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## **I Ate My Wheaties**

The first time we saw Bruce was at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration June 22, 2024.  
(See insert) He has turned into this majestic boy. Congratulations to David and Barbara Elliott for this incredible Great Dane.

## DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12/3	Chris Hurley	12/29	Sara Beall
12/3	Doreen Reese	12/29	Lana Shuman
12/4	Robin Scott		
12/5	John Reeves	1/3	Nicole Litterio
12/9	Mary Ann Magness	1/4	Vanessa Martinez
12/11	Susan Whitaker	1/6	Holly Taylor
12/14	Kailing Cai	1/10	Sharon Cole
12/14	Tiffany Miura	1/13	Chelsea Hooper
12/15	Maurine Pearson	1/16	Joan Jung
12/20	Glen O'Gorman	1/16	Ruth Miles
12/20	Linda J. Smith	1/18	Judy McClelland-Sherman
12/22	Sergio Arciniega	1/19	Steve Weirs
12/22	Jorge Ayala	1/22	Carol Ford
12/23	Carol Wright	1/23	Kristina Heishman
12/26	Nicole Desproges	1/24	Debra Payne
12/27	Wendy McQuiston	1/25	Maysel McGown
12/27	Belinda Tantalo		



**NEXT CLUB  
EVENT:  
WINTER SOCIAL**

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 13**

**3 P.M. - END**

**THEME: READER'S CHOICE**

### A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. All members are encouraged to buy a ticket for \$1 or \$3 for 5. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings.



Sunshine funds raised by the drawing are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club

members who need support and comfort.

Our Sunshine fund has been slightly funded by this drawing over the last few years. However, our members have still needed to know of our love during their trying times. If you want to donate please go to our website, <http://www.dallas-dogtraining.org/>, to the *Members Only* section, and select *Sunshine Donation*. You can donate with PayPal or a credit card.

*Your donation is NOT tax deductible since we are a not-for-profit organization.*

### Sunshine Fund Report

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>	<b>\$524.65</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$145</b>	<b>\$524.65</b>

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# A Word from Our President



Hello everyone,

I'm honored to introduce myself as the new President of the Dog Training Club of Dallas County. I've been involved in dog training since 1981 and have been a proud member of this club since 2017. Over the years, I've competed in a variety of dog sports—from conformation and obedience to rally and nosework—but some of my favorite moments are the

simple ones. Few things make me happier than taking my dogs to a dog-friendly restaurant, enjoying a meal with my family, and watching them soak up extra treats and attention while showing off their good manners. Experiences like those remind me how valuable solid training is in shaping dogs who are not only well behaved, but a true joy to live with.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of our training journey: our dedicated instructors and assistants, as well as the many students and their wonderful dogs. Each of you has contributed to the supportive and encouraging environment that makes our club so special.

It's a privilege to serve this community of passionate dog lovers, trainers, and volunteers. I've seen firsthand how our shared commitment to education, teamwork, and positive training strengthens the bond between handlers and their dogs—and the friendships that connect us all.

As we head into a new year, I'm excited to continue building on the club's strong foundation—supporting our classes, Show'n'Gos, CGC and Trick dog evaluations and community outreach while exploring new opportunities to grow and engage with one another. Together, we'll keep fostering a welcoming environment where every member, whether new or long-time, feels inspired to learn, contribute, and celebrate the joy of dog training. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with all of you and your amazing dogs!

Warm regards,

**Melissa Chojnacki**

President, Dog Training Club of Dallas County

*Learn more about your 2026 board on pages 4 through 7.*



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**2026 Officers & Directors**

President - Melissa Chojnacki  
Vice President - Barbara Elliott  
Training Director - Mary Ann Magness  
Secretary - Samantha Colvard  
Treasurer - Greg Lambert  
Member at Large - Pam Chrystal  
Member at Large - Melissa Jordan  
Member at Large - Alexis Jankowski  
Member at Large - Maysel McGown

**Corporate Directors:**

Lynda Holman  
Mark Malone  
Maurine Pearson

**The objectives of the Club shall be:**

- A. To develop and present training programs which will produce dogs which are both obedient and happy, a source of pleasure and pride to their families and good citizens in their communities.
- B. To promote responsible dog ownership through obedience training and other dog-related activities.
- C. To prepare and educate trainers and dogs for successful participation in competitions, trials, tests and competitive dog sports.

*Article I, Section 2 of the Dog Training Club of Dallas County, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws as Amended as of November 10, 2020*

# Meet Your 2026 Board Members



**Barbara Elliott, Vice President**

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**Mary Ann Magness, Training Director**

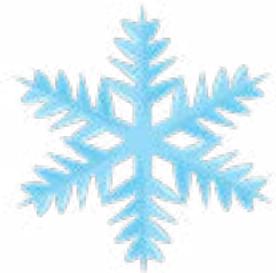
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Hello everyone! Hopefully you know me by now since I was the treasurer for two years, but in case you don't, I have been a banker for 40 years with two years of being a 911 operator. Loved it.

I love spending time with my husband, David and our eight grandkids. Three of them are out of state so I don't get to see them as much as I would like to. I love biking, kite flying, antique shopping with Dave and taking the dogs on trips with us. I like training rally and obedience.

We have been a the club for 14 years. I like going to DFW airport for therapy visits.



As a grade school age child, I taught my dog to stay with me (Heel), sit, down, go to his bed, fetch a ball, and stay in the back yard while I walked all the way around the house and back to him. At the time, I had never heard anything about obedience training or out of sight stays- it was just how I played with my dog.

I first did obedience training in a class at Tarrant County Junior College when I was in my 20's and got my first CD title in 1990 (on my Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Dixie). I lost count of how many obedience and rally titles I put on my own dogs and client dogs.

Since then, I have trained with 6 different clubs, gone to seminars, gone to herding camp, read many training books, watched many training DVDs, subscribed to training magazines (horse and dog), and studied lots of trainers on-line. (Leerburg, Michael Ellis, Connie Cleveland, John Lyons, etc.....). I even trained my quarter horse stud to sit, lie down, roll over, and stay and our 4 1/2 foot Iguana (Bart) to walk on a leash, beg, and potty outside.

I have been a member since 2019.

I love to teach and do PR events where I can show my dog's tricks and obedience skills to encourage others to compete in dog sports and have this kind of relationship with their dogs.

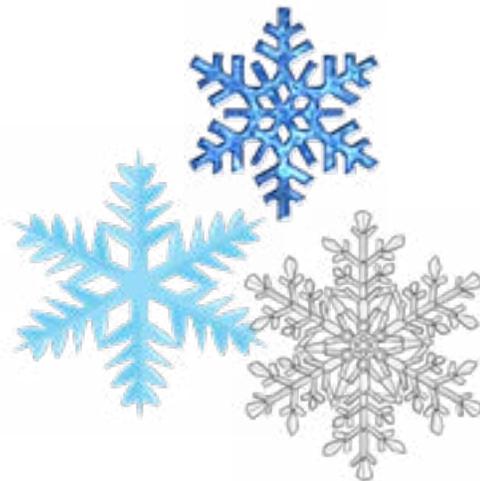


**Samantha Colvard, Secretary**

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I've had dogs most of my life but did not train dogs until we got Peyton. My wife and I enjoy hiking with our dogs and spending time with family. I've been a member of the club since 2021.



**Greg Lambert, Treasurer**

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I have over 20 years as a financial institution internal auditor. My degrees are both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Accounting. I have both my Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Financial Service Auditor (CFSA) which has helped my belief in strong process controls and automation instead of manual processes. I moved to Texas with my wife (Tannis) and two of our three kids from Arizona in 2011, we also brought Tannis' parents, sister, and her sister's two kids with us.

I have been a member of DTCCDC for just under a year and a half. Lola and I have been through beginners, intermediate, and beginners scent work. Our older dog likes when I work with Lola because she also gets extra treats.



**Pam Chrystal, Member-at-Large**

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It is difficult to condense over sixty years of dog training experiences into a short paragraph, but here goes! I started training in 4-H with an English Springer Spaniel/Miniature Poodle mix, Snooks. As a nine-year old, I so loved my dog, I was determined to develop a new breed called a "Spoodle." Little did I know I was on the cusp of what at that time was the unknown concept of "Designer Dogs." My interest in dogs grew to the point that in the 1980's I began breeding English Springer Spaniels (ESS). For over 25 years I bred approximately 3-5 litters/year producing multiple breed and performance title holders.

