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# Season's Greetings 2023



Jan Hitchborn's  
Logan & granddaughter



Robin Vogel's  
Gabe, Cody & Dori



Mona O'Gorman's  
Gabbi & Gerri



Ruth & Vernon  
Miles' William

# Happy Howlidays!



Georgann Hughes'  
Jazz & Swish



Danika Taylor's Ruffian



Pat Ingram's Tera



Vicky Waits' Harley

## DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Hurley	12/3	John Cullen	12/29
Doreen Reese	12/3	Lana Shuman	12/29
Sandra Weber	12/3	-----	-----
Robin Scott	12/4	Nicole Litterio	1/3
John Reeves	12/5	Vanessa Martinez	1/4
Mary Ann Magness	12/9	Holly Taylor	1/6
Jean Bryant	12/14	Becky Hill	1/12
Kailing Cai	12/14	Joan Jung	1/16
Jay Fisher	12/14	Ruth Miles	1/16
Dayna Wilmot	12/14	Steve Weirs	1/19
Maurine Pearson	12/15	Gail Lyssy	1/21
Glen O'Gorman	12/20	Brandon Taggart	1/21
Linda J. Smith	12/20	Carol Ford	1/22
Sergio Arciniega	12/22	Kristina Heishman	1/23
Jorge Ayala	12/22	Debra Payne	1/24
Laura Lipscomb	12/23	Maysel McGown	1/25
Carol Wright	12/23	Ian Pena	1/25
Nicole Desproges	12/26	Bryndon Franklin	1/26
Wendy McQuiston	12/27	Ryan Chojnacki	1/31
Sara Beall	12/29		

### 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 \$2. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.

Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase 4 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 not-for-profit organization.*

### Sunshine Fund Report

	October	YTD
Proceeds	\$ 67.00	\$ 391.00
Expenditures	(114.10)	(324.50)
Net	\$(47.10)	\$66.50

**NO DECEMBER  
GENERAL MEETING  
(Due to Winter Social)**

**NEXT MEETING:  
JANUARY 9  
@ 7 P.M.**

**CLICK [Here](#) TO  
REGISTER IF YOU WILL  
BE ATTENDING USING  
ZOOM.**



**THEME: HOLIDAY PHOTOS**

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# A Word from Our President



Welcome to another exciting edition of **Our Pawprint**.

As we look forward to the changing seasons, I look forward to the coming year as YOUR president. Our club will continue to thrive with the enthusiasm and dedication of each member. Remember our club is a community of dog lovers, and your involvement is what makes it vibrant. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the pack, your presence is valued.

I want to express my gratitude to all who participated in our club's events. Your love for dogs and commitment makes our club special. As we look ahead, there are exciting activities on the horizon, from our Winter Social to our 50 year anniversary.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Let's make the upcoming Winter Social filled with memorable moments and shared joy. Together we'll continue to celebrate the bond we share with our furry family.

Your President,

*Ruth Miles*



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**2023 Officers & Directors**

President - Ruth Miles  
Vice President - Melissa Chojnacki  
Training Director - Lisa Wharton  
Secretary - Lisa Gonzales  
Treasurer - Barbara Elliott  
Member at Large - Marye Boyce  
Member at Large - Jan Bruner  
Member at Large - Shelley Carr  
Member at Large - Michele Hosey

**Corporate Directors:**

Lynda Holman  
Mark Malone  
Maurine Pearson

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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*


# Meet Your 2024 Board



Here is your 2024 DTCCDC Board. President Ruth Miles suggested the questions and here are their answers to some serious and fun questions. These board members are ready to serve you in the coming year.



**Ruth Miles**  
**2024 DTCCDC President**

Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Evening
When and where was your first trial?	2021 Doberman Nationals Kingsport, Tennessee
If you could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	



**Melissa Chojnacki**  
**2024 DT CDC Vice President**



Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Evening
When and where was your first trial?	1983 Greenwich Kennel Club Norwalk Connecticut
If your could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Italian
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	😊



**Lisa Wharton**  
**2024 DT CDC Training Director**

Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Morning cuddles with my bearded boy
When and where was your first trial?	1991 Dallas Texas
If your could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Italian
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Settle
What is your most used emoji?	❤️



**Lisa Gonzales**  
**2024 DT CDC Secretary**

Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Evening
When and where was your first trial?	N/A
If your could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Korean
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	👍



**Barbara Elliott**  
**2024 DT CDC Treasurer**



Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Morning
When and where was your first trial?	Oklahoma
If your could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Heel
What is your most used emoji?	😊😜





**Marye Boyce**  
**2024 DT CDC Member at Large**



Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Morning. Everything is so new and fresh.
When and where was your first trial?	Obedience in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1987
If you could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	My first command to my puppies is wait. My second command is come or front.
What is your most used emoji?	❤️



**Jan Bruner**  
**2024 DT CDC Member at Large**

Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Sunrise and sunset
When and where was your first trial?	Texas
If you could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	😂❤️



**Michele Hosey**  
**2024 DTCCD Member at Large**

Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Early evening. Pressures of the day are receding and calm is settling in.
When and where was your first trial?	My first trial was an agility trial, approximately 20 years ago.
If you could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	❤️🐾🐾



**Shelley Carr**  
**2024 DTCCD Member at Large**



Question	Answer
What is your favorite time of day?	Morning
When and where was your first trial?	In the late 80's Greeley, Colorado
If you could instantly learn any language which would it be?	Spanish
What do you think is the most important skill all dogs should learn?	Recall
What is your most used emoji?	😊



# A Note from Your Training Director



Another year is coming to an end. Through the classes provided, the club has continued to support its original objectives as stated in the bylaws.

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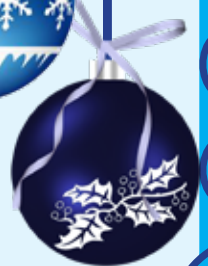
We should always remember those objectives with every activity. A class, instructor, or assistant might be the event and/or person that spares and improves the life of a dog, and gives both human and dog an enriched life. It is a good work the members of this club provide to the community. Thank you to everyone that gives your time to keep this club operational. As we prepare to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, pause to reflect on how your life has changed since you became a member of this club. May we go into the new year with a renewed passion to help others through creating well mannered dogs.



