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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

12/2	Jenny Kimball
12/3	Chris Hurley
12/3	Sandra Weber
12/5	Jennie Dunaway
12/7	Robert "Bob" Rodriguez
12/13	Linda Borek
12/14	Jay Fisher
12/14	Esmeralda Villalobos
12/15	Maurine Pearson
12/20	Glen O'Gorman
12/20	Linda J. Smith
12/22	Wendy Hames
12/23	Laura Lipscomb
12/23	Robert Walton
12/23	Carol Wright
12/24	Gene Norman
12/25	Brandi Dowty
12/26	Nicole Desproges
12/29	Sara Beall
12/29	John Cullen
12/29	Lana Shuman
12/30	Angela Averhart
12/30	Richard Tettamant



Next meeting is Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. when we celebrate together at our Winter Social. More details are available on page 13.



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A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your



gifts. If you missed the month of your birthday or there was no meeting that month, you may bring your gift in a following month! Remember you can always donate to the **Sunshine Fund** on the club's Website.

	<i>Oct-18</i>	<i>YTD 2018</i>
Proceeds	\$ 58.00	\$ 584.00
Expenditures	\$ (67.71)	\$ (370.66)
Net	\$ (9.61)	\$ 213.34

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:
 Jean Villa (Page 17)**

A Word from Our President

December is here and the last month of the year 2018 will soon end and the New Year of 2019 will begin. I would like to thank all the volunteers that made this year the success that it has been. Your tireless energy has made every event a memorable one. The classes have added new abilities for the attendees and their canine companions. This year brought us new members and new assistants and rejuvenated other members to continue investing in a club that has served the Dallas area for over 4 decades. What an awesome group of people. My hat is off to all those who served last year and to those who have committed to serving this year on the board, as committee chairs and members of those committees. It would be impossible for me to mention everyone by name. But that is the great thing about this club, we are all in it for what is best for the club and we get the benefits of seeing the success stories every day.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday party on the 12th of January. It will be a wonderful time to see current friends and to meet some new ones. We will also be having our yearly auction that

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2018 Officers & Directors

President – David Elliott

Vice President – Vicki Jackson

Training Director – Jan Bajovich

Secretary – Margaret Culbertson

Treasurer – Shari Price

Member at Large – Carol Ford

Member at Large – Jan Hitchborn

Member at Large – Linda Shearin

Member at Large – Benita Zapata

Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman

Mark Malone

Maurine Pearson



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has become a great tradition for the club. I would also be remiss if I did not remind everyone it is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. (*The form is located on the last page of this newsletter.*)

We have given ourselves a big present this year with the addition to the building and it will be up and ready for use for the 1st session in January. Thank you all for understanding the construction process and the need to sacrifice the month of December for the construction. Pictures will be on the Facebook page for you to view during the construction on the new room. As I am writing this, they are forming the foundation which is scheduled to be poured this week (weather permitting). Sorry that is just a phrase we use since we cannot control the weather. I will post new progress as it occurs.

Now on a personal note: Thank you very much to everyone who has pitched in to help me since I had my foot operated on. Your kindness in helping me fulfill my duties to the club and your personal wishes of a quick recovery have been inspiring and comforting during this slower than I like process.

And finally, in conclusion, I fully recognize the different cultural, political and spiritual differences that makes up the unique fabric of our club. I respect each individual for what they believe in and respect their choices as such. That being said, I also do not wish to offend anyone when I wish all a Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your families during this time of year.

Best regards,

David Elliott

DTCDC President

**Come they told me,
pa rum pum pum
pum...**



Training Committee News

Progress has been made on the updated Instructor and Assistant Manual. We are still hoping to have it available online before classes begin again in January.

2019 classes will begin on Sunday January 6th. On request, Rally Novice has moved from Wednesday nights to Sunday afternoon.

I want 2019 to be a year in which the club invests in our instructors and assistants. We are providing updated materials with the new student handbook and instructors/assistant manual but, in addition, I want to provide you with as many opportunities for learning as I can. If you have suggestions for training topics, please let me know. Two that are on the table already are recognizing and handling over-aroused dogs in our classes and understanding canine body language.

If you have a certain area of expertise and would be willing to give back to the club, let me know what topic you would like to present. Please keep it to topics relevant to our classes. Priority will be given to topics relevant to the greatest number of members and to our clients.

Let us make 2019 not only a year to invest in our instructors and assistants but a year for ALL of us to invest in our club. Volunteer now for the session(s) you want to instruct or assist. Volunteer to help set up and/or clean up after one of our training sessions. Volunteer to bring snacks to a meeting. Look around and see what is needed and volunteer to do it! And thank you in advance for doing so!