Personally, I have put all levels of breed, obedience, rally and agility titles on multiple breeds since my first ESS UD in 1975. Before coming to Texas, I helped form the Twin Cities Voyageur ESS Association in Minnesota, the ESS Club of Greater Des Moines, Inc., and was a member of several obedience clubs in Minnesota and Iowa.

I joined DTCCD in 2013 with the encouragement of my good friend Peggy Phelps. I was the DTCCD Training Director from 2016 to 2018. My Belgian Tervuren, Clover, was the first Terv in the US to earn a Rally RACH in 2019. I am currently working my ESS Dio toward his RACH and Open title and ESS Maverick toward his Utility title. I look forward to serving on the Training Committee this next year!



**Alexis Jankowski, Member-at-Large**

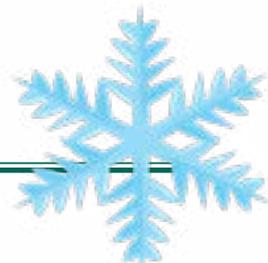
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I have been in the accounting industry (tax audit, internal audit, and internal controls) since 2008 and I have a deep love of the Bible and learning for improvement. My dog training experience had only started when I began attending the club in 2023, although I had attended one class so long ago (I can't even remember the year!) with my wonderful heeler, Aurora.

I joined the club the fall of 2023 soon after attending puppy class with Golden Rea and Gracie, and beginners with Spider. I knew this was a valuable resource to give my dogs an outlet and progress to more goals together!

My favorite thing to do with my dogs is to snuggle with them on the couch and admire their beauty. I also enjoy watching them run around in the backyard chasing each other and any rouge squirrel intruders!





**Melissa Jordan, Member-at-Large**

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Melissa Jordan manages business growth and innovation initiatives for a fintech company. An experienced bank executive, she has a history of board experience in Dallas.

Melissa and her husband (Tom) joined the club a little over a year ago. While new to competitive dog sports, they've provided forever homes to a parade of German Shepherds, Dobies and Rott mixes for several decades. Thanks to Pam White, their dobie is currently obsessed with dock diving. (Yes, he does know where the dock diving bumpers are stored.) The happy canine overlords at the Jordan house list their favorite activities as walking the neighborhood, dancing around the house, playing ball and finding hides. Callie Chaos (German Shepherd diva) and Uli (enthusiastic Doberman Pinscher) take their job of guarding their neighborhood from squirrels, raccoons and delivery drivers quite seriously.



**Maysel McGown, Member-at-Large**

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The day I adopted Zara from Doberman Rescue of North Texas, there was a group of people there who were working their dogs in a training session. I was enthralled with how well-behaved their dogs were, and with their level of training. I went over and started talking to the group and asked where they trained; they answered the Dog Training Club of Dallas County. So I guess that was the day that I decided that Zara and I were going to train there too. I became a member just as soon as I could.

Zara is the first dog I have trained to any real level. She continues to impress me and push me to be a better trainer. She has her work cut out for her but she is a real sport. In addition to Rally and Obedience titles, Zara also runs FastCat and will soon have her FCat Title. I think watching her run FastCat is my favorite activity with her; she absolutely loves running! I hope to start her in Lure Coursing and Dock Diving in the future.

None of this would have been possible without DTCCDC. The people, the classes, the camaraderie of the members has been a wonderful addition to our lives. Looking back, I can't imagine these past 3 years without the club and its members in our lives.

# DTCDC Volunteer Committees

Name	Phone	Email
<b>Vernon Miles</b>	469-853-8293	<a href="mailto:mainstreamplb@yahoo.com">mainstreamplb@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Building Maintenance</b> – Responsible for repairs and maintenance on building and grounds. Keeps abreast of cleaning schedule, lawn service, HVAC maintenance, etc.		
<b>Lynda Holman</b> <b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-662-3475 214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:lyholman@flash.net">lyholman@flash.net</a> <a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bylaws</b> – Responsible for the Constitution and Bylaws interpretation and any revisions or additions the club votes to enact.		
<b>Alexis Jankowski</b>	214-532-8532	<a href="mailto:amharajankowski@gmail.com">amharajankowski@gmail.com</a>
<b>CGC</b> – Schedules, finds volunteers, and attends the CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Trick Dog test.		
<b>Tawny Schaffer</b>	214-769-8523	<a href="mailto:tgs@scaffertx.com">tgs@scaffertx.com</a>
<b>Commissary</b> – Inventory and stocks supplies as needed for refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Database/Roster</b> – Updates the master database with new members, attendance, dues. Creates roster for website. Supplies files and analytics as requested. Must also sit on the technology committee.		
<b>Available</b>		
<b>Legislative Liaison</b> – Determine if there are new state legislation or local ordinances being changed or initiated. Review animal magazines and websites for any news items on animal legislation.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Library</b> – Maintain Club library of books and DVDs. Review and recommend books and/or DVDs/CDs for library acquisition.		
<b>Maysel McGown</b>	585-745-7212	<a href="mailto:mforpar@gmail.com">mforpar@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership &amp; Volunteerism</b> – Develops and provides membership information to prospective Club members. Process new member paperwork and submit it to board for approval. Presents new members to the membership at the General Membership meeting for the vote. Promotes the involvement of new members in the club.		
<b>Lana Shuman</b>	214-244-0960	<a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a>
<b>PawPrint</b> – Assemble, publish and distribute the Club's monthly newsletter. Gather articles and information from the club members.		
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<b>Printing</b> - Design and produce advertising/promotional materials and forms. Ensure consistency, quality, and adequate supply.		

<b>Nicole Litterio</b> <b>Ruth Miles</b>	708-207-1529 817-899-7808	<a href="mailto:nlitter2@gmail.com">nlitter2@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:rv.miles@yahoo.com">rv.miles@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Promotional/Community Events/Distribution</b> – Promote DT CDC’s mission at local obedience trials and community events by providing trophy sponsorships, promotional material distribution, and training demonstrations, as appropriate.		
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<b>Purchasing</b> – Purchases Club apparel, training equipment and supplies as they pertain to training.		
<b>Reagan Chojnacki</b>	919-810-5428	<a href="mailto:reaganchojnacki@gmail.com">reaganchojnacki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Registration/Registrar</b> – Responsible for reviewing the students and their dogs for each puppy and beginner class. Get and review all shot records. Make sure students have watched and registration video. Answers question emailed to the club regarding classed and manage Eventbrite. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>Margaret Culbertson</b>	214-926-4273	<a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@gmail.com">texasdaisy42002@gmail.com</a>
<b>Show ‘N Go</b> – Responsible for scheduling SNG dates, volunteers to do run through, and stewards. Create and distribute announcements flyers. Oversee the day of SNG. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.		
<b>Lisa Gonzales</b>	972-296-2236	<a href="mailto:lgonzales66@gmail.com">lgonzales66@gmail.com</a>
<b>Social</b> – Plan and coordinate social gatherings for the club including a Summer Fun Day and December/Holiday Awards Celebration Banquet.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apolloomts.com">glen@apolloomts.com</a>
<b>Social Media</b> – Maintain a professional and business-like presence to promote DT CDC on current social media platforms. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Will work with Technology Committee.		
<b>Marye Boyce</b>	732-354-9323	<a href="mailto:maryeboyce200@gmail.com">maryeboyce200@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sunshine</b> – Send appropriate cards and/or plants to members for illness, sympathy, celebration etc. Coordinate birthday gift “chances” at monthly meetings.		
<b>Donna Heishman</b>	214-693-6689	<a href="mailto:donnapeishman@gmail.com">donnapeishman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Technology</b> – Manage and maintain the Club’s computer, Wi-Fi, VoIP, online registration, database, stereo/PA/projector & camera surveillance system. Responsible for setting up Zoom meetings for the board and general membership committees.		
<b>Felicia Ruhter</b>	214-536-2667	<a href="mailto:ruhtclan@swbell.net">ruhtclan@swbell.net</a>
<b>Telephone</b> – Return calls to prospective students, direct people to the website, and provides information on how to register. Answers training questions asked by the public.		
<b>Appointed by Board – currently Donna Heishman and Shari Price</b>		
<b>Treasury Review</b> – Audits treasurers work when needed. Must have a financial background.		