*Happy Training!*

***Lisa Wharton,*** Training Director

**Session 1 classes will start January 8. Watch for information via our DTCDC email group. We are still looking for volunteers to instruct classes.**



If anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to see presented at the Members Training Program? Please feel free to submit them to the training committee at: [training@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)



# DTCDC: How It All Began 50 Years Ago

Submitted by Lynda Holman, Charter Member



In honor of our year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration, I felt this would be a great time to share the history of the January 22, 1974 formation of The Dog Training Club of Dallas County. There is none better qualified than Lucile Tufte (our Club's "Mother") to tell you about our Club's "beginnings," and we are lucky that in 1976 she was asked to record such a history. I am proud to share with you a portion of her account (the complete text is located in our Club scrapbooks). One note to add to Lucile's accounting – she was very humble in her accounting of the "beginnings" of our training building and did not make mention of the fact that she put up her own securities as the collateral to purchase the land and have the building erected. If not for Lucile doing this, we would not have our wonderful building today! I hope you will feel the same sense of pride and amazement that I do when you read Lucile's account and reflect on how our Club has grown and developed over 50 years, always remaining true to its "beginnings" and also making Lucile's dreams for DTCDC to continue into the future become reality.



## From Lucile Tufte, September 1976:

It has been suggested that our records need an account of the beginnings of The Dog Training Club of Dallas County. I shall attempt to supply such a report from my recollections:

Prior to 1973 dog obedience training was offered in Oak Cliff by the Dallas Obedience Training Club during the summers only and only at the beginner level. Students interested in advanced training had to go to North Dallas for classes. So, although some trainers were active in Southwest Dallas County, they were few (proof, according to the North Dallas contingent, that "they don't train dogs in Oak Cliff"). The first Monday in May 1973, D.O.T.C. enrolled a remarkable beginner class in Oak Cliff (at the Wynnewood Shopping Center) – most remarkable is that eight of the class indicated they wished to continue to advanced training. Since

Lucile Tufte (left) is paint supervising at the new training facility the club had built; Linda Jones (center) is picture ducking. Others in the photo were members of the club at the time who took the time to help get the facility ready for training classes.



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The first coat of paint was brushed and rolled on the new DTCDC building in 1975.

I had taught the class (as well as prior years' Oak Cliff classes) D.O.T.C.'s training director, Gene Dabney, proposed that a Novice Class be offered for these trainees “at home,” as it were. I agreed to teach the class, though, at that time I stated that, while most of these students would probably be willing to transfer training to North Dallas when they graduated from Beginners' Class, I did not believe they would do so at a later stage.

Nevertheless, a Novice Class formed in Oak Cliff in July 1973, enrolling Billie Alice Moon and Andy, Sheila Noonan and Boom-Boom, Grace Robinson and Natasha, Judy Schwander and Pepper, Lynda Walker [Holman] and Marquis, Norma Walker and Jean-Paul and Mrs. George Elliott and Asta. In August [1973], with the approach of school, a few 4-H young-

sters “sneaked” into the Novice Class. These 4-Hers included Katie Blute and Dixie, Kelly Browning and Junior; Rose Callahan and Lily, and the three Walsleben children -- Dottie with Scooter, Robert with Yum-Yum and Tim with Hamms. This [Novice] class became a remarkably close-knit, mutually supportive, enthusiastic group.

Seven members of the class were ready for the competition by the Texas Kennel Club show held in September 1973 (Scooter, Marquis, Natasha, Pepper, Junior, Hamms and Jean-Paul) under judge Ginger Pugh. By D.O.T.C.'s trial on December 2, 1973, Scooter and Marquis had finished their CD degrees and eight others from the class had “legs” – some had trophies.

Still training in December? In Oak Cliff? Right!! After entering Novice, several new members joined D.O.T.C. -- Mrs. Elliott, B.A. Moon, Sheila Noonan, Grace Robinson, Judy Schwander, Norma and Lynda Walker [Holman] adding to the Southwest Dallas County representation which







First DTCCDC President Jim Walsleben works on the facility's electrical installation in December 1975.

Training Club. (Among other considerations, several of us had just paid \$12 for shirts embroidered "Dallas Obedience Training Club." By adding the word Greater, we could make use of the shirts). Our first tasks were organizational on two fronts – first, to devise by-laws and structure for our club which would prevent abuses and problems which we had seen in D.O.T.C. and, second, to develop a training program of our own compatible with our dog training philosophy. A third task took top priority, however: Our rental agreement with Red Bird Armory had been made in the name of D.O.T.C. but was greatly influenced by my personal guarantee for our group's behavior. (I was acquainted with the officer in charge of rental decisions). 1973 found the nation in an "energy crisis" and the State of Texas had banned the use of National Guard Armories by outside groups as an energy conservation measure. The "management" of Red Bird Armory was pleased to have an excuse to withdraw from its agreement with D.O.T.C. when I advised that I could no longer take personal responsibility for the classes – but they also declined to make a new agreement with us. So, in January 1974, we were "on the street" and had our first experience with what would be an annually more difficult problem: finding wintertime quarters.