Jan Bajovich

DTCDC Training Director



Train the Trainer Opportunity



Mark your calendars for a rare treat coming up on January 20th! Our Mown Sylvie Nuzzolilo, owner of Top Class K9 training facility in Cleburne has offered to give us a morning seminar on recognizing aggressive versus over-aroused dogs and ways we can deal with over-aroused dog in our Beginner and Puppy classes.

We have all had THOSE dogs in class! The GSD who barks the entire hour! The 18 month boxer who sees you coming and lunges to the end of his leash! How can you tell which dog is people or dog aggressive and which is just so excited they cannot keep their feet on the ground? And how do we as instructors and assistants handle those dogs in a full classroom?

All members are free to attend but I would strongly encourage ALL Beginner and Puppy instructors and assistants attend this seminar! Clear your calendar! Attend a later church service if you can! You will not want to miss this one!

The session will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 20th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Training Director. Thank you.

Instructor/Assistant Corner:

Does negative reinforcement work? Yes, of course, it works! Just as positive reinforcement works.

So why does negative reinforcement get so much bad press these days? Because it often comes with side effects, just like a pill that cures the disease but gives you headaches and a rash.

Some of the possible effects include avoidance like a dog that has been struck and becomes hand shy or a dog who, instead of loving to train, runs to his crate when then training equipment comes out.

The dog can also develop suspicious associations. Every time the dog was punished in training, it was in the living room so now the dog no longer wants to set foot in the living room. Or the cat was always present when the dog was punished and now the dog tries to attack the cat.

The behavior that was punished may not actually go away; the dog may just no longer perform the behavior in front of you. A perfect example is a dog that is punished for eliminating in the house. That dog does not become house broken but now hides from you and eliminates behind the couch out of sight.

Human nature often gets involved in negative reinforcement. If the negative reinforcement didn't work the first time, we make it stronger. Instead of saying "no", we now yell. Instead of a simple leash correction, it becomes a harsh correction leading to side effects.

Another side effect of negative reinforcement can be learned helplessness. If the dog does not see a way to escape the negative reinforcement, they may quit trying altogether.

So, yes, negative reinforcement works but you may not always like the results you get. I prefer to try to find a way to use positive reinforcement, train an incompatible behavior, or look for a creative solution instead. In doing so, I maintain a happy dog who loves to work with me.



Jan Bajovich

DTCDC Training Director

Happy Holidays!

Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting –November 3rd, 2018

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	<p>CALLED TO ORDER BY David Elliott at 3:16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized instructors and assistants Session 6 Thanked Jan Hitchborn & Krystal Hatcher for bringing the snacks

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – LAURA LIPSCOMB

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed around the Sunshine box
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SECRETARY’S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the October 6th General Meeting.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No vote – no quorum

TREASURER’S REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Savings and Checking summary for August 2019 Dues \$40 Ind \$50 Fam \$20 Assoc – Paypal, mail check, have check at seasonal party in January Main expense coming up is the building at ~30K and main revenue coming up is dues
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By General consensus

Nomination Committee – Lynda Holman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda will read the slate of board members to be voted on Vote will be taken depending on quorum
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved

Purchasing – Lynda Holman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aprons & tote bags available
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PAW PRINT EDITOR – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talked about the next Paw Print issue Send pictures about holiday Receiving fewer brags submissions. Want brags, photos of you and/or dog at shows.
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- PawPrint family – Corporate Directors and family

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – David Elliott for Rita

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David to discuss January 12th at 5:00 – Seasonal Party • We will have “The Best Dessert” contest with a framed diploma, gift card, public recognition and bragging rights as a prize • Need very special and unique items for auction. This is our largest fundraiser! • More to come on the next newsletter.
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TRAINING COMMITTEE – JAN BAJOVICH

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Zimmer give a report and if quorum will present the 2019 training committee for membership approval. • Session 6 last session of the year. Next starts Jan 7th. • Expressed gratitude for instructors and assistants • Recruiting for next session contact Carol Ford or Sally Browning • Sandi Myers resigning from training committee • Motion made by Lisa Wharton 2nd by Benita Zapata– general consensus new training board is approved
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BUILDING ADDITIONS COMMITTEE –Vicki for DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction on the addition has been confirmed with contractor to start on November 14th. Items in shed will be stored in the building\ Need to have everything out of the shed and in the building by end of next weekend. • Drawing turned in this week. City has to approve permit. • Building closed – no training day or night – their tools etc will be in the building. • Moving out of building – need volunteers • Should take 3 weeks if weather is good.
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SHOW N GO COMMITTEE – Margaret for Pam Crystal

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Show 'n Go this month. We will have one next month. • Tentative December Show n Go. Depends on building completion.
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CITIZEN CANINE COMMITTEE – Robin Quintana

