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Samantha Colvard shared this picture of Summitt and Peyton.

See more thanksgiving photos on [page 22](#).



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Carleton Coffin
11/1	Danika Taylor
11/2	Reagan Chojnacki
11/2	Beth Hurley
11/5	Sylvia Nuzzolilo
11/6	Cindy Sullivan
11/19	Mark Malone
11/22	Connie O'Gorman
11/22	Brandi Pfaff
11/24	Shelly Carr
11/24	Oscar Esparza
11/26	Dotty Smith
11/29	Melissa Jordan
11/29	David Ralph
11/30	Todd Leffingwell

Happy
Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER 14 @ 7 P.M.

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

THEME: THANKSGIVING

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

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 145	\$524.65
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Net	\$145	\$524.65

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A Word from Our President



Dear DTCDC Members,

As my term comes to completion, I want you all to know that it has been an absolute pleasure serving our club. I'm so grateful for the support, dedication, and friendship shown by our members, committees, and the board throughout my term.

I look forward to all the wonderful things our club will continue to accomplish in the coming years, the events, the training, the teamwork, and most of all the shared memories we make together.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve, it has truly been an honor.

Warm regards,

Ruth Miles

Your President



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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



Our nominating committee selected the following members as our 2026 Board and officers:

- **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)**

We will be conducting our annual meeting on November 11. This meeting includes officially voting in our new board. We encourage you to participate in this meeting.

Thank you,

Nominating Committee

Donna Heishman

David Elliott

Pam White

Reagan Chojnacki

Ruth Miles

Mark Malone Advising Corporate Director



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.		
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.		
Maysel McGown	585-745-7212	mforpar@gmail.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 Lynda Holman	214-693-6689 214-662-9475	donnapeishman@gmail.com
Printing - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		

Nicole Litterio Ruth Miles	708-207-1529 817-899-7808	nlitter2@gmail.com rv.miles@yahoo.com
Promotional/Community Events/Distribution – Promote DT CDC’s mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
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 DT CDC 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 - October 21

The training committee held a Game night on October 21. It was fun to watch. There were many comments following the session.

Take aways from the night by the training committee:

- Perfecting exercises takes time, patience, and a clear expectation of the behavior to help your dog understand what you are communicating to them.
- Some behaviors are easier than others; and sometimes we are surprised by what seems easy is actually hard.
- The process is not the same for each handler/dog team for achieving the goal.
- Sometimes switching to another behavior helps make the former exercise easier.
- Y'all were fun to observe. Hope you keep incorporating play into your training, keeping it fun as you achieve your training goals.

Comments by a few participants:

That was by far the most fun Train the Trainer I've been to. I think it was great enrichment for the dogs and the people. Fantastic job to the Training Committee for putting it together and to all the pet parents that participated!

I hope someone got a lot of pictures.

Michelle Jennings

Cody and I had a great time! Thanks for putting it together!

Tawny Schaffer

It was great fun! And I'm now convinced that 3 minutes is not quite enough time to really teach a new trick - but it was amazing to see how quickly the dogs picked up on some things !!!

All in all, a new way to approach fun training...while having some good time

Maysel R. McGown

I agree with Maysel's comments. Thanks to our great Training Committee for putting this together. Wager and I had a great time at DTCCDC's "game night" while learning/working on some new tricks at the same time.

Amy Witmer





A Note from Your Training Director



Take care of each other,

Mary Ann Magness

Training Director

The American Kennel Club has recognized new dog breeds.

- * Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter. Great for Christmas.
- * Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel = Irish Springer. Smells like fresh mountain dog.
- * Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabrador. Won't stop barking.
- * Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere. A dog that's true til the end.
- * Terrier + Bulldog = Terrible. Not a very good dog.
- * Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso. Easy to transport.
- * Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Pekaso. A rather abstract dog.
- * Malamute + Pointer = Moot point. Never mind.
- * Bulldog + Shitzu = ... you can figure this one out.