<b>Jan Hitchborn</b> <b>Benita Zapata</b>	972-515-7360 972-533-5476	<a href="mailto:2jsdoghaven@att.net">2jsdoghaven@att.net</a> <a href="mailto:bzapata21@yahoo.com">bzapata21@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Wall</b> – Responsible for maintaining the interior walls of the club in a manner that positively reflects the accomplishments of the club and its members. Includes engraved wall plates and ordered by club members and assembly with supplied photo.		
<b>Glen O’Gorman</b>	817-915-3318	<a href="mailto:glen@apollomts.com">glen@apollomts.com</a>
<b>Website</b> – Maintain the Club website and internal membership email list. Required to sit on the technology committee.		
<b>Mary Ann Magness</b>	405-535-9005	<a href="mailto:mm_farms@hotmail.com">mm_farms@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Training Committee</b> – Nominated by members and can change every year.		

## Your 2026 Training Committee

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**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year**



# A Note from Your Training Director



**Mary Ann Magness**  
Training Director



## *"Just A Dog"*

*From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog."*

*They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."*

*Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."*

*Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.,*

*Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.*

*If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."*

*"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.*

*"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.*

*Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks, and look longingly to the future.*

*So for me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog," but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.*

*"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.*

*I hope that some day they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man" or "just a woman."*

*So, the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."*

*Unknown Author*

*Mary Ann shared this poem in memory of her beautiful boy, Fellow, who she lost in November. Many of you will remember Fellow from the Summer Social and other training opportunities at the club. He was a stunning representative of his breed.*



# 2026 Session 1 Training Schedule



Below are the classes for session 1 which starts January 5 and runs through February 15. Please be watching your email with the 2026 training schedule. Start thinking about how you can volunteer to make 2026 a huge success.

*Mary Ann Magness, David Elliott, Pam White, Pam Chrystal, Tawny Schaffer, Michelle Moorman and Alexis Jankowski.*

2026 DTCCD Training Committee

Have a question? [training@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:training@dallasdogtraining.org)

	Class	Time	Start/End Date	Instructor	Assistant	Assistant
M O N D A Y	Rally Novice	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Jan 5 - Feb 15			
	Rally Adv & Ex	2:30 - 3:30	Jan 5 - Feb 15			
	Conformation Class	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Jan 5 - Feb 15			
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Jan 5 - Feb 15			
	Beginner	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Jan 5 - Feb 15			
TU	Master Nosework*	1 - 4 pm	Jan 6 - Feb 10			
W E D N E S D A Y	Open/Utility/Rally*	9 am - 12 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Intermediate	12:15 - 1:15pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Beginner	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Trick Dog Nov & Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Control and Attention	4:45 - 5:45 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Beginner	6-7 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Puppy	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
	Novice polish	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Jan 7 - Feb 11			
T H U R S	B Nose & B Obedience*	2 - 3 pm	Jan 8 - Feb 12			
	Rally Novice	6 - 7 pm	Jan 8 - Feb 12			
	Rally Adv & Ex	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Jan 8 - Feb 12			
	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30 pm	Jan 8 - Feb 12			
F R I	Open/Utility*	10 am - 12 pm	Jan 9 - Feb 13			
	Advance Nose Work	6:15 - 7:15 pm	Jan 9 - Feb 13			
	Beg Nosework	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Jan 9 - Feb 13			
SU	Adv Open *	11 am - 12pm	Jan 11 - Feb 15	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	Adv Utility*	1 - 2 pm	Jan 11 - Feb 15	Sheryl Archer/Joan Jung		
	* prerequisite					
	** no class during club events					

## SCHEDULE FOR 2026

- Session 1 January 5 to February 15
- Session 2 March 2 to April 12
- Session 3 April 27 to June 8

- Session 4 June 22 to August 2
  - Session 5 August 17 to September 25
  - Session 6 October 13 to November 23
- (Dates have been adjusted for Monday holidays.)

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting November 4, 2025

## Minutes

Meeting called and facilitated by	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	In Person: Joint Meeting: Melissa Chojnacki, Barbara Elliott, Shelley Carr, Maysel McGown, Pam Chrystal, Alexis Jankowski, Greg Lambert, Melissa Jordan  Zoom: Mark Malone, Lynda Holman, Kinnie Hardaway
	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Ruth Miles</b>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Miles called the meeting to order: 7:05 pm</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY’S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

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

### TREASURERS REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<p>Total Income \$3,888.90                  Total Expenses \$2,256.97                  Total: \$1,632.31                  Sunshine Club                  Income \$72.70                  Expense \$                  Total: \$</p>
Conclusion	



### *Thank You!*

Thanks to Melissa Chojnacki, Ruth Miles, Jean Villa, Lisa Wharton, Mary Ann Magness, Lisa Gonzales, Barbara Elliott, Margaret Culbertson, Donna Heishman, Melissa Jordan, Georgeann Hughes, and all the club members who helped provide photos, comments and information for this issue. It is your willingness to provide information, answer my endless questions and submit photos that makes this newsletter possible. It takes a club!

~ Lana Shuman

**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Mary Ann Magness**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Height numbers added to the new jump</li> </ul>
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**SHOW N GO – Margaret Culbertson**

	<p>SNG dates                  No SNG for November                  Next 12/27/2025                  Margaret will not be available to run the December SNG we are working on getting an assistant for computer work – Alexis volunteered for December</p>
Conclusion	

**CGC/CGCU – Alexis Jankowski**

	CGCU Testing November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 11 am at Hillside Village
Conclusion	

**MEMBERSHIP – Maysel McGown**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna is still looking into replacing our hybrid zoom meeting camera, she will wait until amazon has their prime sale</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**Purchasing – Lynda Holman Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**OLD BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

Discussion	<p>Maysel has scheduled for the November 8th teeth cleaning                  And will send out a reminder to all who have signed up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The price will remain the same at \$70,00. Maysel will do the scheduling, \$20 deposit is required when scheduling, balance due at appt time and will be paid to Debrah. Debrah and the club will split the deposit fee. \$10 each Debrah’s portion will be paid by check.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**NEW BUSINESS – Ruth Miles**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand over folders to New MALs</li> <li>• Remind Members of upcoming social December 13th at 3:00pm</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted for approval by Samantha Colvard

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting November 11, 2025

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President – Ruth Miles
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Ruth Miles
Secretary	Samantha Colvard
Attendees	See Sign in Sheet and Zoom Attendance
	<p><b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Ruth at 7:02 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to everyone for being present at the club and online.</li> <li>• Make sure you have signed in</li> <li>• As always please keep reports and discussions concise</li> <li>• Let's please respect our fellow club members and not talk over them.</li> <li>• Thank you to Ruth and Mel Jordan for the snacks.</li> </ul>

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Samantha Colvard

Discussion	October's minutes were published in November's Pawprint
Conclusion	Are there any corrections? none, approved by consensus

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Barbara Elliott

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report presented</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>Total Income \$3,888.90                  Total Expenses \$2,256.97                  Total: \$1,632.31                  Sunshine Club                  Income \$72.70                  Expense \$                  Total: \$</p>



**TRAINING – Mary Ann Magness**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Train the Trainer for November 2025</li></ul>
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**SUNSHINE – Marye Boyce**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November’s Birthdays - read out loud</li><li>• Sunshine tickets, \$1 a ticket or \$3 for 5 tickets</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Winners: Barbara Elliott, Tawny Shafer, Marye Boyce</li></ul>

**PawPrint – Lana Shuman**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November’s PawPrint deadline:</li><li>• Theme: Readers’ Choice</li><li>• Please send pictures and brags to Lana at <a href="mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org">pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org</a></li><li>• Traders Corner section is open</li><li>• Suggestions for upcoming PawPrint topics are encouraged.</li><li>• No PawPrint for January 2026</li></ul>

**CGC – Alexis Jankowski**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CGC in February 2026</li><li>• CGCU</li></ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY – Donna Heishman**

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

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taking orders for jackets</li><li>• Pick up your name tags</li></ul>

