success - The Clicked Retrieve (1997) by Lana Mitchell

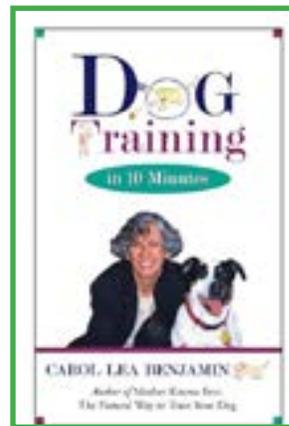
The retrieve is one of the most difficult skills for most dogs to master in competitive obedience. It is difficult because it involves a long series of steps that the dog must learn in order to retrieve the object successfully. More and more

trainers are realizing that teaching a complex series of behaviors like this is most easily done through the use of clicker training using the same techniques used by large animal trainers working with whales, dolphins and elephants.



Enjoying Dog Agility From Backyard to Competition (1991) by J Daniels

This book is intended for those people--and their dogs--who are interested in dog agility at both the beginning and competitive levels. Julie Daniels provides the reader with a wealth of information on practical and useful training techniques.



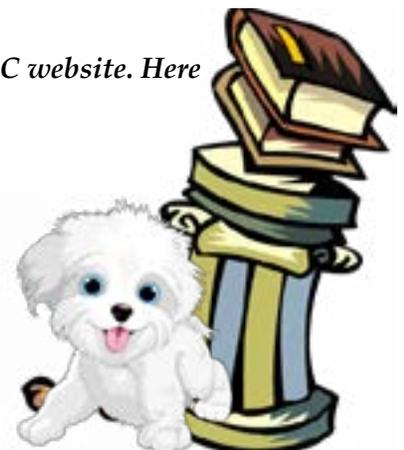
Dog Training in 10 Minutes (1997) by Carol Lea Benjamin

“Dog Training in Minutes” is a dog-training book geared specifically for people short on time but long on intention.

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



Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here is another great trick provided by our Trick Guru, Michele Hosey.

Cookie Paw



When you place a cookie on your dog's paw, he doesn't eat it until you cue him to do so.

This trick builds your dog's self-control and trust because, in the end, he always gets the cookie.

VISUAL CUE: Use your stay or leave it cue, then point to the cookie.

VERBAL CUES: "Stay," "leave it," or "off," followed by "get it" or "okay"

- 1 Introduce the cues "leave it" and "take it."
Cue your dog so that he is in a down-stay.

Place a lower-value cookie on the floor about a foot away from your dog, directly in front of him. Slowly raise your hand off the cookie and say "leave it" in a calm voice.

If he moves to go for the cookie, quickly cover it with your hand. If he paws at or noses your hand, pick up the cookie. If your dog doesn't go for the cookie, then mark it and reward

Troubleshooting

If your dog continues to go for the cookie, inch it farther away before you try again. You can also use the higher-value treat as a lure to distract him. Adjust the distance of the cookie rather than stopping it all at once.



with another treat that's of equal or higher value—but not with the cookie that's on the floor.

Say “take it” as you deliver the reward.

Each time you practice, add one second until your dog can leave it for five seconds.

2 Position yourself to the side of the treat.

As you uncover the treat with one hand, cue him to leave it.

Praise and reward him with a few higher-value treats (one at a time) as he continues to look at you. On subsequent reps, increase the delay between reward treats and decrease the number of treats before you break and reset for another rep.

3 Little by little, move the cookie closer to him. Continue to reward him with higher-value treats for looking at you. Increase the delay between treats and decrease the amount before you break and reset.

4 Place a treat on top of one paw. Continue using higher-value treats for rewards and to build self-control. Gradually phase out the higher-value rewards as the cookie on the paw becomes the only reward.



CHALLENGE

> **Cookie Paws!** Add a second treat on top of his other paw. You may need to move a bit closer to him and make sure he's focused on the rewards. Inch away from your dog after you place a treat on each paw. Experiment with placing more treats on both paws!



Best pumpkin peanut butter cookies for dogs

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup plain canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup peanut butter (no erythritol)

Directions:

Mix well adding more flour or pumpkin to form balls. Place on parchment paper on cookie sheet and flatten. Bake 350 degrees 30-45 minutes until as soft or crisp as your fur baby wants. You can use an air fryer in small batches.