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CGC testing and trick dog testing will be TBD for next year
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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 TKC Bluebonnet Stampede – advertise in their catalog • We sponsor Rosettes
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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIFI installed • Creating a wifi user agreement – in our annual form • Setting up levels of access on the computer • Database will be on the computer • Spent money on monitor, mouse, keyboard, Microsoft windows pro for IT specialist • Approve the \$300 • Approved a \$70 yearly fee for Microsoft Office – mainly for MS Access for
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LIBRARY COMMITTEE – DAVID ELLIOTT for SALLY BROWNING

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentioned the cabinet in back
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MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE - TERRI SCHURR

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean Villa approved by the board for membership <p>Jean Villa jtvilla@gmail.com lives in Grand Prairie Bree and Baily - Weimaraner</p>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynda Holman made a motion to accept the new member, Maureen Pearson seconded it. Votes to be taken via email since no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS - DAVID ELLIOTT

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asked if there is any old business• What is best for the club is the motto and will be the motto next year• Urged members to use the suggestion box – board discusses, sometimes someone calls the suggester, and the suggestion along with the resolve is published in the Pawprint• Highest average obedience/rally and best improved scores submitted to Lynda Holman.
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meeting in December due to building renovation• The type of jumps the club has are no longer being built- only parts - possibly order new slats before we cannot get replacements
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Next month's snacks provided by – no snacks.

The meeting was adjourned to brags & refreshments at 4:14



Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – November 3rd 2018

Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Elliott
Note taker	Margaret Culbertson, Secretary
Attendees	David Elliott, Jan Hitchborn, Shari Price, Felicia Ruhter, Donna Heishman, Carol Ford, Margaret Culbertson, Lynda Holman, Benita Zapata, Maureen Pearson and on the phone Jan Bajovich, Vicki Jackson
	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – David Elliott 1:06
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed new board members. Discussed the motto “what is best for the club”

SECRETARY’S REPORT – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September 1 minutes.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved

TREASURERS REPORT – Shari Price

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read statement on the reviewing of the Financial statements Pass out October financial for review
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PawPrint financial info:			
Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2018:			
Cash			
Operating	\$	5,024	
Savings	\$	65,870	
PayPal	\$	-	
Profit and Loss Statement			
		October	YTD
Total Proceeds	\$	4,608	\$ 35,339
Total Expenditures	\$	(3,045)	\$(26,257)
Net Surplus	\$	1,563	\$ 9,082

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Jan Bajovich

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Zimmer will be standing in for Jan at General Meeting Waiting for board to vote before listing 2019 classes
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incident report - Daughter of student fell – have reached out – but nothing – Tuesday - Foundation – reviewing the video• Investing in instructors and assistants – table because of bylaw restrictions. Seminar possibility – aroused vs aggression, reactivity seminar – reading body language \$400
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Technology Committee - Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access for internet – we have internet. Cost \$0 donated monitor, keyboard, and mouse - \$109, Microsoft Pro - \$108 = \$264 Donna Heishman motioned for a expense payment of \$300, Margaret Culbertson second, all voted yes• Micosoft Access – Word, Excel, Powerpoint - \$70/year subscription
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Suggestion Box - Vicki Jackson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion of Dr Pepper being in the refrigerator. Discussion that Dr Pepper is usually available. If item is not in refrigerator, one can check the supplies in the bathroom and stock themselves. If you put the last of some drink in the refrigerator, email or call the Ralphs so they know. Same goes with toilet paper and paper towels.
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BUILDING MAINTENANCE –David Elliott for David Yahraus

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start date for construction on addition Nov 14th• Building will be closed for all activities day, nights and weekends until construction is complete.
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OLD BUSINESS – David Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honorary position – past pres and training director could overshadow how the new ones want to work/change – David thinks not - corp directors are the people for that continuity.• Quorum – voting on bylaws is 2/3 of active who are present –• 10% of active members currently at 20% for meeting vote quorum• Lynda – suggests from all board members , Saturday or another day? What about those showing, those that work, those that cannot drive in the dark? Have idea by November17th. Submit to David. He will combine and submit to board members for discussion at the next board meeting.• These are suggestions and have not been discussed or voted on. This is in the preliminary phase. Any and all ideas from board or membership are welcome.
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New Business -

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meeting in December – cancelled.• January meeting on the 12th – Seasonal party/meeting combo• Board at 3pm and party at 5.• David – 2 day seminar - event June 2nd – have to move general meeting and board meeting to later on the day. Motion – move 3 to 5 – Donna, Second Felica – voted.• Question on who is responsible for throwing away the backyard trash on Thursday?
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By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 3:07.