**Show N Go – Margaret Culbertson**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• December 27, 2025 – Alexis has volunteered to run the times</li></ul>

**Social Committee – Lisa Gonzales & Samantha Colvard**

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

**Old Business**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 8 teeth cleaning – Maysel</li><li>• Announce 2026 slated board and bylaws: Melissa Chojnacki, President Barbara Elliott, Vice President Mary Ann Magness, Training Director Samantha Colvard, Secretary Greg Lambert, Treasurer Maysel McGown, MAL Alexis Jankowski, MAL Pam Chrystal, MAL Melissa Jordan, MAL</li><li>• Training Committee – new – David Elliott, Pam White, Alexis Jankowski, Michelle Moorman, Tawny Shaffer and Pam Chrystal</li></ul>
Conclusion	<b>Motion made to accept new 2026 board as slated by Reagan and seconded Lisa – motion passed</b>

**New Business**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Appreciation to Lana Shuman</li><li>• Final thoughts –</li></ul>
Conclusion	

No December General Meeting

Next General Meeting: January 2026

Meeting Adjourned for brags at 7:38 pm



**FYI—**

**There will be no PawPrint in January 2026. Our next issue will be the February 2026 issue.**

# Membership Renewal Time

As the 2026 dues come due, I am preparing to send out invoices, ideally through PayPal. This will allow you to pay your dues directly using the link provided in the invoice. Please note that since some members have already submitted their payments, there may be a brief overlap between when invoices are sent and when payments are recorded. As I have recently taken on the role of Treasurer, I appreciate your patience while I gain access to the necessary systems and update the accounting records.



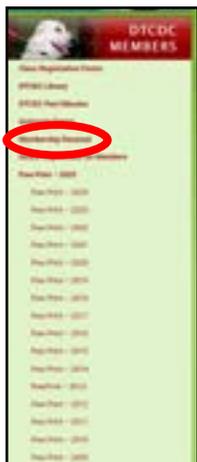
## Greg Lambert

DTCDC Treasurer  
Cell 972-795-8522

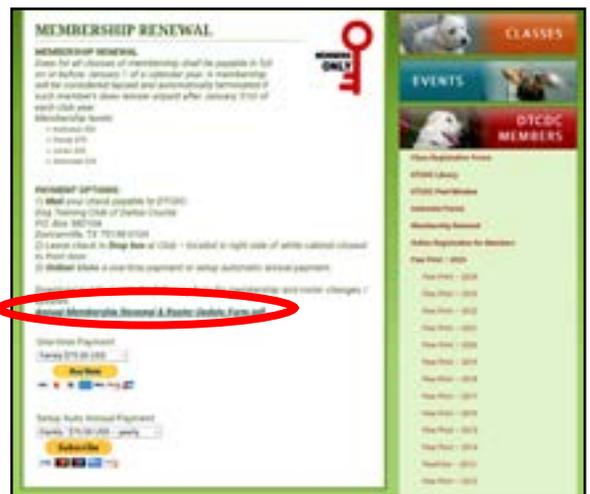


Use DT CDC website for quick renewal.

1. Go to the website: <https://www.dallasdog-training.org/>
2. Click on DT CDC Members
3. Log in
4. Select Membership Renewal
5. Download Annual Membership and Roster Update Form.
6. Complete form and email to the treasurer. ([gplambert@hotmail.com](mailto:gplambert@hotmail.com))
7. Pay your dues using the links.



A copy of the Annual Membership and Roster Update Form is located on the last page of this document.



# Thank you from Marie Bajovich

Most of you remember Jan Bajovich who served as Training Director and other positions over the years. After Jan passed in June 2022 we honored her in the July 2022 PawPrint. As is our practice, her mother was presented a copy of that edition as a way of sharing how much Jan meant to members of the club. A couple of weeks ago Jan's mother Marie called Craig and Lana Shuman to check on Jan's dog Kelly and to reminisce. She asked that we share a few things in the PawPrint with you.

*Thank you so much for the kind words so many of you shared about Jan. I have been reading your letters and notes shared in the July 2022 PawPrint over and over. They provide me with comfort and joy because of how much you loved my daughter. I appreciate the acknowledgements of Jan as a person and as a dog trainer. They have been a blessing to me.*

*I also want to thank those who ministered to Jan during her last days. It is still a comfort to me to know she had so many good friends helping her.*



# Information We Need to Know



1.	<p><b>Lock Codes:</b> Please contact Ruth Miles at 817-899-7808 or (<a href="mailto:rv_miles@yahoo.com">rv_miles@yahoo.com</a>) if you need the codes. We have <b>replaced the combination lock</b> on the front gate. The new lock has green tape around it and the <b>code has NOT</b> changed. Please note, when entering the numbers, align them in the middle.</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 is December 4 at 7 p.m. January Board Meeting is January 6 at 7 p.m. <b>Upcoming General Meetings:</b> There is no General Meeting in December. But we will having our annual Winter Social on December 13. We hope to see you all there! The next General Meeting is January 13 at 7 p.m. Register for the January General Meeting's Zoom access at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/811111111111">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/811111111111</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 Melissa Chojnacki at 919-210-0363 or (<a href="mailto:melissa.chojnacki@aol.com">melissa.chojnacki@aol.com</a>)</p>
6.	<p>The next <b>Show 'N Go</b> is scheduled for December 27. Registration is open on December 12 at this <a href="#">link</a>. Check the Show 'N Go flyer sent to you by Margaret and shared in this newsletter on page 45. Future Show 'N Gos are scheduled for: 🐾 Upcoming Dates: 12/27 Contact Margaret Culbertson by phone at (214) 926-4273. or email at <a href="mailto:texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">texasdaisy42002@yahoo.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 only</b> is: <b>trairndogsforever</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



<p>11.</p>	<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>
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>First Responder Discount Policy</b></p> <p>First responder discounts will be limited to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMT and Paramedics.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<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 Marye Boyce at <a href="mailto:maryeboyce200@gmail.com">maryeboyce200@gmail.com</a>.</p> 
<p>14.</p>	 <p><b>Train the Trainers (T3) Sessions</b></p> <p>Topic: Training Games          Date: TBD          Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>The next T3 session will be in January. Please watch your email for information from your training committee.</p> <p><b>Remember: 90% of dog training is getting your dog in the right state of mind to learn.</b></p>
<p>15.</p>	<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> 
<p>16.</p>	<p><b>Help Wanted by Technology Committee</b></p> <p>We need assistance setting up the technology for our hybrid meetings.</p> <p><a href="#">Donna Heishman</a>          Technology Committee</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Please <b>DO NOT turn the AC/Heater off or switch between the two settings.</b> It is on a program and set to jump from heat and cool as needed during the day. If turned off or on one setting it cannot cycle as needed. If it's too hot or too cold when you arrive and you do not know how to properly adjust it, please text me 214-926-4273. I can adjust it remotely.</p> <p><i>Margaret Culbertson</i></p>

# Information We Need to Know



18.

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



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

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

Thank you!

*Melissa Chojnacki*

19.

**Leash Reminder**

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



Thank you for your cooperation and keeping everyone safe.

*Training Committee*

20.

**Gate Configuration**

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



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

Happy Training,  
*Training Committee*

21.

**Rabies Certificates**

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

22.

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

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

# December 13

## Winter Awards Banquet and Dinner

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

### Celebrate the Season with Us!

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

### Event Details

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

### Special Features

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

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

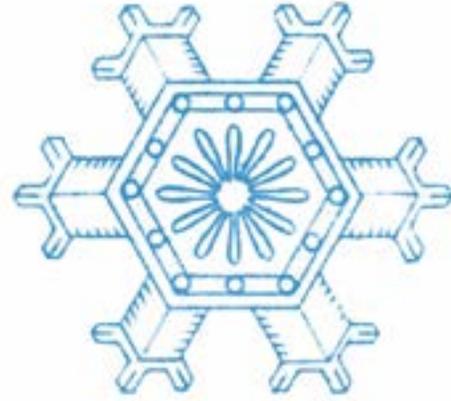
We look forward to seeing you and sharing a memorable afternoon together.

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

\*\*\*The Winter party is for humans only\*\*\*



# Coverdog Photo shoot



**Shannon Quinn's Riley  
enjoys a nice fall day in  
Michigan.**



## **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

Sheryll Barker's Theodore is ready for Christmas.