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 13 and runs through November 23. 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 DTCDC Training Committee

Have a question? training@dallasdogtraining.org

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	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/Michelle Coffin	Daniel Hill	
	Beginner	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Oct 13 - Nov 17	Brad Ralph	Felicia Ruhter, Lisa Gonzales, Melissa Jordan	
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 13 to November 23

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting October 7, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Alexis Jankowski, Maysel McGown, Melissa Chojnacki, Kinnie Hardaway, Barbara Elliott, Mary Ann Magness Zoom: Mark Malone, Lynda Holman
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:06pm

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September’s Board Meeting and General Meeting were published in October’s PawPrint, are there any corrections?
Conclusion	No corrections - Approved by consensus

TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<p>Total Income \$726.11 Total Expenses \$2,456.66 Total: \$-1,730.55 Sunshine Club Income \$145.00 Expense \$ Total: \$</p>
Conclusion	



Thank You!

Thanks to Ruth Miles, Jean Villa, Melissa Chojnacki, 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

TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add height numbers to new jump • Train the Trainer: Trick Dog – October 21st – 7:30
Conclusion	

SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

	<p>SNG dates 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"> • None
Conclusion	

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>Maysel is scheduling for the November 8th 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"> • Board Appreciation Awards • Ask MAL to send out reminders to members about our Most Active New Member and the Sportsmanship Award. – Please send out reminders to your groups.
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting October 14, 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 7:08 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 over them. • Thank you to Reagan and Michelle for the snacks.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	September 2025 minutes were published in October 2025 Pawprint
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 \$726.11 Total Expenses \$2,456.66 Total: \$-1,730.55 Sunshine Club Income \$145.00 Expense \$ Total: \$</p>

TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Train the Trainer 10/21 at 7:30 pm – trick dog and fun with you pup
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SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Octobers Birthdays - read out loud• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raffle Winners: Michelle Moorman & Mary Ann Magness

PawPrint – Lana Shuman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October PawPrint deadline: 10/26/2025• Theme: Thankful• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org• Traders Corner section is open• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.
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CGC – Alexis Jankowski

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CGC, 10/09/2025• CGCU 11/8/2025 - 11 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.
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Purchasing – Lynda Hollman/Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking orders for jackets• Pick up your name tags
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Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 27, 2025 – Alexis has volunteered to run the times
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Social Committee – Lisa Gonzales & Samantha Colvard

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samantha for Lisa• Awards Ceremony December 13, 2025 at 3pm
Conclusion	

Old Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 8 teeth cleaning - Maysel
Conclusion	

New Business

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce 2026 slated board and bylaws - Do we have any additional nominees?• Voting for Most Active New Member – Donna to give instructions• Sportsmanship award – Read ideas of a Sportsman open floor for nominees: Lana Shuman nominated by Donna Heishman, Jan Hitchborn nominated by Georgeann Hughes, Alexis Jankowski nominated by Kinnie Hardaway & Mary Ann Magness, Shari Price nominated by David Elliott & Pam White• Take a few minutes to ask members if they would like to share thoughts on Becky Hill or Barbara Delamar.• Any additional comments, if not, the meeting will adjourn for Costume Contest and Brags• Costume Winners:<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Place - Chojnacki Family2nd Place – Ruth Miles and William3rd Place – Barbara Elliott and Bailey
Conclusion	No additional nominees for Board members

Snacks for November: Melissa Jordan & Ruth Miles

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 8:02 pm

REMINDER:

Teeth Cleaning



If you signed up, don't forget the November 8th teeth cleaning session with Debbie Higgins at the club.

If you have any questions, please email **Maysel McGown** at mforpar@gmail.com. You paid a \$20 deposit at the time you requested your slot and \$50 is due at your appointment time slot.

Therapy Dogs



DTCDC Therapy Teams

Please send an email updating me on how your therapy visits are going for 2025. Let me know which dogs are going, where they are going and how often they are going.

Thanks,

Mark

j_mark_malone@yahoo.com

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



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: TBD Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>The next T3 session will be in January. Please watch your email for information from your training committee.</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.

Winter Awards Banquet and Dinner

Presented by The Dog Training Club at Dallas County for all members

Celebrate the Season with Us!

Join us for a festive afternoon filled with recognition, delicious food, and fun activities at our annual Winter Awards Banquet and Dinner.