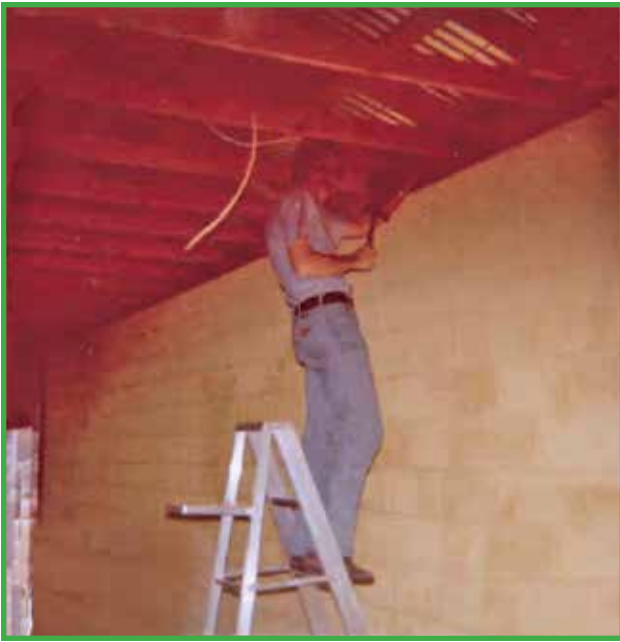
Norman Walker, Lynda Holman's mother, (at left) helps with the painting of the new building in December 1975.

already included Bea Barnett, Rose Callahan, Linda Jones, Gloria Nelson and myself. Since there were 14 advanced trainers wishing to continue and since we were able to rent training space at Red Bird Armory at a cost we could, if necessary, meet ourselves, we were permitted to pay our own way and move indoors. We eased the budget by offering a small beginners' class which included (among others) Jim Walsleben and Liza, Ruth Robinson and Domino, Susan Maxwell and Princess and taught by Linda Jones.

[At the January 8, 1974, DOTC meeting, after an unsuccessful attempt to resolve some conflicts, the "Oak Cliff group" resigned their DOTC memberships.] We immediately organized as an independent group –GREATER Dallas Obedience

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That first winter we were able to use a vacant store, located at Hampton Road and Kiest Boulevard one night a week. We offered a beginner class taught by Linda Jones and advanced training which I taught. During the Spring and Summer of 1974, we met at Kiest Park. Our class (the advanced class only) moved in the Fall to a covered "airplane motel" at Red Bird Airport – for two weeks. It turned out that the person renting us space hadn't full authority to do so – and we were quickly turned out. The subsequent search for quarters took until January 1975. Most of the original club members remained eager to start training again – but most of the new prospects from the summer classes lost enthusiasm and, in effect, we



Club Member Tim Powers works on the electrical in December 1975.

had to make a fresh start after such a long lay-off. We finished the winter of 1975 training in a cold and dusty warehouse located on Davis Street – with a landlord who propositioned every female he came in contact with. In April 1975, we again moved to Kiest Park – operating now as The Dog Training Club of Dallas County. During this second summer of our independent existence, we began real expansion. We increased our number of instructors: Grace Robinson taught her first class at the warehouse; during the summer Lynda Walker [Holman] taught a class in Duncanville, Ruby Walsleben taught a class in DeSoto, Ruth Robinson, Carolyn Cranford and Maurine Leffingwell [Pearson] took Kiest Park Classes. We also expanded our programs: multiple Beginner classes (including one for the YMCA in Waxahachie); many dogs preparing for their CDX work (the first club dog completing this degree being Grace Robinson's Natasha in the Fall of 1975); and, over a period of several weeks, we developed a special program for young puppies, ages 2 to 5 months which combined obedience training for the puppy and

an educational program for the owner. Training now filled three nights a week – and a large group needed training quarters by fall.

Each year we found we had to pay more for progressively less adequate quarters. When Fall 1975 found us paying \$75.00 a week for something less than 1000 useful square feet in an abandoned restaurant on Duncanville's Main Street we examined our goals and our commitment and finally decided in favor of obtaining our own permanent facility. After investigating real estate for sale, we chose a half-acre plot in Woodland Hills and authorized a builder to construct a 3,000 square foot shell building for us. Walls, roof and floor were completed by December 1975; the first weekend of December club members turned out and installed electricity and applied paint – and classes were held in our own training building in the first week of December. The remainder of the winter was spent “finishing” the building. Partitions, plumbing, and heating were all installed by club members – with a parking lot and temporary water supply finally added in August 1976. As of this writing we can see major accomplishments: Club membership is in the neighborhood of 50 members – mostly active; training classes are offered four nights a week and cover all levels from puppy classes to utility dogs; our building is effectively complete and will be rented to an outside group (The Great Pyrenees Club) for the first time on September 18, 1976; our club and its members are recognized, I believe, as a strong force in obedience in the Dallas area.



My personal hope is that coming years will see our attentions directed outwards – to the “fun” aspects of obedience such as drill team, exhibition team and scent hurdle team; to educational efforts; to activities promoting obedience as a sport.

The one thing we need not concern ourselves with is what we have already proved beyond any doubt: They do train dogs in Oak Cliff.






# Information We Need to Know

1.	<p><b>Lock Codes:</b> Please contact Ruth Miles at (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>) if you need the codes.</p>
2.	<p><b>Incident Reports:</b> Should you be at the club and something happens, a dog fight, someone falls, a bite (by dog or human) whether during a class or a members meeting to practice, please complete an incident report so the training committee and/or board are aware of the issue. The forms are in the white cabinets in the front closet. Complete the form with as much detail as possible and then put in Training Director box.</p>
3.	<p><b>Upcoming Board Meetings:</b> December Board Meeting will be held December 5 at 7 p.m. January Board Meeting will be held January 2 at 7 p.m. <b>Upcoming General Meetings:</b> December General Meeting is canceled. See you at the Winter Social on December 2 at 4 p.m. (See more information on page 25.) January General Meeting is a hybrid held January 9 at 7 p.m. Register for the zoom access at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYyceypzljG9d3mEWhNFASI19iEwYC5ot1">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYyceypzljG9d3mEWhNFASI19iEwYC5ot1</a></p>
4.	<p>Fill out <b>Class Registration Sheet</b> for your dog(s): Don't forget all members bringing their dogs to the club need to fill out an Annual Class Registration sheet for each dog. Place it alphabetized in the white notebook on top of the white cabinet located by the front door. Remember these forms are in lieu of having to show proof of dog's vaccinations.</p>
5.	<p>The Club has a <b>Zoom account for meetings</b>. If you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. contact Donna or Margaret, they can set you up. Donna Heishman (<a href="mailto:donna@heishman.net">donna@heishman.net</a>) or Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808</p>
6.	<p>The next <b>Show 'N Go</b> is scheduled for December 30. More information on the December 30 Show 'N Go is available on <a href="#">page 35</a>. Upcoming Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Jan. 27 🐾 March 2 Contact Pam Chrystal @ <a href="mailto:valimar1@msn.com">valimar1@msn.com</a> with questions.</p>
7.	<p>The club's <b>Wi-Fi and password</b> information is located in the purple binder labeled WIFI, located on white cabinet, nearest the front door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New users - Sign the Acceptable Use Policy Form, then file alphabetically.</li> <li>• Previous users - Check the inside cover for the network name &amp; password.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>, Technology Chair</p>
8.	<p><b>FOR MEMBERS ONLY!</b> The <b>code for class registration</b> is: <b>peacelovetrain</b> Classes are found at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dog-training-classes-905939</a></p>
9.	<p>Submit items for <b>PawPrint</b> to Editor Lana Shuman at: <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a> Questions? Call or text her at 214-244-0960.</p>
10.	<p>Please contact Vernon Miles, <b>maintenance</b> chairman, if you see anything at the club that needs his attention. Contact Vernon by email at: <a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a> or cell at: 469-853-8293</p>