No cinnamon or spices added.

CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing

Tests:	CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog Titles
Date and Time:	Thursday, October 9 at 7 p.m.
Location:	DTCDC Training Facility
Who is Eligible:	Dog teams who are eligible for the CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog tests
Test:	CGCU
Date and Time:	Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m.
Location:	Hillside Village Outdoor Mall in Cedar Hill by the Osh Kosh store.
Price:	\$25 per entry



Zeffy link to register: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/akc-test-centers-cgc-cgca-and-trick-dog-thursday-oct-9th>

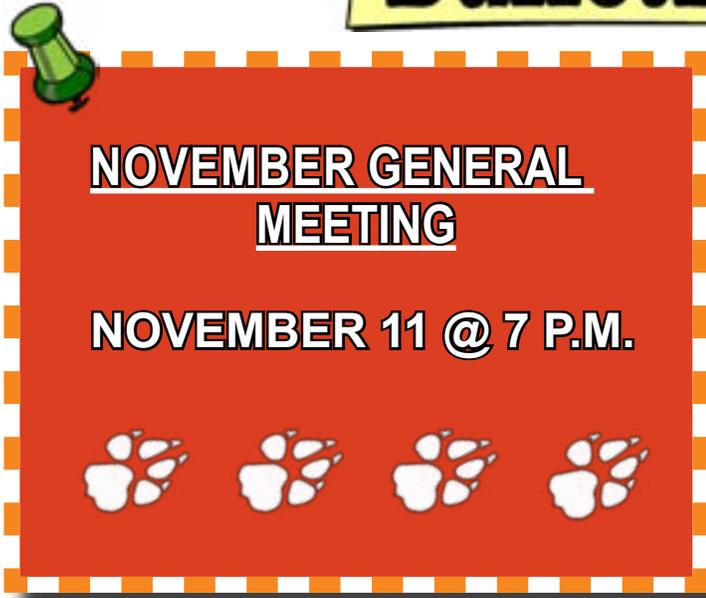
We need at least 3 volunteers to help with the tests on October 9.

Contact Alexis at amharajankowski@gmail.com to volunteer or ask questions.





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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11 @ 7 P.M.




NOVEMBER PAWPRINT

THEME: THANKSGIVING
DUE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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 PawPrint
FEBRUARY	RAINBOW BRIDGE 2025

pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org




OCTOBER DOG CALENDAR:

- Adopt-A-Dog Month
- Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month
- National Pit Bull Awareness Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- National Pet Obesity Awareness Month
- National Pet Wellness Month
- Small Dog Awareness Month
- Oct. 1-7: National Walk Your Dog Week
- Oct. 5-11: Animal Welfare Week
- Oct. 12-18: National Veterinary Technician Week
- Oct. 1: National Fire Pup Day
- Oct. 1: National Black Dog Day
- Oct. 2: Canine Companion Day
- Oct. 4: World Animal Day
- Oct. 4: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- Oct. 4: Kindness to Animals Day
- Oct. 8: National Pet Obesity Awareness Day
- Oct. 10: World Animal Road Accident Awareness Day
- Oct. 10: Vet Nurse Day. Also known as Veterinary Nurse Day
- Oct. 11: National Spoodle Day
- Oct. 15: National Pug Day
- Oct. 18: National Fetch Day
- Oct. 21: National Pets for Veterans Day
- Oct. 22: National Make a Dog's Day
- Oct. 25: Muddy Dog Day
- Oct. 25: National Pit Bull Awareness Day
- Oct. 26: National Livestock Guardian Dog Appreciation and Awareness Day
- Oct. 28: Plush Animal Lovers Day
- Oct. 30: National Treat Your Pet Day

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:

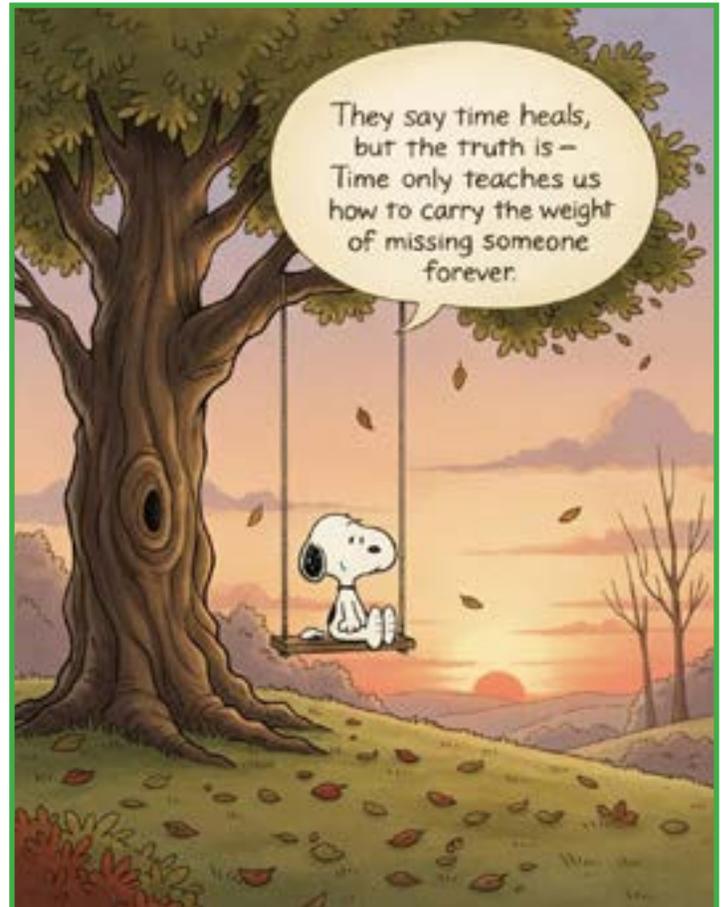
Chewy Wishlist: https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter_b71563199

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

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



JUST 4 FUN





Jane Palmer brags:



Zyra competed at the Dal-Tex trial in Azel, Texas, on September 12-14. There were two rally shows and one obedience. Zyra finished and earned her RA (Rally Advanced) title plus her first qualifying score for her CD (Companion Novice) in obedience. She also placed first in all three trials. I'm super proud of my girl. She isn't even 2 years old. I am looking forward to moving up in Rally.

Benita Zapata brags:



Raiden attended an NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) NW2 Trial on September 20th. She was one of six to earn her NW2 Title.

There were 20 competing dogs in the level 2 trial. The task was to search 5 elements, and find all the hides within the limit time. She was successful in each element, Interior #1 and #2, Exterior, Vehicles, and Containers.

In Containers she earned a 2nd Place win. Raiden was also awarded with an overall Pronounced recognition from both judges. Raiden and I had fun accomplishing another one of her goals. I am very proud of Raiden's performance in earning her NW2 Title. Thank you!! to DTCCDC and members for your support.

A big Thank you!! to the local organization "All About the Nose" that hosted and did a great job in executing the trial in Mesquite, Texas.

Holly Taylor brags:



(I forgot to put this in last month's PawPrint. My apologies, Holly!)

Bilbo (above) and Hadley (below) earned their TKN titles in August! Congratulations, Bilbo and Hadley! Good work!



Jerri Martin brags:

On September 20, Lacey won 1st Place in NACSW1 Containers, Q'ed in Interior, and Exterior with pronounced in 3 elements.

On September 27, Cagney placed 4th in Masters Rally ASCA.

This Sunday AM she earns 2nd place in ASCA



Rally Adv. B and earned her 2nd Q.



Kinnie Hardaway brags:



Piper earned her NW1 and got pronounced on all four searches. I was so proud of her.

Marye Boyce brags:



Johnny qualified in 5 out of 8 classes this weekend at Fruitvale. He earned his element title in Excellent Containers and Buried with a first leg in Excellent Exterior.

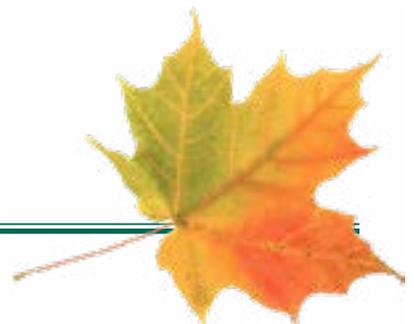
Melissa Chojnacki brags:



Here's a photo of Gozer and I in Tulsa. He received a Q in Master HD (earning his Master HD title), a Q and 4th place in Superior Interior (earning his Superior Interior title), two Qs and a 1st and a 2nd in Elite Containers (earning his Elite Containers title) and a Q and a 1st place in Elite Vehicles.