Event Details

- Date & Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Location: The Dog Training Club at Dallas County
- 604 Crestview
- Duncanville, TX 75137

Special Features

- Homemade Dessert Contest: Bring your best homemade dessert for a chance to win! Prizes will be awarded to the top three desserts, as voted by attendees.
- Live Auction (Optional): Participate if you wish and bid on exciting items to support the club or simply enjoy the fun atmosphere! Donations for auction need to be labeled as for human or dog, and size of dog if needed. Also, a starting value for the bids is helpful.

Dress warmly and come ready to celebrate in a cozy, winter-themed setting!

We look forward to seeing you and sharing a memorable afternoon together.

You can contact anyone on the social committee if you have any questions. Lisa Gonzales, Samantha Colvard, Chris Swain, Shannon Quinn

The Winter party is for humans only

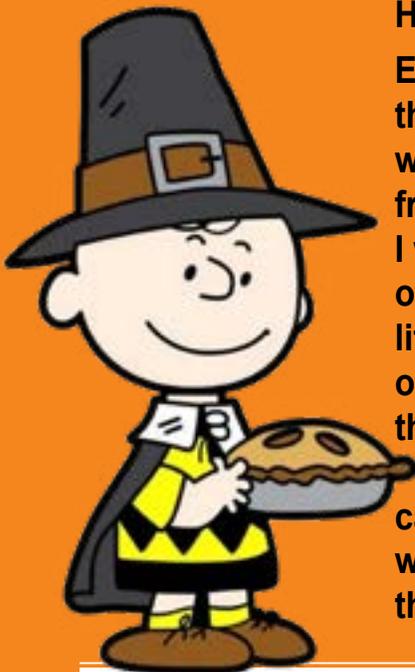


Thanksgivings



Holly Taylor:

Everyone knows I lost Sano in February but I am so thankful that the 48 hours surrounding his euthanasia were full of synchronicity and hearing randomly from friends I had had not heard from in months. And while I was not in the market for another puppy so soon, all of this led me to a brand new breeder who had a litter of cockers on the ground. After watching videos of the litter and the one puppy the breeder thought would be a good fit, Danika said 'that one is your dog' and she was 100% correct. Bilbo came into my life in April and it's like he was always meant to be here. I like to think Sano sent him.





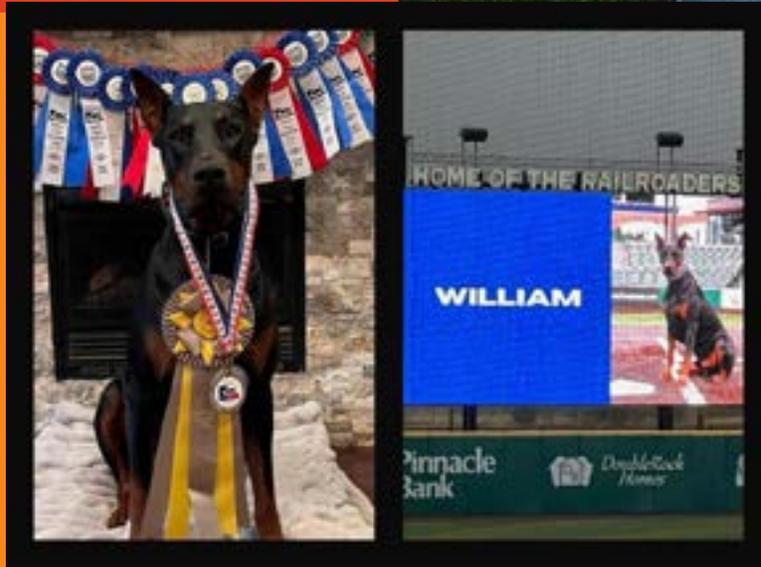
Kinnie Hardaway

I am thankful that Piper loves spending time with me and working so hard even when she hurts. I am so thankful that God gave her to me. My life has been so blessed since she came into my life. I didn't know a dog could bring such joy.

I'm also thankful for members of this club who have become like family to me. I want to say a special thank you to Alexis and Marye for going with me to pick up Barbara Delamar's pups.

Happy Thanksgiving!