# Information We Need to Know

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|-----|---|
| 11. | <p><b>Missed Class Policy</b></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>  |
| 12. | <p><b>First Responder Discount Policy</b></p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics.</p>  |
| 13. | <p><b>Sunshine Fund</b></p> <p>December and January birthdays will be recognized at the January 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 E'Lynne Elliott at <a href="mailto:elynnnew@gmail.com">elynnnew@gmail.com</a>.</p>    |
| 14. |  <p><b>Train the Trainers Sessions</b></p> <p>Topic: Doodles and Props!</p> <p>Date: December 12, 2023</p> <p>Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Registration is now open for the train the trainer on December 12. There is a limit of six working dogs and 25 non-work spots available. Please be aware of which spot you are registering to avoid creating additional work for Donna. Working dogs are limited to make the night and time allotment manageable. You will be able to observe and learn even if your dog is not present.</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dtcdc-members-only-2852959">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/dtcdc-members-only-2852959</a></p> |
| 15. | <p><b>Return Equipment to Original Storage Location</b></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>   |
| 16. | <p><b>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</b></p> <p>Need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p><a href="#">Donna Heishman</a></p> <p>Technology Committee</p>   |

# Information We Need to Know

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

Margaret Culbertson

**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.

Lisa Wharton



**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,  
Lisa Wharton

**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.



# Lonestar K9 Performance Club



## Event/Outreach Report:

*By Margaret Culbertson*

The event we participated in was held by the Lonestar K9 Performance Club at Johnson County Pioneers & Old Settlers Event Center in Alvarado, Texas, on Saturday, November 11.

DTCDC was invited there as a vendor only. The Lonestar K9 Performance Club had already secured demos in many areas including Obedience, Nosework, Rally, Shed Antler Hunt, Weight Pull, etc. The event allowed the public to try new dog sports. A few DTCDC members were there as Lonestar K9 Performance Club members doing demonstrations.

Unfortunately, there was very little public foot traffic and those that did come were already training and had just come to see a different sport. There were probably about 20-30 total people there including demos and vendors. (There were 2-3 other vendors plus us.) From 10 a.m. – noon we spoke to approximately three (3) people with only 1 person taking our coupon. By 12:30 p.m., since the traffic had not increased at all, we opted to leave.

thank  
you!

It was a great concept, a nice indoor barn, but I guess there wasn't much advertising, or it was on a bad weekend for the area.

Thank you to Barbara Elliott, Vicki Jackson and David Yahraus for working at our booth. Other members of DTCDC wearing their green shirts but doing demos for the Lonestar K9Performance club were Georgann Hughes and Kinnie Hardaway.



## Dues Are Due



This year you do not need to fill out any sheet about additions or deletions when you pay your dues – you can use PayPal to pay, drop off the check at the club in the safe in the white cabinet next to the front door or mail them to the PO address listed on page 3 of the PawPrint. You will be receiving an email to your personal email with a form that has the information we have on you. Please make any additions, deletions or corrections on this sheet. Either email this back to me, mail it to me or leave in the President's hanging folder on the wall at the club. We are asking for more information than we previously have in our database such as emergency contacts, committee interests, etc. I will start sending these emails mid-November. I am starting with 1974 members and going forward through the years. I will probably send 20-30 a week so if you don't get yours immediately its coming!

**Margaret Culbertson**

Database Chair

[Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com](mailto:Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com)

227 Magic Lane, Sunnyvale, TX 75182

## Active Membership Requirements:

For persons sixteen (16) years or older who wish to work to accomplish the objectives of DTCDC 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 DTCDC committee
- B. Perform tasks on behalf of DTCDC not formally assigned to a committee
- C. Serve as an instructor or an assistant in DTCDC 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 DTCDC? 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.

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting – November 7, 2023

## Minutes

Meeting called by	Margaret Culbertson
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Margaret Culbertson
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	At Club: Margaret Culbertson, Ruth Miles, Lisa Gonzales, Jan Bruner, Lisa Wharton, Michelle Hosey, Pam Joyce, Shelley Carr, Melissa Chojnacki, Robin Vogel By Zoom: Mark Malone, Marye Boyce
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Margaret Culbertson</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Culbertson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM</li> <li>• Welcome guests – join meeting</li> <li>• What is best for the club, importance of trust amongst board members</li> </ul>

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the October board minutes</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved by general consensus</li> </ul>

## TREASURERS REPORT – Pam Joyce

Discussion	Total Income	6,498.00
	Total Expenses	3,615.34
	Total	2,882.66
	Sunshine Income	67.00
	Sunshine Expense	114.00
	Sunshine Total	(47.00)
Conclusion		

## TRAINING COMMITTEE - Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 6</li> <li>• Flu shot for dogs AKC Agility statement</li> <li>• Train the trainer</li> <li>• Nosework SNG</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train the trainer on Dec. 12th</li> </ul>

### SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show N Go – Saturday December 30</li><li>• Need approval for January 27<sup>th</sup> – rest proposed by Pam will be approved by new board</li></ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved 1/27 New board will approve/or not rest of list at the December board meeting</li></ul>

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Lisa Gonzales

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter social December 2, 4pm</li><li>• Sent evite to membership November 4 with deadline to RSVP Nov 28, 2023 Members who are replying to rsvp, please include themselves in the guest count.</li></ul>
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### MEMBERSHIP - Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dues are due and payable now. You can leave payment in the drop box at the club, be sure and write who it is for on the envelope. Or Paypal <a href="mailto:treasurer1@dallasdogtraining.org">treasurer1@dallasdogtraining.org</a> and also make note what the payment is for before submitting.</li></ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual Dues \$ 50.00 Per Year, Family Dues \$ 75.00 Per Year, Associate Dues \$ 20.00 Per Year, Junior Dues \$20.00 Per Year</li></ul>

### MAINTENANCE - Ruth Miles

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cement pad by back door</li><li>• AC repair was a fan \$950</li></ul>
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### SUGGESTION BOX – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No suggestions</li></ul>
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### EVENTS – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alvarado Sat Nov 11 9a-3pm</li><li>• Trick Dog at 4<sup>th</sup> grade private school - Nicole L will call and get more information</li></ul>
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### MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Jan, Robin, Marye, Michele

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anything to share from members</li></ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• nothing to report</li></ul>

### OLD BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• n/a</li></ul>
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### NEW BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Those not on the 2024, please hand over your notebooks to the new 2024 to be voted on board members-done</li><li>• Vote to remove the Historian committee-Approved</li><li>• Vote to remove Safety Committee-Approved</li><li>• Vote to remove Building Rental committee -Approved</li><li>• Words of wisdom from 2023 board members shared</li></ul>
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By general consensus, meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM  
Respectfully submitted for approval, Lisa Gonzales



# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting – November 14, 2023

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Margaret Culbertson
Note taker	Lisa Gonzales
Attendees	See Attendance Roster –
	<b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Margaret Culbertson 7:03 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to everyone for being present online and at club</li> <li>• Please keep reports and discussions short</li> <li>• Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk during brags.</li> <li>• Thank you for snacks Maysel McGowen and Shelley Carr</li> </ul>

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Margaret Culbertson

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret asked if there were any additional corrections or additions to the October General Membership meeting minutes</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General consensus approved</li> </ul>

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Pam Joyce

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report information for October</li> </ul>												
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## SUNSHINE – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sunshine raffle box is available at the meeting. The Sunshine club needs donations. We love for you to participate but participation is not required. Also if you don't want to buy raffle tickets but want to donate you can put it in the raffle box too. Thanks!</li> <li>• November birthdays</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No raffle items brought, thanks for those who donated anyway.</li> </ul>

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE VOTING – Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominating Committee: Donna Heishman, Margaret Culbertson, Melissa Chojnacki, Lynda Holman, Ruth Miles and Director Mark Malone</li> </ul> <p>2024 Slated Board:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>President</td><td>Ruth Miles (1st term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td><td>Melissa Chojnacki (1st term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td>Lisa Gonzales (2nd term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Barbara Elliott (1st term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Training Director</td><td>Lisa Wharton (2nd term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Member-At-Large</td><td>Jan Bruner (2nd term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Member-At-Large</td><td>Marye Boyce (2nd term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Member-At-Large</td><td>Shelley Carr (1st term)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Member-At-Large</td><td>Michele Hosey (2nd term)</td></tr> </table> <p>Motion to accept by Donna Heishman Seconded by Vicki Jackson</p>	President	Ruth Miles (1st term)	Vice President	Melissa Chojnacki (1st term)	Secretary	Lisa Gonzales (2nd term)	Treasurer	Barbara Elliott (1st term)	Training Director	Lisa Wharton (2nd term)	Member-At-Large	Jan Bruner (2nd term)	Member-At-Large	Marye Boyce (2nd term)	Member-At-Large	Shelley Carr (1st term)	Member-At-Large	Michele Hosey (2nd term)
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Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thanks</b> to the outgoing board members for all their hard work.</li> <li>Vote for new 2024 board passed</li> </ul>																		

### MEMBERSHIP – Shelley Carr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new members this month.</li> </ul>
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### PAW PRINT – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The December Pawprint theme is <b>Holiday Fun</b>. Deadline to submit: Sat November 18, 2023.</li> <li>If you want your picture considered for the front cover photo, please note that when submitting.</li> <li>Please send pictures and brags to Lana at the pawprint email above.</li> <li>Reminder: There will not be a January PawPrint since there is not a December meeting.</li> <li>Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint Topics are encouraged.</li> <li><a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a></li> </ul>
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### PURCHASING - Donna Heishman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long sleeve shirts</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donna has sent an email with order information, paypal information and prices. Please note what shirt you are ordering and your name in memo on paypal and email Donna the information.</li> </ul>

### TRAINING – Lisa Wharton

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Session 6 is almost over and has gone well. Thanks to all the instructors who volunteered this past year.</li> <li>Train the trainer this month- registration required</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conformation classes 6 p.m. in Nov and Dec on Tuesday nights.</li> <li>Master Nosework will continue on Tuesdays for the remainder of the year.</li> </ul>

#### **AWARDS – Donna Heishman for Lynda Holman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highest Score and Best Improved Score all due by Nov 15<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fill out those forms or your dog will get mad at you!</li></ul>

#### **EVENTS – Margaret Culbertson for Nicole Littero**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Event in Alvarado</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very little public traffic at this event. Best for the club is a public attendance of around 2000.</li></ul>

#### **TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New members are helping with IT, more are welcome if interested.</li></ul>
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#### **SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Show n Go is December 30.</li><li>• Approved next one on 1/27</li></ul>
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#### **SOCIAL – Lisa Gonzales**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter social December 2 at 4pm</li><li>• RSVP by Nov 28<sup>th</sup></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please let us know if you did not get an evite in email. The club will supply Roast, Ham, Turkey and Chicken. Side dishes, Salads and desserts provided by members. Live auction donations accepted, and homemade dessert contest will be held. Door prizes as well.</li></ul>