Melissa Jordan brags:

This is my first brag and it is not just for my dog! Pam White is such an amazing trainer that she was able to teach my desert born dog who barked at raindrops the first time he saw them to swim. Not only did she teach him to swim, she convinced him to dock dive so well with a toy possum that he earned his NADD Dock Senior title at his first event after four lessons with Pam. We are in awe that Pam turned Uli into a dock diving dog! He absolutely loves the sport because Pam is an amazing trainer!





Rex Wilhem brags:



Devlin and Sage had a wonderful weekend at the Austin Kennel Club Shows in Belton!

Sage (GCH Calibre's Dakota Million Dollar Baby) started the weekend on Friday, winning

Best of Variety under Judge Sharon Newcomb, over a lovely lineup of smooth Collies, for a 5 point major.



Her sister Devlin (GCHB Cyndella's Dakota Spellbound) went Select that same day for a 3 point major! Then on Saturday, Devlin won Best of Opposite Sex, under

Judge Garry Newton, for a 4 point major. And on Sunday, Devlin won Best of Variety, under Judge Col. Joe B. Purkhiser, for a 5 point major!

Sheryll Barker brags:

We've come full circle in so many ways!

Emma, Windcrest Enchanted Heart CD BN RE SCN SIN THDA CGC TKN, finished her AKC Rally Master title. This can only be described as one of the least likely title progressions ever!

Emma is SMART with a free-thinking spirit, and has no hesitation in telling me "NO." She was not enamored with early obedience training and would only practice when bribed with copious treats (she'll follow a treat into hell). I was initially ambivalent about showing her.

Then 2020 happened. Working as a therapy dog was out, so I decided to see how she'd handle AKC Rally trials. We went to our first trial in Belton TX in September 2020. Much success followed - Rally Novice scores of 99,100,99; Rally Intermediate scores of 100, 98,99; and Rally Advanced scores of 100, 90 (she walked the broad jump), 100. She finished Rally Excellent early in 2021 and moved up to Rally Master under Walter O'Brien in March 2021. She picked up two Rally Master legs then and, in May 2021, she went on to pick up three "triple Qs" where the dog has to pass Advanced, Excellent, and Master on the same day.

We went to the AKC Rally National in July 2021. She did respectably well, earning scores of 95 and 97, placing 19 out of 67 exhibitors. She was the highest scoring Collie that year (during a year where no breed medallions were awarded - GRRR). But the stress in that building got to her, and that was the last time I saw her work well for me in the ring.

From the end of July through December, Emma ran out of the ring on me most of the times that we showed, so Emma and I stopped showing in Rally. Emma continued to train in various dog sports and we added a few Scentwork titles in Spring 2024.

Emma's health crashed in August 2024 - Cutaneous Discoid Lupus followed by Autoimmune-mediated Encephalitis. If that wasn't bad enough, she did poorly on the "first-line" medications recommended by a vet neurologist. We were literally praying for Emma's life at this time last year.



The last straw was her losing 80% of her hair to Pyoderma, which started on Christmas Day 2024.

I opted to take Emma to see Dr. Dennis Crow. He's officially a vet dermatologist, but I've been told by a number of vet specialists, as well as seen in person, that he's one of the best vet diagnosticians in the DFW area, if not the state. Dr. Crow made a medication recommendation and it has been close to a cure for her! Hallelujah!

By this summer, Emma was feeling good with good energy. She started demanding a turn when I was training Theodore. I was on the AKC site in July, and noticed that Emma was only 4 Master legs from her title (each dog has to pass Master runs 10 times to earn the Rally Master title). Dog shows lined up *just right* so, if Emma would cooperate, we could complete her title: 1) at the Collie Club of Austin's Rally show, where we could see our Collie friends 2) at Belton, where it all began, and 3) under Walter O'Brien, whom we started trialing under in Master.

Queen Emma decided that this was all to her liking. She earned two Master legs in Azle, showing well enough to pass, but she felt the need refuse at least one sign each day.