Ruth And Vernon Miles

We are especially thankful for our pup, William. Because of him, we've learned and experienced so many new lessons, and he's the reason we found our way to DTCCDC. Through him, we've made wonderful friendships and created sweet memories that we will always cherish.



Loki

AKC - Loki (ATD Therapy Dog)

RACH M Possible Watchout for Loki VCD2 RM4 RAE2

MXJ MX XF CGC TKA

ASCA CDX JS-E RS-E GS-O RAX REM REX RMX DN-CP

UKC NE UACH

By Jane Palmer



My precious Loki has just passed over the rainbow bridge. Born 2-13-2014 to 10-26-2025. 11 yrs and 8 months old. He will be missed, someday we will meet again and have fun once again.

Crossing the Rainbow Bridge





2025 DTCCDC Costume Contest



Robert, Melissa and Reagan Chojnacki were “the bee keepers and their bees”. Greta, Zuul, Brody, Gozer and Rizzo were the Bees.



Chicken Farmer
Ruth Miles & her
Rooster William



Princess Barbara Elliott
& her Dragon Bailey



Melissa Jordan and Captain America Uli



Michelle Moorman and Lily as the Grinch



Jane Palmer and Zyra, the accessory dog



In Remembrance...

Rosemary Mingzhor

Member since 2022



Georgann Hughes, Rosemary Mingzhor, Jan Hitchborn and Oliver, Sergio Arciniega, Kinnie Hardaway, Miriam Inglehart and Tristan, Katie Inglehart, Marye and Steven Boyce and Johnnie and Benita Zapata. Nosework people at a trial. All these and their dogs represent the club with excellence. See Rosemary in the circle insert.

It is with sadness that we share the passing of our fellow member, Rosemary Mingzhor. Rosemary joined our club in 2022 and was an active participant in Nosework, often competing with her beloved Papillon Coco. Rosemary was enthusiastic, encouraging and kind. She will be missed by her friends and fellow members.

Ruth Miles



I remember meeting Rosemary at her first beginner class which I was instructing. At the second class she enrolled I was an assistant. I had more time to talk with her and Coco. She shared that she was working with Coco to help her focus and to calm down a bit. She also shared of Coco being very active and easily stimulated by her surroundings.

Later in another class she told me that they were competing in agility and that Coco was doing well. She shared how they both enjoyed it. At that time, I mentioned the nose work classes at the club. Rosemary showed interest in nose work classes and I had answered her questions. When the next session started, we had a new team in beginner nose work.

Rosemary had given Coco another job to work at. They became an outstanding ongoing team in class and in trialing in UKC and AKC scent work. I will remember Rosemary's command "GO HUNT". When they returned from there Hunt at trials, Rosemary had special crunchy minnie sardines or minnie turkey sausages for Coco. They often shared their turkey sausages with me and Raiden.

Rosemary was a dedicated and courageous lady. I enjoyed listening about her earlier years in Schutzhund training. She had experience in training large breed dogs and had earned a Schutzhund Tracking Championship Title on her German Shepherd.

She will be missed in our Friday classes and in the scent work arena. These are some of my memories of Rosemary that I will cherish.

Benita Zapata



I remember Rosemary's first beginner class in nosework. I walked a new person with an over the top energetic Papillon, CoCo. Leash handling wasn't her strong suit that first couple of classes. I was surprised to hear she had switched to a Papillon after losing her last German Shepherd and that her competition life in Chicago was in Schutzhund Protection and Obedience.

When her leash handling suddenly improved I complimented her. She shared that she had reached out to her good friend and trainer in Chicago who had basically told her "It's a dog not a toy so treat it as you would a GS. You need to be the boss and your dog needs to recognize it."

The year of 2023 gave Georgann, Benita and me an unusual class of students and dogs. We encouraged them to enter the August nosework trial in Alvarado and everyone



who entered earned their full UKC nosework title in one weekend.

Rosemary assisted instructors at times and wanted suggestions on going on into higher levels. I introduced her to Caroline who welcomed her into her facebook nosework training group. Rosemary continued to come to our advance class every Friday for additional training in a more one on one scenario.

With the exception of the Alvarado trial Rosemary slowed down and attended one day of the trials she entered. She and her stories of past adventures and family will be missed.