Those Voices in my Head - Understood

By Jan Hitchborn

A little over a year ago I start one of my mini Aussies, Maggie Mae, on nosework training. She had zoned out on Rally and Obedience after earning an ASCA BN and ASCA RN, RNC and RNX. She was grudgingly going thru the motions. She took to nosework as it made her grey cells light up. At the same time, I was learning the ropes in Rally and Obedience with Skye. Skye hit a little snag this Fall and everyone from Peggy Phelps to Pam Crystal to Paul Cantwell to Sylvie Nuzzolilo have been asking if Skye has a toy she likes and to add play and more fun into the training. Skye is a bone girl – a nylabone like a stogy is in her mouth as she goes from room to room and oh, the joy of an antler! She will do a toy only to take away from Maggie or Logan. I have added turns and spins and leg weaves and the chase of a treat and lots of happy happy and it is working.

Now, you are wondering what does this have to do with Maggie and nosework? First, I want to beg your forgiveness on being so thick headed, but four years ago this whole dog training and sport trialing was an unknown to me. I have had to learn to teach, to coach, to watch my body language, to smile, to work as a team where dog looks to you for direction and at the same time to work as a team in a sport where the dog drives the sport and works more or less independently or fails in upper levels.

No wonder sometimes I fell and fall asleep to voices saying “shoulders back, talk and encourage, keep quiet and don’t say anything just silently direct, verbal commands only, hand commands only, never both and on and on and on.”

Now back to Maggie and nosework. Maggie begs to train at home. Is over the moon to get to class, but her dna makes her very aware of her surroundings. Heaven forbid a bug walk across her field of vision any where in a 10-foot radius, or someone cough or a flag flap. I have often wished I could take her total focus and drive in dock diving and instill in her drive for nosework. So, in a private class with Victor Borrás as Maggie was doing the exercises, but only so so, he offhandedly asked if she liked toys. I said only when she initiated them and brought for me to throw and her to bring back and she likes the bumper in diving and the pool. I said if she wasn’t interested in playing, I could not engage her. NOW, somewhere in my over worked brain I had put two different size frisbees in my training bag as someone said be prepared to do anything any time anywhere. I had thought to have close by to do in garage this winter to lighten up days caught inside. Logan and Maggie will die to do frisbee, but this last year it has either been too hot or too wet in my yard and it has been a year since a frisbee has left my hand. Victor had me get them from my bag and suddenly Maggie became electric. I used it as a reward for a successful search and she started driving for the odor and then wanting the frisbee and could care about a food reward. Oh, she wanted the food as soon as I slipped frisbee away. She is not a dummy! Victor wanted to know who this new dog was as he had never seen her so animated and amped up to work. This was dock diving Maggie.



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All this occurred a couple weeks before this last weekend trial. I was not going to change things until it was over but decided to add it to her reward and it worked big time. I am trying to now learn how to do this in a trial/reward set up. But once I toss a few times to her and do short play, she carries that frisbee like a badge of honor back to car or crate. With all the folks saying add play, use a toy and everything else for Skye, it never even translated to Maggie in my mind until Victor said to get the frisbee and let's see.

I guess my point is try everything you hear folks suggesting for one dog and use it for every dog. It might work. It might not work. I had simply turned toy off as it was not the right deal for Skye, but right now it is the right thing for Maggie. I am going to add it to Logan's post search routine after back at the crate and take outside for some trialing stress release. It works big time for me too. Now I know it is not the answer to Maggie's sensitivities about her environment, but if she gets the frisbee when she finds odor and does not get it when she doesn't, I am hoping as smart as she is, she will get the message. Anyway it plays out, we are having a great time. The photo here was taken after a successful exterior search in a nosework class today on the way to a vehicle search. And to all those voices I ignored, I say I hear you now. Loud and clear and thank you for just being there in the past and the future. If I start to blow you off in the future, just say Maggie/frisbee and I will get the message. To those of you struggling with a dog, I say try everything you have heard anyone mention trying even things you have blown off and like me, you will trip right over the solution because it was always right there in front of you all along.



1. Kirkland Brand* (Costco) & Purina One* Brand Dry Dog/Puppy/Cat Dry Food
**Kitten Dry Food (& wet)
*other brands may be suitable but these do not have a lot of dyes or additives and are high in protein
2. NON-CLUMPING Cat Litter
3. Dog crates/Pet Taxis
4. Towels/Rags/Dish Towels (old or new)
5. Blankets (old or new)
6. Durable & Washable Dog/Cat Toys (old or new)
7. Dish Detergent & Bleach & Fabuloso & Other Odor Control Products & Clorox Wipes & Glass Cleaner & Paper Towels & Other General Cleaning Supplies
8. Newspapers
9. Office supplies, sticky notes, etc.
10. Small Animal Supplies (rabbits, hamsters, etc.)
11. ***Gift cards: Staples, Costco, Home Depot



*You are cordially invited to
attend the DTCDC's
"Annual Holiday Social"*

**Saturday, January 12, 2019
starting at 5 p.m.**

Please remember that this is our largest fundraiser of the year. Your contribution of items to be auctioned is greatly appreciated. Proceeds go the club general fund.