Then came last weekend. On Saturday, Emma showed just how good she could be, earning a 99 in Master to beat Theodore (who also scored a 99) with a faster time. I almost fell over when I heard she was High Scoring Collie! Never in my wildest dreams did I think my wildcard could top my consistent boy, but she did!

Sunday morning, I knew she was going to do whatever she wanted in the ring when she started begging to leave at 6:30 am. Emma was in the mood for a victory lap; fortunately, she did enough to pass with a 74! Vintage Emma, 99 one day to 74 the next! I planned on retiring her from the rally ring after this title, and she sealed that decision with how she behaved in the ring on Sunday.

Many thanks to the Collie Club of Austin for another wonderful trial, especially to Roxane Jourdain for continuing to run the show even when not feeling well.

Now, back to Scentwork, where she can take control and get treats in the ring! And Emma is closing in on 400 therapy dog visits! So her journey continues!



Alexis Jankowski brags:

Odie

At the Austin Kennel Club, my boy NC Turbo Loco Motion FDC CGCA TKN ATT "Odie" earned his second 3-point major on Sunday, September 21st! This was after two days of earning reserve!

Anakin

Next, my boy UKC CH Spur Creek's Kyber Ignited FDC BCAT CGCA CGCU STR TKN ATT FITB VCMX "Anakin", also earned his second major on Saturday, September 20th in Belton! This was a four-point major and he's now in the one point club! You might see his name in next month's brag with a new prefix title next Pawprint!

An update is Anakin completed his AKC championship with a three-point major as Winners Dog and Best of Winners under respected toy judge Dale Martenson on September 27th with the Cen Tex Kennel Club! He now gets to retire from the sport to focus on his obedience and rally training.

Axel and Gracie

On Friday, both Axel (seal boy) and Gracie (blue girl) earned their AKC Temperament Test (ATT) title! I wasn't sure if they were ready, but they displayed more maturity and both passed with all 4 scores!

On September 28th, Axel earned reserve winners and has started to perform very well on his conformation lead. He also earned his CGCA under our very own Mary Ann Magness! He is learning how to obey commands in a very distracting environment so he's getting his proofing done early!