Jan Hitchborn

Rosemary loved doing Nosework with Coco. She loved learning new things and going out and trying them. Coco had a problem with drinking water too fast and she'd make the funniest sound. The first time I heard it, I asked what was that sound and Rosemary would be laughing so hard cause it was Coco. She loved spending time with her dogs. She was a very independent woman and liked to do things her way but she was very sweet. She will be missed.

Kinnie Hardaway

Rosemary Minzghor was a steadfast fixture in our Nosework classes at DTCDC along with her cute sidekick, Coco the papillon. She had started trialing in both UKC and AKC over the past year or so, plus had just passed their ORTs (Odor Recognition Tests) for NACSW. She had an extensive history of training and trialing in obedience, Schutz.

Georgann Hughes

I'm in shock! She was a hoot in nosework and I loved seeing her and Coco. She will be missed.

Shannon Quinn





The first group photo at the beginning of this section was provided by Jan Hitchborn. All the other photos were sent in by Georgann Hughes. Thank you both as always.



TRADER'S CORNER

For Sale, Trade or Give-away:

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

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

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

Did the Pilgrims Have Dogs?



When you've thought about Thanksgiving, have you ever wondered if the Pilgrims had dogs on the Mayflower and in Plymouth Colony? Well, I have wondered, so I decided to do a little research to find out.

Apparently, I am not the only one who has been curious. I found quite a few websites that talked about it, including the AKC website. The answer is: YES! One of the Pilgrims named John Goodman brought along two dogs - an English Mastiff and a Spaniel. The Spaniel was most likely a precursor of what we now call the English Springer Spaniel. (The breed wasn't officially differentiated until the 1800's.) The mastiff was an awesome protection and guard dog, having in its early days served with Gladiators and Roman Centurians, while the spaniel was most likely used in hunting.

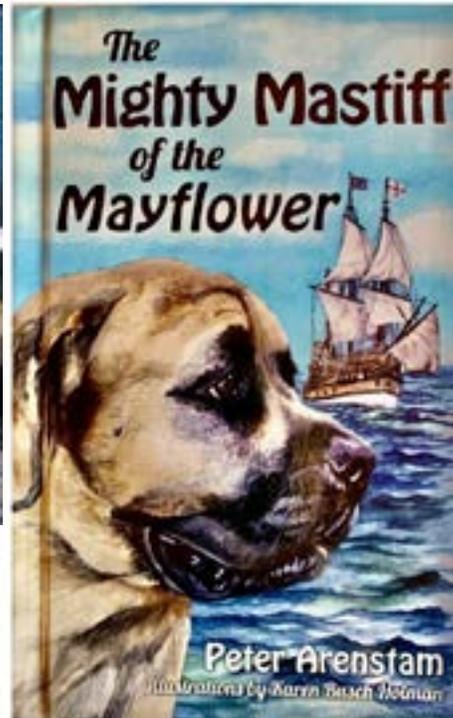
Not a lot is known about the two dogs, but a few mentions of them are included in some of the colony members' diaries that have been preserved. Several sources mentioned an incident about John Goodman and three other men searching in the woods for thatch for the roofs of their houses. While the men were looking the dogs saw a deer and pursued it into the woods. And as often happens when a dog gets locked into their prey drive, the dogs didn't listen when John called them. He and one of the men followed after the dogs and finally caught up with them only to find out they were lost and it was late and very little daylight was left. They ended out spending the night in the woods with their guard dogs and made it back to Plymouth in the morning. Another mention of the dogs is

the time John took them into the woods and ran into some wolves. I don't think the wolves appreciated the giant mastiff with its barking and lunging, and the rocks thrown at them by Goodman. This all caused the wolves to leave.

I was never able to find out the dogs' names, I am sure they had them, but no one mentioned them in their diaries. According to the colony records, John Goodman passed away in their first winter in the New World. Others in the colony then took care of the dogs who provided assistance with guarding the settlement from wild animals such as wolves and large wild cats. They also protected them from anyone entering the settlement, such as natives.