#### **CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog Testing – Terri Schurr**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday November 18th 9:30 am CGC, CGCA and trick dog</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terri could use help, please let her know if you are available</li></ul>

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report</li></ul>
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#### **AED – Craig Shuman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report</li></ul>
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#### **OLD BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No December meeting due to social and no January pawprint</li></ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dues are due and payable now. You can leave payment in the drop box at the club, be sure and write who it is for on the envelope. Or Paypal <a href="mailto:treasurer1@dallasdogtraining.org">treasurer1@dallasdogtraining.org</a> and also make note what the payment is for before submitting.</li><li>• Single Person Dues \$ 50.00 Per Year, Family Dues \$ 75.00 Per Year, Associate Dues \$ 20.00 Per Year, Junior Dues \$20.00 Per Year</li><li>• Update Database Forms will be sent out by year you joined so if you are new you will get yours last.</li></ul>



**NEW BUSINESS – Margaret Culbertson**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent the club. It has been an honor</li><li>• Ruth spoke to members as incoming President.</li></ul>
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Snacks for January 9, 2024 – Barbara Elliott and Lisa Gonzales

Adjourn the meeting to brags at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gonzales

## Conformation Class to Continue during Break

Jan Burner will be continuing conformation class during November and December on the following dates so that members can prepare for the Nolan River Show the first of January 2024:

**Dates:**    **November 21, 28**  
              **December 12, 19, 26**

**Time:**     **6 - 7 pm**



This will not be a registered class on Eventbrite so please contact Jan directly.  
cell 972-567-0375  
[janb0323@gmail.com](mailto:janb0323@gmail.com)





# DTCDC Winter Social



Saturday, December 2 at 4 – 7 p.m.

## *Dinner Information:*

The club will supply roast, ham, turkey and chicken. Members are asked to please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

## *Homemade dessert contest:*

You are invited to compete in the annual contest. All attendees will vote on the best dessert.

## *Who are Invited:*

Family - yes, Children - yes, Friends - yes, Dogs - No.

## *Awards Program:*

Special Board Appreciation Awards will be presented to members who have made a difference in support of the club.

## *Auction to Support the Club:*

Attendees are asked to bring wrapped auction Items labeled for Human or Dog, with a value to start bidding. Also, please bring your checkbook- so you can bid on lots of cool stuff!

*Also, there will be door prizes.*



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot

**This month's Coverdog is made up of one photo from each person who sent in a holiday photo of their dog(s). Happy Howlidays to you and your family (dogs included.)**



Robin Vogel calls this an “oldie, but goodie.”

**The PawPrint CoverDog photo is open to everyone in the club.**

Here is the criteria for submitted photos:

- They will need to be big at least 1 megabyte (high resolution) to be considered. (Don't reduce the photo size before sending it to me. If it is reduced in size I might not be able to use it as it could end up looking pixelated (fuzzy/blurry.))
- 1. Action shots such as competition shots or class photos. (i.e. you in the show ring with your dog, you throwing for your dock diving pup, tracking with your dog working, your dog during herding trial, etc.)
- 2. Or images with multiple club members and/or dogs. (Multiple people from the club and their dogs would be ideal.)
- A description of the photo will be needed so I can write captions.
- Any shots not chosen will be considered for use in other places in the newsletter, either in brags or a special photo album for a particular show or event you are competing at.
- PLEASE indicate in your email that you want your photo to be considered for the front page.





# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



Another photo from Robin Vogel of her beautiful, Dori, Gabe and Cody.



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



Jan Hitchborn's Logan - "Visions of sugar-plums dancing in his head..."



With Santa...



Skye and Oliver investigate the Christmas goldens.





# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

Here's a fun trick from [Buckheadpaws.com](http://Buckheadpaws.com) that becomes a game you can play indoors or out! Have fun training!

*Michele Hosey*



## Play Hide & Seek



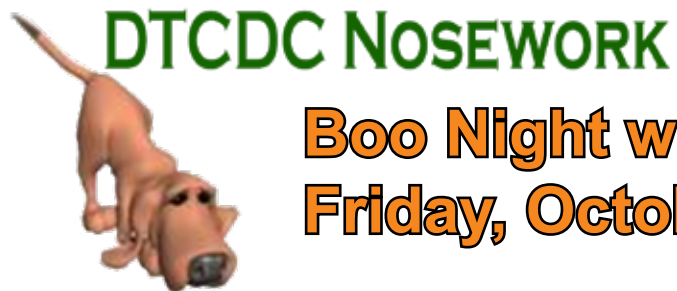
- Get your dog to sit and stay.
  - Slowly back away, making sure he stays put.
  - Hide somewhere close and pretty obvious, and say COME! Give a treat when he comes.
  - Gradually hide in more difficult places, out of sight. It's
- hard not to giggle when he's running around the house looking for you. And it's a delight when he's so happy to find you!