- We are asking members to bring the side dishes and dessert. The club is providing the meats, vegetarian options and drinks.
- Live Auction—Bring items, with a card attached, listing the starting bid figure
- Tri-City Animal Shelter—Donations accepted. See shelter's list of needed items on page 12.
- Dessert Contest— Just place your delicious dessert on the table, we will take care of the rest. Winner will receive bragging rights and a gift.
- Funny/Crazy Hat Contest—We want to invite you to decorate your most unique hat ever! Homemade and basic hats can be use as bases. Get really creative with your hat! Choose any theme, season, holiday, color, size, material. Members will determine winner. Prize awarded.

We are calling volunteers to help set up on Friday, January 11 starting at 5 p.m. Please confirm by emailing David Elliott and Rita Moreno. You will get pizza, drinks and a huge thank you.

From Grace to The Village

By Sandi Myers

Sometime in the past year Grace Presbyterian Village in Oak Cliff/Dallas was sold and changed their name to The Villages of Dallas. Over the last several months, therapy dog teams were still continuing to make visits as they were able. We have not posted a story for the Paw Print in some time. We just wanted to update everyone who might not have been aware of the change. While The Villages are no longer a nonprofit, several therapy dog teams still want to visit residents. Some of the residents we have visited with for many years, some even remember dogs by name. On Saturday, November 10th, three teams made their rounds. Mark Malone and German Shepherd Dog Summer, Lynda Holman with LabX



Mr. Magoo, and Sandi Myers with Mini Dachshund Sammy. While Summer was a seasoned visitor, both Sammy and Mr. Magoo were making their first visits to The Villages. All were received with the usual glee and happiness from the residents. Although it was bittersweet when residents asked about dogs of the past. For one resident, Sammy reminded her of Cyan, but she knew the difference. This in itself was amazing since Cyan had not been to Grace in over a year. Just goes to show you that sharp minds pay attention to the details and we do make an impression each visit. At this time visits will continue as our schedule allows. If you are interested in knowing more about therapy dog visits to The Villages, contact Mark Malone.



For December...

Corporate Director Maurine Pearson

I cannot remember a time when there were no animals in my life. When I was three to four years old we lived in Iowa with my grandparents while my father was in the Army in World War II. My grandmother had a little dog she called a "bulldog" who was my constant companion. When the war was over and we returned to my father's hometown in 1945, one of the first things he did was go to Oklahoma and buy my mother a UKC registered American Pit Bull Terrier. Red was the first of a long line of these dogs in my family.

I raised and showed all kinds of animals from chickens, ducks, sheep, goats and horses. One horse was trained to run barrels and she was placed with a younger girl to compete. When we moved, all my animals were placed with other families.

After I married and had a house it was time to get another pit bull dog. I looked for several months and did not find any I wanted. I then went to the Texas Kennel Club in 1972 and met several people with American Staffordshire Terriers. The dogs looked like all my old pit bulls. I met Richard Pascoe at the show and he was showing a dog in utility. I was so impressed with how Smokey read the numbers on the end of utility articles and wanted to teach my dog to read those numbers. He finally explained that it was scent. At that time there were 13 dogs with utility dogs in the history of the breed and Dick had 3 of them on his place. I convinced him to sell me a puppy, Maggie, and it was in 1973. This dog was the first dog I trained.

Dick called me when Maggie was about four months old and told me to show up at a training class at White Rock Lake Park. I joined that class and trained there for about five months and after every class, I cried all the way home. I did not like treating my dog like that. I knew that it was not the place for me but knew nothing else.

Right before Christmas I read an article in The Dallas Morning News by March Wilson about a new obedience club just formed in Oak Cliff. The president, Jim Walsleben, was listed. I felt that there could not be many "Walslebens" in the phone book and started calling. Ruby answered the phone and told me about the club and gave me Lucile Tufte's telephone number. I called and talked to Lucile. I explained that I had trained for four months. She said that classes would start in January 1974 and she felt sure I was ready for novice class. I showed up at novice class and Lucile, Lynda and Norma Walker and other club members spent the class time trying to figure out how to tell me Maggie and I were not ready for Novice. So Beginner class for us. Forty-four years later and five AmStaffs and two Belgians later, still here.