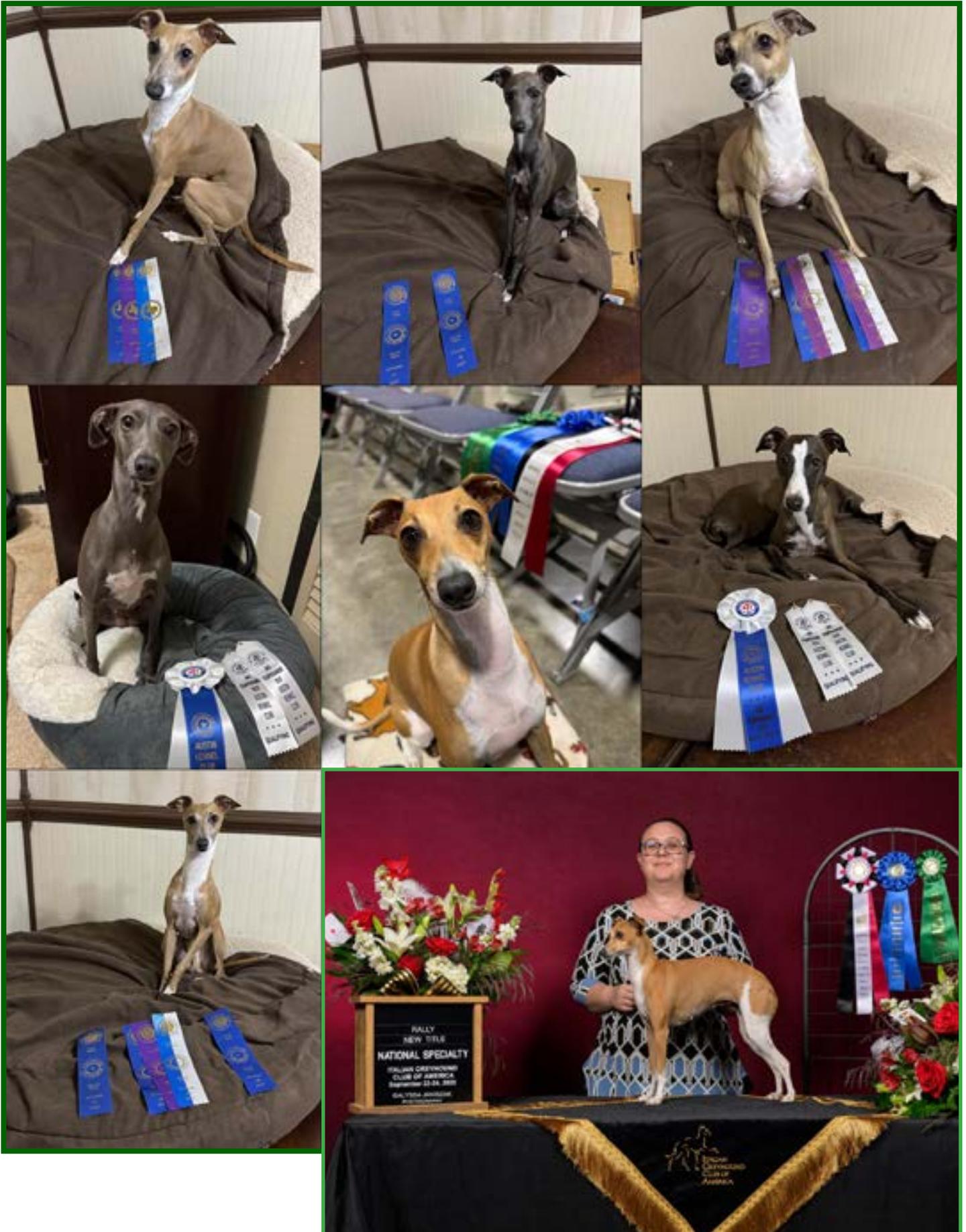
Zion

My puppy, Zion, completed her required puppy points to earn her Puppy of Achievement! She got a late start to showing, but she really enjoys going to the shows and being involved in the adventures!

Golden Rea

And my most favorite brag is: new rally title!!! GCH AKC/UKC CH Spur Creek's Golden Rea of Sunshine FDC DCAT CGCA CGCU STR TKN ATT FITS "Golden Rea" earned first place with a score of 93! This was her third leg earning her her 12th title of Rally Novice (RN)! We traveled 300 miles to Hot Springs, Arkansas to trial in the Italian Greyhound Club Nationals and she earned three beautiful ribbons, including her "new title" ribbon!

See her dog photos on next page.



Annual Awards Information & Forms

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 2024 and in January-September of 2025. 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-Go, 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 in person or by Zoom to cast your vote. Either way, this list of names will be available to you.

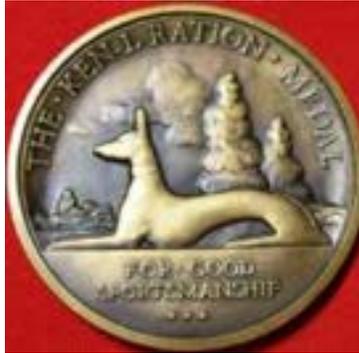
<u>2024 New Members</u>	<u>Jan-Sept 2025 New Members</u>
Sharon Cole	Chelsea Hooper
Diana Dienell	Debbie Kavossi
Lilha Finger	Murphy Peterson
Coleen Gurguis	Yvette Peterson
Daniel Hill	William (Terry) Popham
Glenda Johnson	Debbie Reneau
Melissa Jordan	Jade Reneau
Tom Jordan	Laura Ellene Tynes
Greg Lambert	Shelley Young
Marilyn Martin	
Kat McClay	
Judy McClelland-Sherman	
Tiffany Miura	
Shin Miura	
Kim Murphy	
Brandi Pfaff	
Tawny Schaffer	
Dotty Smith	
Belinda Tantalo	
Susan Whitaker	
Sherry Woods	