# Happy Holidays

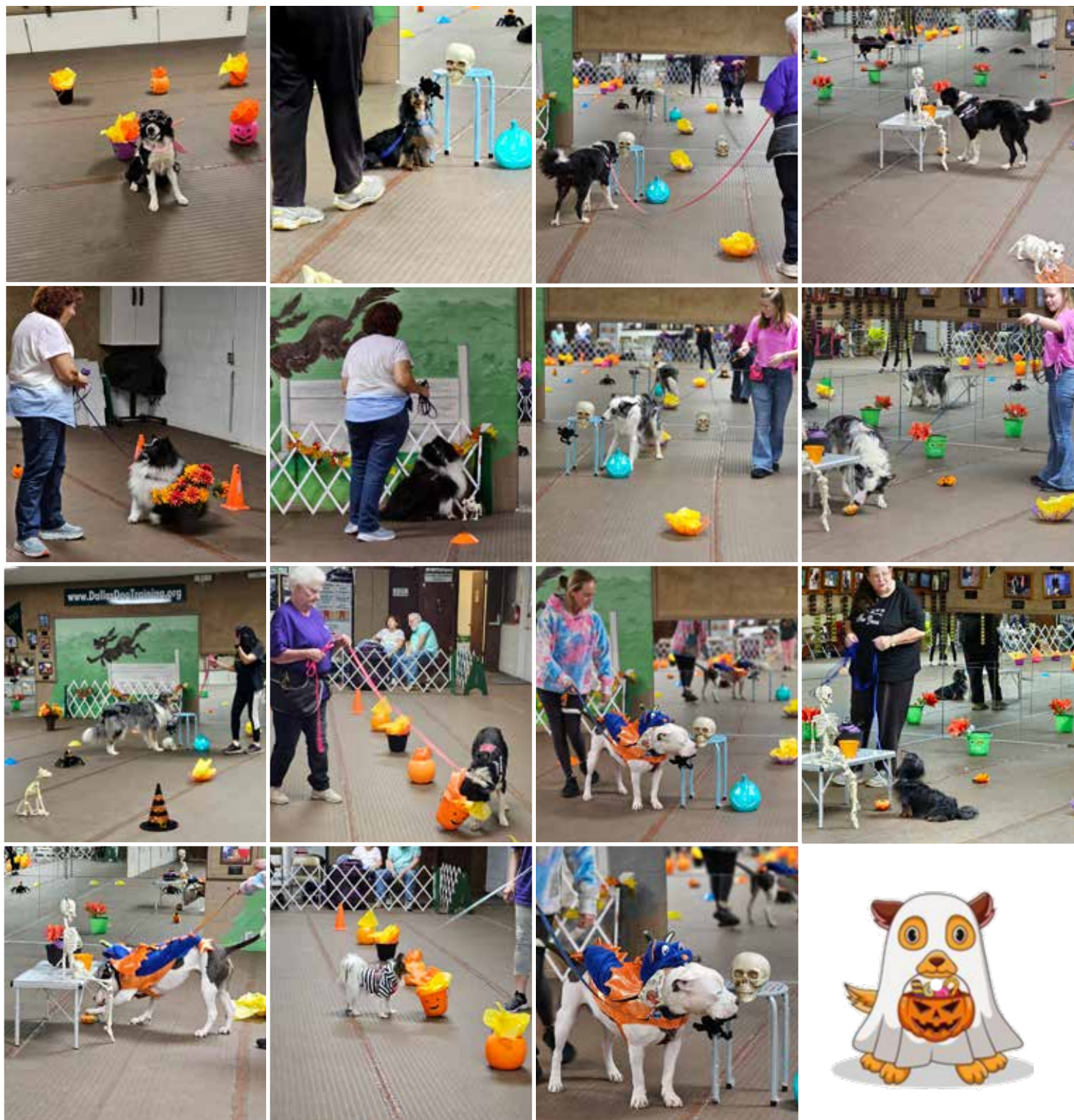






# DTCDC NOSEWORK

## Boo Night with the Nosework Class... Friday, October 27, 2023





# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)



**Titles earned on  
November 18, 2023**

*Congratulations to:*

- *Courtney Nicholson & Joey*
- *Maysel McGown & Zara*
- *Joanne Jones & Piper (non member)*
- *Reagan Chojnacki & Zuul & Greta*



**CANINE  
GOOD  
CITIZEN®**





# COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)



**Titles earned on  
November 18, 2023**

*Congratulations to:*

- *Kristal Hatcher & Tessa*



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COMMUNITY  
CANINE™





# URBAN CGC (CGCU)



**Titles earned on  
November 4, 2023**

*Congratulations to:*

- *David Elliott & Maggie*
- *Lynda Holman & Kate*
- *Terri Schurr & Saffron*
- *Alexis Jankowski & Anakin*



AKC  
URBAN  
CGC™



# TRICK DOG TITLES



**Titles earned on  
November 18, 2023**

*Congratulations to:*

- *Maysel McGown & Zara – TKN*
- *Courtney Nicholson & Joey – TKN*
- *Reagan Chojnacki & Zuul - TKN*
- *Reagan Chojnacki & Greta - TKN*



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

# SHOW & GO SATURDAY DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>



Dog Training Club of Dallas County  
604 Crestside Dr. ~ Duncanville, TX 75137

**Pre-Entries Only**  
**Limited to 8 hours of ring time**



**Classes Offered:** ★ **Utility** ★ **Grad Open** ★ **Open** ★  
★ **Grad Nov** ★ **Novice** ★ **Beg Nov** ★  
**PRE-ENTRIES ONLY:** \$9.00 first five minutes  
\$1.00 each additional minute  
(5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum)



**Doors open at 7:30 A.M.**  
Any Entry May Do Group Stay Exercise



**Pre-Entry at "Events" on DT CDC website**  
**Link active 12-15-23: [DT CDC Show & Go](#)**

Entries open @ 6 AM Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Entries close @ Noon Friday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> or when limit is reached  
Run-thru emails will be sent the evening of 12/29 at the latest



**UPCOMING DATES**  
**JAN 27<sup>th</sup> MAR 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**Directions:** Driving South on 67- take **Danieldale Rd** exit  
**Stay on access road - Turn Right** at first street (**S Alexander Ave**)  
**Turn Right** at next street (**Crestside Dr**). Clubhouse is the first drive on the right.  
White building with black paw prints 🐾 across the front.



**Questions???**  
**Pamela Chrystal**  
**(682) 683-1321**  
**[valimar1@msn.com](mailto:valimar1@msn.com)**





# DTCDC Bulletin Board

## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 8 @ 7 P.M.

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13 @ 7 P.M.



## FEBRUARY PAWPRINT

THEME: 2023 RAINBOW BRIDGE

If you had a dog cross the Rainbow Bridge during 2023, please consider sharing your memories and photos of your special family member.