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



**Rex Wilhelm's Dakota**

**GCHS Capella's Mirabeau Blue Dakota Wynde FDC SWNE SWA SCAE  
SHDNE SCE SHDA CGC TKN ATT**



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot

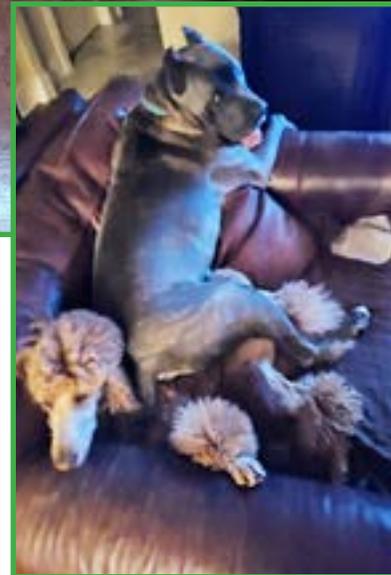
**Mona O’Gorman’s Percy when he was a “wee one.”**



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot

Melissa and Robert Chojnacki's Rizzo and Gozer are waiting and watching.  
"Have you seen the big guy yet?"



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot

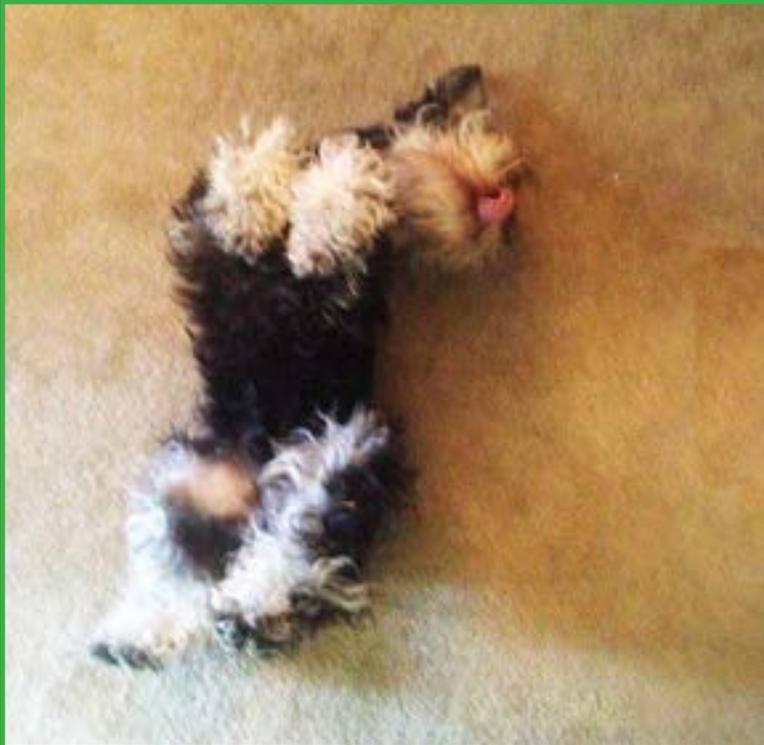


**Maysel McGown's Zara has versatility. Of course, she loves Fast CAT.**



# Coverdog Photo shoot

Lisa Wharton-Key has these two beautiful boys: Nugget and Jackson. They both bring her great joy.



# Coverdog

Photo shoot

Kinnie Hardaway's Piper is doing her favorite thing...searching for odor. Piper is also a Hero Dog. She scared away the bad guys. Way to go, Piper!



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



**Judy McClelland-Sherman's Wish**  
The two photos above were taken in early September when Wish turned 8 months old. The photo at right was taken in October, when Wish dressed up for Halloween as a Butterfly Princess.



# Coverdog Photo shoot



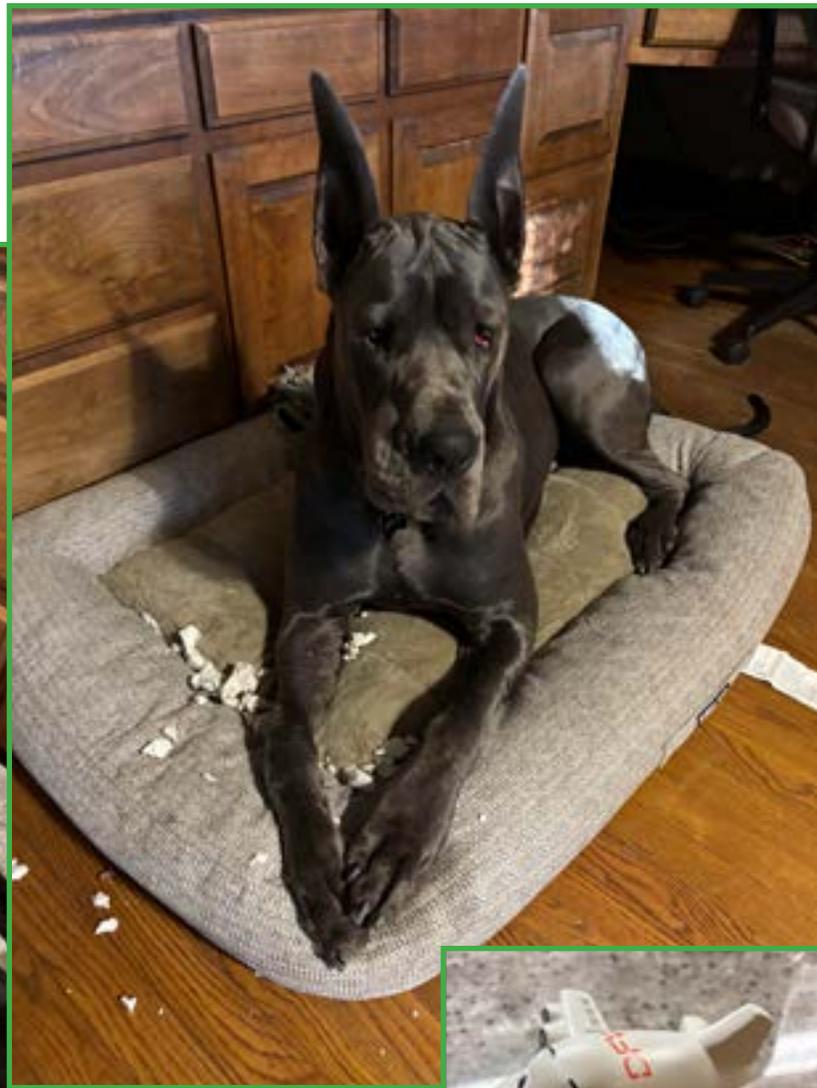
*What did mom  
get us this  
time?*

**Belinda Tantalo's Max and Luca. These beautiful dogs are Vizslas. These stunning photos were taken during a photoshoot at a barnhunting trial in McKinney at Christmas time 2024.**



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



David and Barbara Elliott have two beautiful Great Danes. Bailey, the black in the left photo, has been in the family for several years. Bruce joined the family last spring. (Bruce is this issue's CoverDog.) Bruce is still a puppy no matter how big he is. In the photo at left, Bruce is trying to get Bailey to play with him. She obviously wasn't interested. In the photo at right, Bruce "plays" with a small foam plane as seen in the smallest photo... Oh-oh! He had a little bit too much fun. It ended up in little, tiny pieces... Puppies are puppies no matter their size.



# Coverdog

## Photo shoot



Alexis Jan-kowski shares two pictures. At left is Stone Wood's Axel Gunner Steel stepping into the Winners Dog competition of the 2025 Italian Greyhound Nationals held in Little Rock. And the second photo



is his sister, Stone Wood's Oh My Goodness Gracie. Alexis has done a lot of research to get these and others in her kennel officially registered in the AKC.



# TRADER'S CORNER

## For Sale, Trade or Give-away:

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

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

We hope this will serve as a help to you. Questions? [pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)

# Reader's Choice



## Happy holidays to DTCDG! Love Benita and Raiden

### Kinnie Hardaway shared the following:

Q. What did the police officer do when he saw a dog giving birth on the side of the road?

A. He gave her a ticket for littering!!!

Q. Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog?