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, DT CDC decided to continue its tradition, changed the name to "Sportsmanship Award" and began purchasing and awarding an engraved brass carriage clock 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	2004: Mona O’Gorman
1984: Lynda Walker Holman	2005: Toni Skiles
1985: Maurine Pearson Leffingwell	2006: John Warren
1986: Roberta Stout Mills	2007: Paul Cantwell
1987: Judy Harmon	2008: Lisa Wharton
1988: David Taylor	2009: Sandi Myers
1989: Sally Browning	2010: Jan Bajovich
1990: Gene Norman	2011: Felicia Ruhter
1991: Peggy Phelps	2012: Robin Quintana
1992: Marla Bull	2013: Robin Romig
1993: Jo Humphry	2014: Chris Teel
1994: Libby Palmer	2015: Jan Bruner
1995: Virginia Grossman	2016: Karen Henry
1996: Lee Fausett	2017: Benita Zapata
1997: Cecelia Young	2018: Kristal Hatcher
1998: Cathy Garrett	2019: Pam White
1999: Stella Moore	2020/2021: Donna Heishman
2000: Mark Malone	2022: Mary Ann Magness
2001: Georgann Hughes	2023: Ruth Miles
2002: Charlotte Strom	2024: Kinnie Hardaway
2003: Pam Kernan Raymond	

At the October meeting we will be nominating and voting on the 2025 Sportsmanship Award. Please attend the meeting with some nominees in mind.

The DT CDC Sportsmanship Award is awarded to club members that exemplify the finest traits of good sportsmanship. Anyone who has been awarded this award by DT CDC is not eligible to win again. Anyone who has received the Gaines Sportsmanship Award (previous name) or a Sportsmanship Award from a club other than DT CDC is eligible for this award from DT CDC. Recipients of the DT CDC 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.

NOSEWORK HIGHEST AVERAGE QUALIFYING PERCENTAGE

DID YOUR DOG EARN A NOSEWORK TITLE DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 15, 2024 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2025? If so, you may qualify for the new Nosework award DTCCDC will present at the annual Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony!!!

The Nosework Highest Qualifying Average Award is awarded to the club member achieving an AKC or UKC Nosework Level Title with the highest percentage of qualifying runs. This award is calculated using the following equation,

Total number of qualifying runs for all four elements (8 for UKC or 12 for AKC) divided by the total number of attempts (qualifying runs + non-qualifying runs for all four elements) multiplied by 100

An email has already been sent out to the membership containing a Nosework Award Submission Form and details explaining how to fill it out and where to send it. Good Luck to all and Happy sniffing!!!

Nosework Award Submission Form (please type or print)

Highest Qualifying Average

Your name: _____

Your email: _____

Your phone: _____

Dog's formal name: _____

Dog's call name: _____

Title earned: _____

Kennel Club (Circle one): AKC or UKC

Containers: Number of Qs (Circle one): **2 UKC** or **3 AKC**

Number of NQs _____

Interiors: Number of Qs (Circle one): **2 UKC** or **3 AKC**

Number of NQs _____

Exteriors: Number of Qs (Circle one): **2 UKC** or **3 AKC**

Number of NQs _____

Vehicles/Buried: Number of Qs (Circle one): **2 UKC** or **3 AKC**

Number of NQs _____

Please list below the **TRIALS & DATES** where all the above runs were performed.
Use the back of the form if needed.

**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, 2024 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2025? If so, you may qualify for the following awards DTDCDC will present at the annual Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony.

The **Highest Average Obedience Score Award and Highest Average Rally Score Award** 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**, 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 DTDCDC.

The **Most Improved Obedience Score Award and Most Improved Rally Score Award** 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 DTDCDC.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCORES: Scores must be submitted via U.S. Mail or email to Lynda Holman **BY NOVEMBER 15, 2025**. 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, 2024 to November 14, 2025. 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, 2025:

VIA EMAIL: lyholman@flash.net

or

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

Questions?: Email or call Lynda (214-662-3475/cell)

Award Submission Form (please type or print)

Please check the award for which you are submitting scores:

_____ Highest Average Obed. Score Award _____ Most Improved Obed. Score Award

_____ Highest Average Rally Score Award _____ Most Improved Rally Score Award

Your name: _____

Your email & phone: _____

Dog's formal name: _____

Dog's call name: _____

Title earned: _____

1st Leg Score: _____ 1st Leg Date: _____

1st Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

2nd Leg Score: _____ 2nd Leg Date: _____

2nd Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

3rd Leg Score: _____ 3rd Leg Date: _____

3rd Leg Show/Trial Name: _____