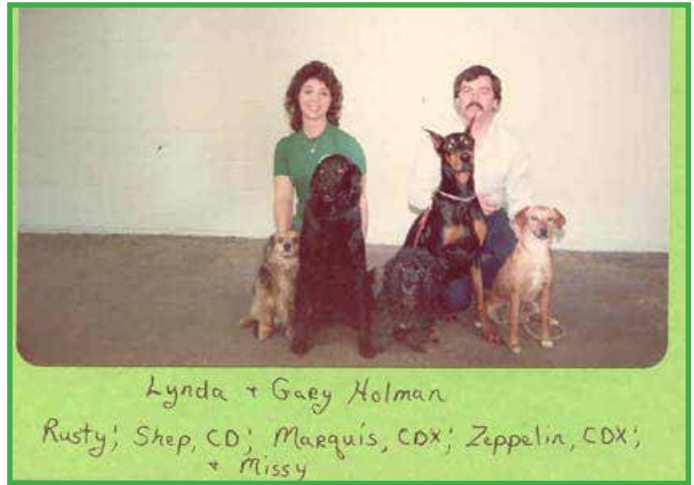
For 44 years I have worked to fulfill the mission of DTCCDC, Inc. to help owners learn how to keep their pets in their homes. I have spent time helping to write training classes, teaching classes, and serving on the board in most all positions. I am currently on the ByLaws Committee and have been pleased to serve as Corporate Director with two of the finest people I have ever known. Lynda Holman and Mark Malone truly have the best interest of the club in all their decisions. Training and showing is our reward for fulfilling the mission of DTCCDC, Inc.



For December...

Corporate Director Lynda Holman

The Holman canine family began when Gary gave me a toy poodle for my birthday in May 1972. We named him Lynda's Marquis. Little did I know where getting that little piece of black poodle fluff would lead. Fast forward a year and there we were – my Mom (Norma Walker) with her poodle Jean Paul and myself with my poodle Marquis – in a May 1973 Dallas Obedience Training Club Beginner Class held in a parking lot in Oak Cliff's Wynnewood Village taught by our Club's soon-to-be "founding mother," Lucile Tuft. Mom and I thought it would be a fun ten weeks with our dogs and that would be it. Little did we know it was to be the start of a marvelous adventure. Toward the last weeks of class, Lucile changed the course of my life forever when she came up to me and said, "Your dog is doing so well, have you given any thought to continuing to train after you graduate from this class?" Those few words, spoken in a matter of seconds, started me on what has been a wonderful journey into the world of dogs and dog training. In 1974, with Lucile at the helm, we started the Dog Training Club of Dallas County. Over these 45 years, I have been blessed to have loved and been a partner with so many wonderful dogs



The photos above ran in the January 2005 issue of the Paw Print. They were running a series of articles on the charter members. Lynda's feature article was in that issue. The articles were in honor the 40th anniversary of DTDCDC.



starting with Marquis to our present crew of Sweetie, Magoo, Kate and Duncan. Each one has taught me so much more than I have ever taught them!

Charlie receive his ASCA CD and 4th Place on May 23, 2009.

Editor's Note: Our third corporate director, Mark Malone, has promised he will provide his Paw Print Family column soon. His job has been demanding.



Jean Villa speaks to the club members at the November general meeting.

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Dog Name:	Bree and Baily
Dog Breed:	Weimaraner

Happy Holidays!



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DECEMBER MEETING

HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 12TH AT 5 P.M. FOR THE
WINTER SOCIAL



Do you have a suggestion for the club?
Put it in the DTCDC Suggestion Box!



DECEMBER DOG CALENDAR:

- Dec. 2: National Mutt Day.
- Dec. 5: Doggie Bathtub Party Day
- Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 21: Winter begins (Write about fun, safe ways to enjoy winter with your pets OR write about how to travel safely with your pet in the winter)
- Dec. 24: Channukah celebrate with Dogs
- Dec. 25: Christmas celebrate with Dogs
- Dec. 26: Kwanza begins
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve celebrate with Dogs

SHOW 'N GO SCHEDULE:

- Dec- none
- January 19th
- February 9th
- March 16th
- April 13th
- May 11th

JANUARY PAW PRINT

THEME: WINTER FUN

SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:

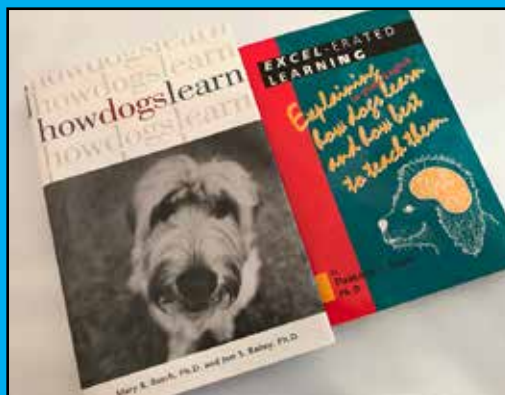
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

FEBRUARY

FOSTERING &
RESCUING

Thanks to Sally Browning the following two books have been added to our club library. Happy reading!