DUE DATE: Wed., Jan. 24 (or earlier)

### UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

MAR	DOG HEALTH CHECKS YOU USE WEEKLY, MONTHLY, YEARLY
APR	USING ACCUPUNCTURE TO HELP YOUR DOG WITH PAIN



Do you have a monthly theme idea that you would like to see in the upcoming PawPrint editions? Please share them with Lana Shuman at:  
[pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)

## DECEMBER 2023 DOG CALENDAR:

- Dec. 1: National Twin With Your Dog Day
- Dec. 2: National Mixed Breed Dog Day
- Dec. 5: Celebrate Shelter Pets Day
- Dec. 9: International Day of Veterinary Medicine
- Dec. 10: International Animal Rights Day
- Dec. 11: Holiday Food Drive for the Needy Animals Day
- Dec. 16: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day (you and your dog)
- Dec. 21: Winter begins
- Dec. 24: Channukah
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

## January 2024

- National Train Your Dog Month
- Unchain a Dog Month
- Walk Your Dog Month
- Jan. 2 National Pet Travel Safety Day
- Jan. 6: National Standard Poodle Day
- Jan. 7: National Alaskan Malamute Day
- Jan. 8: National Labrador Retriever Day
- Jan. 9: National Australian Shepherd Day
- Jan. 13: National French Bulldog Day
- Jan. 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- Jan 15: National American Eskimo Dog Day
- Jan. 16: National Bouvier de Flandres Day
- Jan. 17: National Boxer Day
- Jan. 22: National Yorkshire Terrier Day
- Jan. 24: Change a Pet's Life Day
- Jan. 24: Dog Peanut Butter Treats Day
- Jan. 29: Seeing Eye Guide Dog Anniversary

**T**here are scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for them, please contact a DTCDC 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 know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. Further details will be available soon. Monies for the fund 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.





**Georgann Hughes brags:**



Swish earned her UKC Novice Nosework Champion title at the North Texas Nosework Club trials on November 4.

**Jan Bruner brags:**

JBK Dazzling Diva (Dazzle):



- At Shawnee, Oklahoma, on 10/21-22 she was Select Bitch with champion defeat
- At Belton, Texas, on 10/26-29 (5 Shows) she had 3 Select Bitch placements, 2 champion defeats and 1

OHBOB!

- She needs 5 more points to finish her Grand Championship!

Ace:



- At Belton, Texas, on 10/27-29 he had 3 Rally trials, 3 triple Qs towards RACH2; 1 High Triple in trial; 3 dbl Qs towards RAE3 and 3 master Qs towards RM5

And I won \$ drawing for wearing a

team jersey!

**Jan Hitchborn brags:**

On November 4/5 NTNWC had a UKC Nosework trial at a school in Ft. Worth. Skye is working on finishing her UKC Nosework Championship, Oliver is continuing his start to Nosework competition and I keep Logan happy with DIW (Dog in White) assignments proofing a judge's set up before competitors do it and also entered in a few for keeping him sharp. Oliver was entered in 12 runs and qualified in all and earned many placements including 1<sup>st</sup> in an interior search. Skye was in 12 also most still in elite unknown number where I need to know when she is telling me she is done with no more to find. She qualified in 10 and I was able to move her to some lower levels on her road to championship.



Skye earned her Master Championship. Only a couple to go in elite and superior. Then work on the two lowest levels. She is also earning Grand Championship runs.





Oliver earned his overall Novice Title.



These are the total ribbons they took home from the trial.

#### Mary Ann Magness brags:

Fellow, Barcliff MPossible Follow My Lead CD RAE TKA CGCA, competed in the Novice Obedience Finals at ASCA Nationals and took 4<sup>th</sup> place. This is an International invitational Australian Shepherd competition (2 of the dogs he placed over were from Germany).

#### Maysel McGown brags:

I guess this would qualify as a "brag" ...I am a new DTCDC member; my Doberman Zara and I have attended obedience classes and the novice Rally class. On Saturday, November 18, Zara took and passed her first CGC and Trick Dog Novice tests. She now has "initials". So I am very proud of her.

#### Miriam and Kadee Inglehart brag:

We competed at the UKC Summer Classic in Belton on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19.

##### Sully nosework with Kadee:



- Advance Interiors Title
- Superior Containers Title
- 1 qualifying score in Novice HD

##### Sully in Rally:

- 2 scores of 98 with Miriam R01 (Novice).
- 1 score 85 and R01 Title with Kadee handling.
- Scores of 90 & 87 R02 with Kadee (off lease).



##### El in Rally:

- 2 scores 85 & 71 with Kadee.
- 1 score 98 and R01 Title with Miriam.

##### Tristan in Nosework with Miriam:

- Advance HD Title.
- Superior Title in Containers.
- Masters Title in Containers.

##### SPOT (socialized pet obedience test)

- Tristan and El passed the test.



We also welcome a new member to our family. Meet Tigré. He is an Ovelherio Gaucho (Brazilian collie).

**Nicole and Stephane Desproges brag:**



Finn got two majors in the Coyote Classic in Tuscon, Arizona. Best of Winners in the Min Pin Specialty show and Best of Winners in the regular show.

**Rosemary Minzghor brags:**

With another trial under my paws - this time it was a AKC Scent trial - Coco completed the last legs in Novice container and interior which means Coco can add SCN, SIN to her name. She also earned 2 legs in Novice exterior and one leg in advance container.

**Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir brag:**



Eichler earned several placements including three 1<sup>st</sup> at Capital Dog Training Club of Austin's & Travis County Kennel Club's Rally trials. He also earned a Highest Combined Score. The following week, at Lone Star Dog Obedience Club, he earned 4 Q's in Rally Master including two 1<sup>st</sup> & one 2<sup>nd</sup>

place. RACH'n points.



One run at Travis County Kennel Club's AKC Rally trial and two runs at Lone Star Dog Training Club's trials and Ruffino earned his Excellent title with 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. I moved him up at Lone Star's & he earned 2 legs towards his AKC Rally Master title. He gave me lots of face, smiles and wagged

his tail all through the runs; letting me know that we were doing just fine.

Terri Schurr shared this photo of JaNiece Elzy & Roscoe, Terri Schurr, Haricharantej Tankasala & Kushi from her session 6 puppy class. Terri is rooting for them to soon be members.