A. He wanted to get a long, little doggy! ☐

### Piper Ann, Professional Sniffer

by Kinnie Hardaway and ChatGPT

Piper Ann trots out, nose to the ground,  
Tail wagging steady — she's scent-spellbound.  
Forget the toys, forget the ball,  
She's on a mission to sniff it all.

She checks each corner, each tiny crack,  
Her snout's a compass — no scent off track.  
A whiff of cheese? A hint of treat?  
Her paws tap out a hunting beat.

Humans watch with bated breath,  
While Piper works like Sherlock's pet.  
A sniff, a pause, a double take —  
She's cracked the case — give her a steak!

Her victory dance? A wiggle, a spin,  
The crowd erupts — let the praise begin!  
Because in her world of smell and sound,  
Magic hides in the trails she's found.

So raise a cheer for Piper Ann,  
The scent detective with a plan.  
Her nose knows best — it always will —  
She's the queen of sniff, the search, the thrill.





**Miriam Inglehart shared:  
Christmas and volunteering with your  
dog. It does not get any better than that!**





**Shari Price and  
Teresa Reynolds'  
Vanessa with her  
lamb chop.**



**Ruth and Vernon Miles'  
William shows his  
Christmas spirit!**



### Changing of the guard:

(Above) Following the November General Meeting, past presidents of DTCCDC “kidnapped” 2025 President Ruth Miles and they all went out to get a drink and bless Ruth. Past Presidents included Lynda Holman, Donna Heishman, Lisa Whar-ton-Key, Shari Price, David Elliott and Margaret Culbertson. What a wonderful thing to do. Thanks to our great past presidents.

(Left) Ruth Miles addresses the club members for the last time as President.



Marye Boyce’s pup Jonny is very interested in that treat!



Tawny Schaffer and Cody

## Intermediate Class Report, Session 6

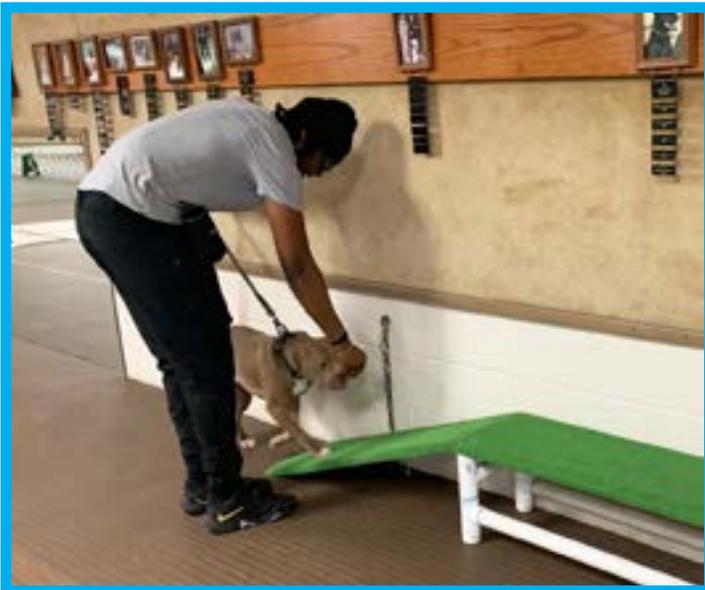
### **Instructor David Elliott**

On the last night of the intermediate class, we held a CGC test. I tested 2 handlers and their dogs. Kyrie Anderson and her dog Butters passed the test. (See her photo at right.) This is also Kyrie's 2<sup>nd</sup> class, and she is interested in becoming a member. Sissy Wallace also completed here 2nd class, and she would like to join the club too. Both plan on coming to the Christmas party and we can finish their paperwork. Sissy is a friend of Chris Swain and Kyrie will be a guest of Barbara and me.

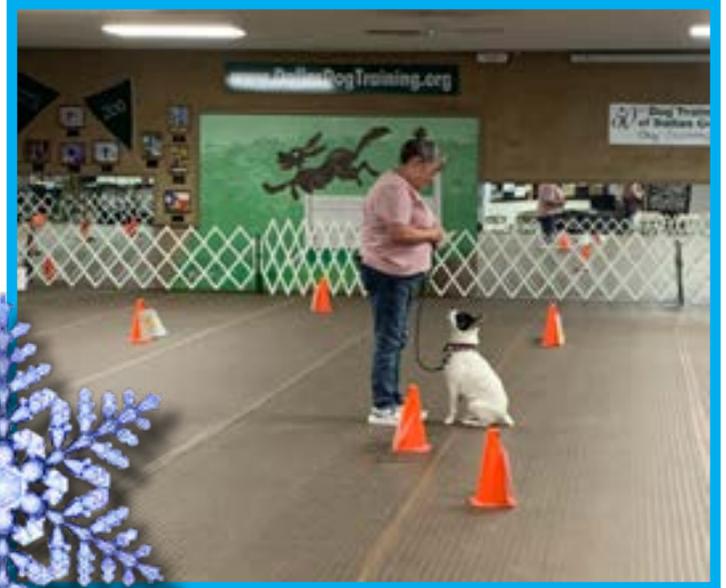


## **Session 6, Monday Beginner (photos by Melissa Jordan)**





## Session 6, Beginner Rally (Photos by Melissa Jordan)



Dog Training Club  
of Dallas County, Inc.

Celebrating

50 Years

Dog Training Excellence  
1974-2024

604 Crestside Drive  
Duncanville, Texas 75137

# Show 'N Go

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025  
Pre-Entries Only



<b>Classes Offered:</b>	Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad Nov, Novice, Beg Nov
<b>Details:</b>	\$9.00 first five minutes \$1.00 each additional minute (5-minute minimum/10-minute maximum) Start time depends on number of entries Any Entry May Do Group Sit/Down Stay Exercise
<b>Pre-Entry Details:</b>	“Events” on DTCDC website: <a href="http://dallasdogtraining.org">dallasdogtraining.org</a> Link: <a href="http://DTCDC Show &amp; Go">DTCDC Show &amp; Go</a> Entries open @ 8 a.m. Friday, December 12 Entries close @ Noon Thursday, December 25 (or when limit is reached) Preliminary run-thru emails will be distributed on Wednesday, December 24 Final run-thru emails will be sent the evening of Friday, December 26
<b>Upcoming Dates:</b>	12/27
<b>Questions:</b>	Margaret Culbertson (214) 926-4273 <a href="mailto:Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com">Texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com</a>



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



# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

## Sit Pretty

*Your dog sits up, raises both paws to his chest, and stays balanced.*



### Safety

Even though this trick looks simple, Sit Pretty requires your dog to have strong core muscles. Until his core is strong, practice this trick for no more than five minutes per day. If your dog has spine or hip health issues, or is a long-backed dog such as a Dachshund, you might not want to teach him Sit Pretty. Make sure to practice this trick on a non-slick surface. It can also be taught up against a wall if your dog seems more secure with the added support. You may want to spot (assist) your dog so he won't fall over.

### Visual Cue

With your elbow bent, flick your fist back toward your shoulder.

### Verbal Cue

"Sit pretty," "pretty," "beg," or "stick 'em up"

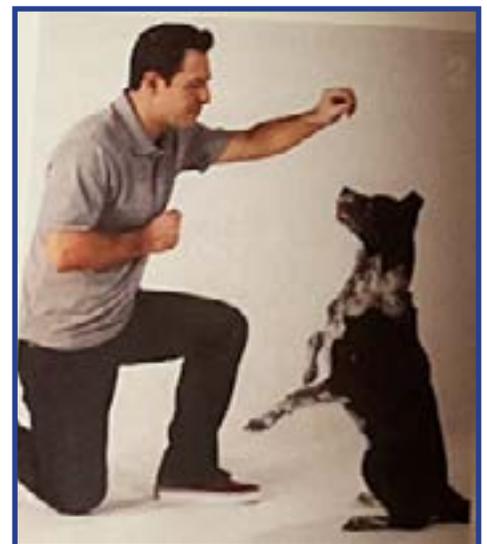
### Pro Tip

Some trainers prefer to distinguish Sit Pretty (your dog's paws are extended upward) and Beg (dog's wrists are bent forward). At this beginner level, teach your dog whichever paw position is easier. The subtle difference can be taught later.