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If you are interested in getting photos taken of your dog(s) before the holidays, we have included the contact information of The Pet Fur'tographer for your convenience. We will not be setting up a time for photos at the club. The links to her email and her website are active.

SMILE:



Our camera system is up and running.



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.

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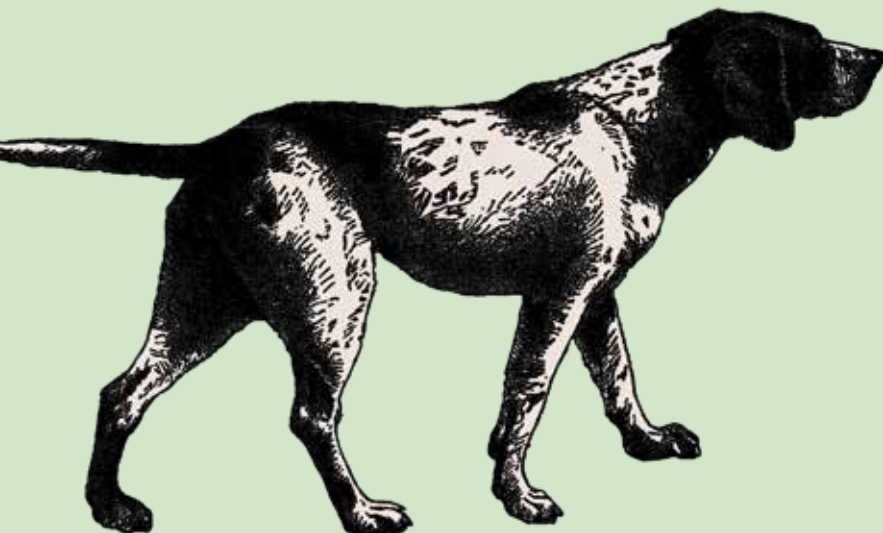
Chair leg rubber tips

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

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



REMEMBER



Closing Checklist

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

*Thanks for taking care
of our building!*

TRICK DOG TITLES



**Titles earned
recently:**

November 1, 2018

- Darlene Schermerhorn and Kenzie, TKA
- Sandi Myers and Sammy, TKA
- Pam White and Blu, TKN



**Michele Hosey
congratulations all
these teams!**

TKN = Novice Trick Dog

TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog

TKA = Advanced Trick Dog



Benita Zapata brags:



Raiden earned two legs toward her HD nosework title. She got two first place ribbons on Nov. 4th in Paris, Texas.

Darlene Schermerhorn brag:

One big brag. Sassy got her UDX at the Haughton, LA shows. She needed one leg to finish and she waited until the last day to get it. Yay Sassy. She is the youngest dog I have owned to get this title. Thanks to Peggy for all the help and Mona I would not have done this without your encouragement. Thanks to all the people who have helped and encouraged me. Now on to better scores.

Caroline Oldham brags:

Timber:

She earned her UR01 (UKC Rally1) Title with placements.

- She also participated in a "Tail-Ent" Show and placed third carrying a little basket of fall foliage across the ring.
- She also earned the "Outstanding" rating on her UKC SPOT test.
- She completed her UKC Superior Interior Title with placements.



Katie:

- Completed her UKC Advanced Interior title with High in Trial
- Completed her AKC HD Novice title.



Hershey:

- Finished her AKC Scentwork Handler Discrimination Advanced Title
- Earned an "Outstanding" rating on her UKC SPOT test



Left to right: Katie, Hershey and Timber



Jan Bajovich brags:

This was from South Texas Nosework Dogs Trial in Houston.

These beautiful ribbons represent two qualifying runs (a 2nd and a 4th place), his Master Vehicle title which also completed his UKC Master Nosework title!

That's my boy! Two more nosework vehicle Q's and we will have the final EN - Elite Nosework title! I guess we will have to find a new sport to play in then!



Marilyn Hopkins brags:

Sargeant got his Rally Intermediate title, a first place and two second places at D'Arbonne Kennel Club Nov. 10-11.



Jan Hitchborn brags:

Great time at United Nosework's trial November 4th in Paris, Texas. We went for Sunday only for the Handler Discrimination trials. Maggie finished her HD Novice title with a rock solid indication for second place. Logan earned his first two qualifying runs of three needed for his HD Excellent title with two second places with his lightening speed and joi de vi for the sport.