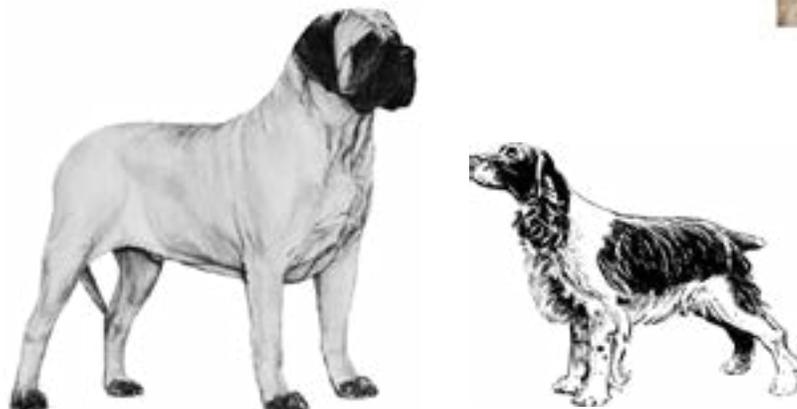
Here are a few items of interest for those who are also interested in the Pilgrims and their dogs this Thanksgiving. These articles and the book might also intrigue any curious kids you know:

- From the Mayflower to the New World: The untold story of the Pilgrims' Mastiff and Spaniel - Babylon Beacon <https://share.google/FCI7tEeajmNiHkQD9>
- Were There Dogs on the Mayflower? – American Kennel Club <https://share.google/khdf085abJb-0wpLpq>
- Book: The Mighty Mastiff of the Mayflower by Peter Aramstam. Hard copy of this book is available on Amazon.



Above: Reenactment of John Goodman and his two dogs on the Mayflower.

Right: A children's book available on Amazon.



Left: Examples of the current breeds as we have them today. English Mastiff at left and English Springer Spaniel at right.

Dog Training Club
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604 Crestside Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137

Show 'N Go

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025
Pre-Entries Only



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, December 12
Entries close @ Noon Thursday, December 25
(or when limit is reached)
Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on
Wednesday, December 24
Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of
Friday, December 26

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.*



CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog Testing



Test:	CGCU
Date and Time:	Saturday, November 8 at 11 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>

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



Canine Good Citizen (CGC)



**Titles earned on
Session 5 - 2025**

Congratulations to:

- *Samantha Calvard with Summit & Peyton*
- *Alexis Jankowski with Saber*



COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on
Session 5 - 2025**

Congratulations to:

- *Mary Ann Magness & Fellow*



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Trick Dog Titles



**Titles earned on
Session 5 - 2025**
Congratulations to:

- *Samantha Calvard with Summit & Peyton - both TKN*
- *Alexis Jankowski with Saber - TKN*



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



DTDCDC Bulletin Board



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 13 @ 7 P.M.




DECEMBER PAWPRINT

THEME: READERS' CHOICE
DUE DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Share the photo of your dog doing whatever you want. Your choice of activity, costume, spring, summer, fall, winter. Again, READERS' CHOICE! Share an anecdote about your dog. Something that made you laugh, smile, cry, boast... You get the idea. Your choice!

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES

DECEMBER	Introducing Our New Board/Readers' Choice
JANUARY	No PawPrint
FEBRUARY	RAINBOW BRIDGE 2025

pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org




NOVEMBER DOG CALENDAR:

- Adopt a Senior Pet Month
- National Senior Pet Month
- National Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Pet Diabetes Month
- Nov. 1: National Cook for Your Pets Day
- Nov. 1: International Pet Groomer Appreciation Day
- Nov. 2-8: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- Nov. 7: National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
- Nov. 9-15: Human-Animal Relationship Awareness Week
- Nov. 12: World Animal Enrichment Day
- Nov. 15: National Shop with Your Dog Day
- Nov. 16: National Slobber Appreciation Day
- Nov. 17: National Take a Hike Day
- Nov. 23: Thankful for My Dog Day
- Nov. 24: National Border Collie Day
- Nov. 26: Coton de Tulear Day
- Nov. 27: National Dog Show. Always broadcast in the US on Thanksgiving, this event is held at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pennsylvania and is hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia.
- Nov. 30: World 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.





DTCDC Bulletin Board

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.

DTCDC
Bulletin Board

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.