### Step-by-Step

**1** Show your dog a couple of treats in your open palm, close your hand around them, and slide that hand toward his nose. When he leans toward it or paws the treats, slide that hand up above his head and in line with his hips so that he will reach straight up to get it.

**2** Name this trick right away. When both paws come off the floor, mark and deliver the treat as you say the verbal cue ("sit pretty").



Even a brief Sit Pretty pose is good at first, and it's okay if he falls over -- make sure he gets a treat for trying. Practice this step until he can consistently hold the pose for at least one second.

**3** Phase out the lure and phase in the visual cue. Lure with an air cookie and treat with your other hand. To shape your luring motion into the cue, begin with the air cookie high above your dog's head and let him see your fingertips curl into a fist as you dip the air cookie toward him and back. Little by little, start the air cookie higher as you shape

this curl-and-dip motion into a single, smooth cue. Add distance and show the hand cue farther away from your dog—no longer directly over his head.



### Many Paths to Victory

If your dog isn't getting it or needs to build his core strength as you go, try using a perch as an aid for your dog to grasp onto as he learns to balance upright. Your forearm makes a good perch (either kneel or sit in a chair and lower your arm to your dog's level), but if you'd rather use an object, try a broomstick secured safely between two chairs. Whatever perch you use must not wobble.

To start, lure him up onto the perch. With your dog sitting in front of the perch,



draw the lure from his eye level up over his head. When he raises one paw just an inch off the perch, mark it, and reward.

If the perch is your arm, lower that arm as you keep the lure steady over your dog's head. Little by little, lower your perch arm until he doesn't need it for balance.

If the perch is a pole, start with one end of the pole closer to the floor. Gradually move him from the lower end to the higher end.

As your dog learns the cue, try the trick without the perch, phasing it out over time. Continue luring as you help him rely less on the perch for balance.



## Pumpkin & Peanut Butter Bites for Dogs

### Ingredients

- 1 cup canned pumpkin purée (unsweetened, no spices)
- 1/2 cup natural peanut butter (ensure it's xylitol-free)
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats (ground into a flour)
- 1 tablespoon honey (optional, for sweetness)

### Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).

2. In a mixing bowl, combine the pumpkin purée, peanut butter, and optional honey. Mix until smooth.

3. Gradually add the oat flour, stirring until the mixture forms a soft dough.
4. Scoop the dough into small portions using a spoon or cookie scoop and press them into a greased or silicone-lined mini muffin tin.
5. Flatten the tops slightly with the back of a spoon.
6. Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until the bites are firm to the touch.
7. Allow the bites to cool completely before serving.



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**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 13 @ 7 P.M.**



**FEBRUARY PAWPRINT**

**THEME: 2025 RAINBOW BRIDGE**  
**DUE DATE: WED., JANUARY 21**

This issue features dogs who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2025.

**UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES**

JANUARY	No PawPrint
FEBRUARY	RAINBOW BRIDGE 2025
MARCH	TBD

**If you have any suggestions for the monthly themes, please send them to the email below:**

[pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)



**DECEMBER & JANUARY DOG CALENDAR:**

- Dec. 1: National Twin With Your Dog Day.
- Dec. 2: National Mutt Day.
- Dec. 4: 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.
- **January 2026**
- 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 des Flandres Day.
- Jan. 17: National Boxer Day.
- Jan. 19: National Conservation Dog Day.
- Jan. 22: National Yorkshire Terrier Day.
- Jan. 24: Change a Pet's Life Day.
- Jan. 24: Peanut Butter Day
- Jan. 29: Seeing Eye Guide Dog Anniversary.
- Jan. 31, Feb. 2-3: Westminster Week.



**T**here are scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for them, please contact a DTCCDC Board member or Training Committee member.



## **TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In keeping with the club's mission and in recognition of the hard work of both dog and handler, the Terri Clary Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the canine/handler pair that has made the most progress overcoming significant training challenges. This Scholarship allows dog and handler to come back to the next session of beginner obedience classes, free of charge, to allow them both to meet their goals.

## **Junior Scholarship**

A club member has anonymously given \$1000 to start a Junior Scholarship and have this open to other members donating to keep it going. Eligible young people age 16 or younger with a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 are eligible. The student may receive it twice and will be eligible to receive help for their first year of membership in the club. Please let Margaret Culbertson and the current President know if you are aware of a student who qualifies and wants training for their dog. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship, monies may be submitted using the small lock box in the cabinet inside the main door to the building. Simply put the money or check in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope for Junior Scholarship.





# DTCDC Bulletin Board

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*From THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF DALLAS COUNTY, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.  
As Amended as of November 10, 2020. Article II, Section 1: Membership*



## AKC CGC Evaluator Opportunity

Want to become a new AKC CGC Evaluator and train S.T.A.R. Puppies for DTCCDC? We have an independent sponsor who can help you with your first AKC evaluator fee!

Anyone interested in becoming a new AKC Evaluator, who meets AKC requirements, and commits to teach at least two STAR Puppy classes their first year, please contact our training committee for more info. Offer is limited to two new evaluators per year.

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## AED - Automated External Defibrillator Installed



The AED Committee completed purchasing and installing the AED device.

In case of an emergency and you need to use it:

- First thing you need to do is get someone to call 911 using the club landline phone located in the small storage room.
- The instructions for its use are inside the box the AED is located in.



Ring caught the motion of a stray dog behind the building on our property. It has been seen several times. As previously mentioned: be careful. Keep your dogs on a leash.



**This is being provided for your information only.**



Tri-City Animal Shelter posted on their website (<https://www.cedarhilltx.com/66/Animal-Shelter>) that they are low on dry kibble and could use donations. They use Purina One and Kirkland brand as their primary brands.

DTCDC used to be very active with Tri-City before 2020.

You can drop them off at their location:

1150 E Pleasant Run Road  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Phone: 972-293-7387

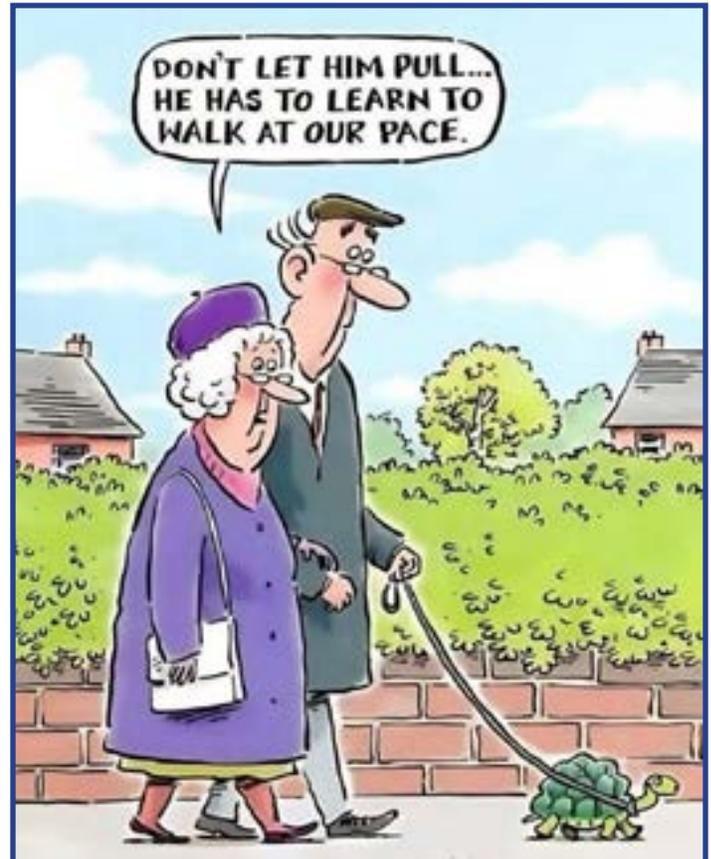
If it is easier, they also posted Amazon and Chewy wish lists:

**Chewy Wishlist:** [https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter\\_b71563199](https://www.chewy.com/g/tri-city-animal-shelter_b71563199)

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

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

# JUST 4 FUN





**IN DOG SPORTS, IT FEELS LIKE THERE IS ALWAYS PRESSURE TO LEVEL UP. TO TITLE. TO MOVE UP TO THE NEXT CLASS. TO SHOW MORE. MAYBE EVEN TO GET A NEW SPORT OR SHOW PROSPECT.**

**HERE'S A REMINDER TO JUST BE WHERE YOU ARE AND TO ENJOY IT.**

GOODHANDLING | 11-19





**Pat Ingram brags:**

Paris finished FCat Nov 23, at the DFW Tracking trial.