Robert Walton brags:

My pit bull Sherlock, killed a small snake inside our home shortly ago.

Shari Price brags:

Ozzy (Goldendoodle) earned his Tracking Dog Urban title at TCCNE with the DFW Tracking Club on November 11 and the next weekend obtained his Tracking Dog title at The Resource Center with the Bassett Hound Club of Greater Fort Worth.

Sandi Myers and Ken Hagmueller brag:

Sammy earned his TKA Trick Dog Advanced title. Thanks to Michele Hosey, tester and instructor!



Sandi Myers and Michele Hosey with Sammy -

GCH CH DoRae Spread Your Wings v Corbelle
STAR CGC TKA THDN

Jose Rodriguez 2018 Brags:

Our German Pincher, Eichler, accomplished much these past 12 months. He earned AKC Rally Excellent, RAE, & Master titles, qualified for the AKC Rally Nationals, and earned his AKC CD. Most importantly he worked through the loss of his brother dog, Auggie and sister dog, Frida. He has been a tremendous help bringing up our new puppy and has stepped up to the role of big brother. It's incredible that this once non-stop pestering, toy stealing, egotistical, me-me-me dog is patiently tolerating puppy chewing on his ears, sharing his toys, and following puppy around like a dotting big brother. As you can see, he's got a lot of personality. Really proud of this dog.



Paw Print Photo Album



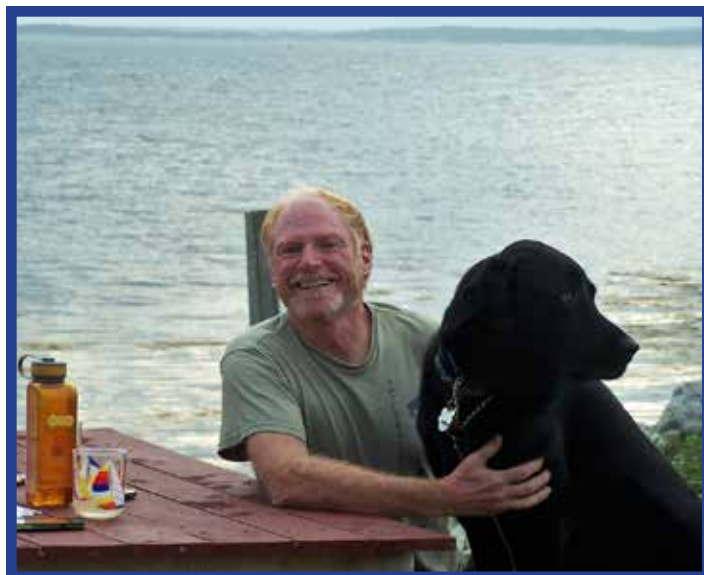
John Cullen and Judy Warren share fun times with their pack...

Above, left: Teddy is a chick magnet, Del Mar, CA. (Teddy is loved by Judy)

Above, right: Meanwhile, John and Rex are romping in the ocean.

Below, left: John and Rex in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia (Rex is loved by John Cullen)

Below, right: Our pack in Canada





Merry Christmas! and Happy Holidays! From Raider and Benita Zapata

Jan Hitchborn's "Not Merry Makers". What they put up with for a cookie. Happy holidays.



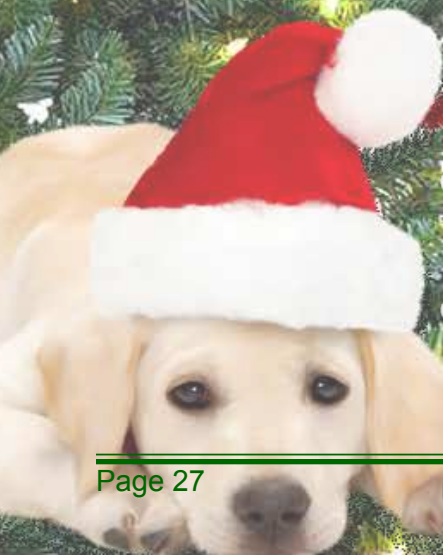
My holidays have gone to the dogs...



Every year for the past 6 or 7 years (except 2017) I ordered photo cards from Walgreens to hand out on Cyan's therapy dog visits. Residents at Red Oak Rehab used to love getting them and hanging them up on their walls or bulletin boards. On several occasions, I met family of deceased residents who said how much those cards were treasured and talked about, so families even kept them after their loved ones were gone.

Knowing this little gift of a simple card can make such a difference, I plan to continue the tradition with Sammy. Here is Sammy's 2018 photo for his first Holiday Therapy Dog Card.

~ Sandi Myers



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