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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.





Belinda Tantalo brags:



Luca and Max competed at the AKC Scent Work Trials in Cleburne recently. They earned some new element titles, placements, and a Judges Choice award. Max earned his Master Container title and 3 placements. I was particularly pleased with his skill in Master Exterior on Sunday, earning a Q and a 4th place. Luca earned his Advanced Buried, Interior, and Handler Discrimination titles, 2 placements, and a Judges Choice medallion. Overall, it was a great weekend.

Holly Taylor brags:

Hadley (Mpossible Hadley's Hope) earned her AKC FITB title.--the photo with the Aussie



Jane Palmer brags:



Had a super great time at the Tulsa Dog Training Club this weekend (October 24-26-2025). Zyra didn't let me down, she did a fantastic job. She earned her CD title. We should be able to finish her Rally Excellent title next weekend at the Lone Star Obedience Club trial in Keller, TX. She is doing an awesome job for a girl that's just 18 months old.



Another fun weekend! We went to Lone Star Dog Training Club in Keller, Texas. An AKC Obedience trial, October 31 & November 1st.

Zyra was awesome, she earned her CD title. A wonderful way to end the year. Well we do have two more shows but they're ASCA in November and December for this year.

Kinnie Hardaway brags:



Piper earned her AKC master exterior title and another master interior leg with a judges award and got 3rd place in both!

Pam White brags:

Redd & Remy & I went to the NADD Nationals in Springfield, Mo. I was proud of Redd for competing in all 3 disciplines (air retrieve, HydroDash & distance). We didn't make finals, but definitely had a great time seeing friends, meeting new ones, & hopefully next year we will be better!

Redd & I went to Lonestar Rally Trial this weekend & Redd's take away was he needed a new handler - one who doesn't



miss signs, can't count how many times to drag him around a figure 8 & remember the correct way to do those signs! We did get a triple Q Friday & a double Q Saturday. But we definitely found things we needed to work on.

Mary Swindell was our judge, she reminded us she had just lost her heart dog & that irregardless of our scores we each took home the BEST dog and how much she would give to be able to do another course with her beloved partner. A thought we all should keep utmost in our minds.



DTCDC Teams Are a Continuing Force in Rally

Three members and their dogs from DTCDC did the club proud at the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club in Keller October 31 - November 1 to complete their Rally Master titles, the only teams to do so at the trial. Pam Chrystal and Dio, Amy Witmer and Wager, and Sheryll Barker and Theodore all had outstanding weekends and represented us well. They pose with judge Mary Waugh Swindell.

Amy Witmer brags:

Wager and I attended Rally Obedience Trials in Keller hosted by the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club on 10/31 and 11/1 and had a great time with a near-perfect day on 11/1. At the end, we came away with two new titles for Wager - his Rally Master and Rally Advanced-Excellent. So, he will now be registered as Waterbound Place Your Bets RM RAE CGC TKN. A special shout out goes to Teresa Reynolds and Shari Price for the extra training throughout this year to help get us to this point. Also, it was great to see so many fellow DTCDC members at the trials.



Sheryll Barker brags:



We had an exceptionally good day at the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club Rally show! Theodore pulled scores of 98,99, and 96 and finished both Rally Master (RM) and RAE titles!! Thanks to our judge and friend Mary Waugh Swindell for wonderful courses. She also encouraged us to come for awards wearing a Halloween costume.

Theodore and his training buddy Wager (see below) both earned Rally Master and RAE titles this weekend! Theodore had a big day on Friday, and Wager had a huge day on Saturday! These two earned their Rally Novice titles together in April, 2024, and now they earned

the highest Rally titles together (other than the Rally Championship)!



Pam Chrystal brags:

A great weekend at the Lone Star Dog Obedience Club Rally Trials. Dio earned his Rally Masters title, 30 more RACH points, increased triple Qs to 12 and placed 4th in a Master class of 29.



The LSDOC put on two fun and well run trials. Mary Waugh Swindell once again had fun courses and a relaxed atmosphere. Dio and I had a fun time showing and spending time with awesome friends.



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 DTCCDC 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 DTCCDC.

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 DTCCDC.

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: _____