**Mona O’Gorman brags:**

On Saturday and Sunday Percy was in Obedience and Rally. On Saturday he earned a 194 and first place. His first leg beginner novice. Sunday he earned his first leg in Rally Novice.



FETCH legs on October 8 at Dancing Dogs under judge Susan Ramsbottom. So very proud of these boys!



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

The LSDOC put on two fun and well run trials. Mary Waugh Swindell once again had fun courses and a relaxed atmosphere.

Dio and I had a fun time showing and spending time with awesome friends.

**Pam Chrystal brags:**

On October 17, Maverick and Dio finished their Retriever FETCH titles, Maverick under judge Susan Beldon and Dio under Judge Mary Waugh Swindell. Both boys earned their first Retriever



**Marye Boyce brags:**



At the Vehicle Search held at Hawaiian Falls on November 2, Johnny received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Superior B Vehicles.

**Georgann Hughes brags:**



Miss Spice and I went to the UKC Nosework trials in Roanoke (TX) hosted by North Texas Nose-

work Club November 1 and 2. We were entered in Novice Vehicles and Exteriors to try to finish her Novice Nosework title. We did qualify and earn her Novice Vehicles title, but only got one leg in Exteriors, so fell short of the overall title. We were pretty rusty, since we haven't trialed since last March and have had trouble getting out to other practice areas, still, I am very proud of this silly, very energetic girl!

Special thanks to Kadee Inglehart for walking Spice to and from the search areas for me when my legs weren't working as well as usual.

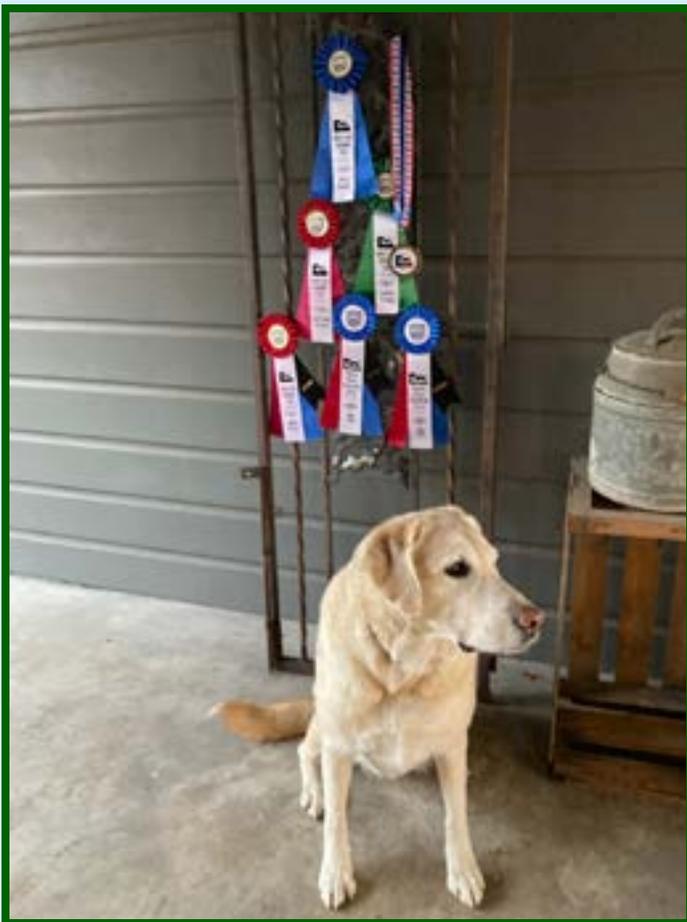
**Mary Ann Magness brags:**

Kat finished her Rally Intermediate title in 4th place both days. She got her 1<sup>st</sup> 2 legs for her CD in second place both days. MPossible Girl On Fire CGC TKN RI



**Jose Rodriguez and Steve Weir brag:**

Eichler and Ruffino had lots of fun at the Mesquite Fast Cat. 10-year-old Eichler earned his Fast Cat 3. Ruffino may have secured his 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive AKC Fast Cat top dog in breed height class and his 2026 Invitational ranking with 3 27+ mph runs. He also earned his Fast Cat 5.



**Benita Zapata brags:**

Nov. 1 - UKC Nosework Trials

Interior Superior Leg  
Container Superior First Place  
Exterior Superior First Place  
Vehicle Superior First Place  
Vehicle Superior NEW Title

Nov. 2 - Superior Level

Container Second Place and NEW Title  
Exterior First place  
Interior Leg  
Vehicle Advance Third Place  
All legs and titles go towards Raiden's Grand  
Champion Title  
Trials were hosted by North Texas Nose Work  
Club

**Alexis Jankowski brags:**



Treasure earned her Novice Vehicles (NV) and Novice Exteriors (NE) on November 1st with the North Texas Nose Work Club! This gave her the overall Novice Nosework title! Then, she earned her UKC Championship title with the North East Texas America Eskimo Dog Association on November 22!

She shall henceforth be known as: UKC CH NN Spur Creek's Treasured Velvet at Stone Desert FDC DCAT SEN SBN CGCA STR TKN ATT FITB



Axel earned his UKC Championship also with NETAEDA in Corsicana on November 23! I am so

proud of everything we have been able to achieve together!

His official name is now: UKC CH DASH Stone Wood's Axel Gunner Steel BCAT CGCA CGCU STR TKN ATT



Gracie earned her BCAT in October in Belton. She also made significant progress in her UKC CH hunt. But in the meantime, she and Axel also finished their Farm Dog Certi-

fication (title application pending)



I was so proud of Sizzle working through her fears of traffic and public spaces at the UKC nosework trial in Roanoke. She earned her Novice Container title on November 2!!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for all classes of membership shall be payable in full on or before January 1 of a calendar year. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after January 31st of each club year.

By selecting Active Individual or Active Family Membership, I agree to meet the requirements of Active Membership as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the DTCCDC Constitution and Bylaws as shown below:

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**Payment Options:**

- 1) **Mail** completed form and check payable to DTCCDC to:  
 Dog Training Club of Dallas County  
 P.O. Box 380104  
 Duncanville, TX 75138-0104  
 Mail is not accepted at the Club's physical address.
- 2) Leave completed form and check in **Drop box** at Club - located in right side of white cabinet closest to front door.
- 3) **Online** with PayPal or credit/debit card at [www.DallasDogTraining.org](http://www.DallasDogTraining.org)  
 Log in at **DTCCDC MEMBERS** and select **Membership Renewal**  
**Automatic annual renewal option is available.** Dues can be deducted annually on the date you determine.

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### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Printed Name(s):

Check One:     \$50 Active Individual     \$75 Active Family     \$20 Junior     \$20 Associate     Lifetime

- Check this box if this is a change in membership level to **Associate** - Notify the Secretary.
- Check this box if this is a change from Associate to a **Family** or **Individual** membership - Notify the Board.
- Check this box to opt out of Sunshine related expenses including plants and cards.

Emergency Contact - include name, phone and relationship:

Please list any talents you possess that may benefit the club (for example: carpentry, computers, accounting/bookkeeping, photography/videography, organizing activities, etc):

Are you interested in serving on a committee?

**Complete the following questions ONLY for changes to the Roster or mark for  No Changes**

Address:

Email:

Phone Numbers (Home, Work, Cell - please indicate which type(s) & for which family member):

Dog's Information - Call Name/Breed/Highest Earned Titles - Do you want any dogs to be removed from the roster?

*Dues questions - [treasurer@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:treasurer@dallasdogtraining.org)*

*Website assistance - Glen O'Gorman [webmaster@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:webmaster@dallasdogtraining.org)*

*Roster questions - Margaret Culbertson at [dogtrainingroster@gmail.com](mailto:dogtrainingroster@gmail.com) or by mail: Margaret Culbertson, 227 Magic Lane, Sunnyvale, TX 75182*