



# Clublicity

Dayton Dog Training Club  
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## DDTC offers all levels of the AKC CGC Program®

Dogs that are less than one year of age at the start of classes receive the AKC STAR Puppy evaluation in Week 7 of training. STAR puppies are friendly to people and other dogs, accept hugging and grooming, walk on a leash, and sit, lie down, and come on command.

Dogs in our Intermediate classes receive the AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluation in Week 8 of training. The CGC test measures a dog's reactions to other dogs and to people in several circumstances. Training for the CGC test gives a dog and handler a good foundation for continuing in training, for competition, and for a variety of activities from therapy and service work to search and rescue.

Community Canine is the next step for owners who want to prove their dogs' skills in natural settings. Instead of taking place in a ring, this test takes place in the community and involves a variety of exercises to show the dog is under control at all times in spite of distractions.

We also offer AKC STAR, Canine Good Citizen, and Community Canine evaluations to the public twice a year after our Early Fall and Spring Obedience and Rally Training Sessions.

For questions about the DDTC AKC CGC program, send email to:  
[akccgcprogram@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:akccgcprogram@daytondogtraining.com)



# New Agility Grand Champion Title Awards Begin July 6

The AKC Board approved a grand champion title in agility beginning July 6, 2016, by unanimous consent at its December 2015 meeting. The title recognizes the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all classes in the AKC agility program, including FAST, Time 2 Beat, and the premier classes.

Dogs earning the AGCH title must earn the following number of qualifying scores at the highest level of these classes:

- Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100 each;
- Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75 each;
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW– 50 each.

These qualifying scores may come from either the regular or preferred classes or a combination of both classes. Qualifying legs back to July 1, 1999, will count towards the title.



**DDTC now offers bi-monthly agility run-throughs.**

**See the schedule & rules at**

**<http://www.daytondogtraining.com/assets/ddtc-agility-run-thru-flyer.pdf>**

# Obedience and Rally Member Training Ring Protocol

On nights that we hold Obedience and Rally classes, there are posts outside of each ring with clipboards holding Member Ring Sign-up Sheets. Whenever there is not an official class in one of those rings a member can sign up to use that ring for a 15- minute period.

The instructors for the 6:45 p.m. class slot automatically have their assigned ring beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The instructors for the 7:45 p.m. class slot automatically have their assigned ring until 9 p.m.

It is extremely important that members that use these rings also use the ring sign-up sheet. It lets other members know when the ring is open. It lets me know how often and when the ring is used. I collect these sheets and use them when planning classes for the next session.

In order for it to be fair to all members, when you use a ring open for member training you may sign up for one 15-minute slot. When you are done with that time period, if no one else has signed up and no one is waiting to use the ring you may then and only then sign up for another 15-minute slot. You may only sign up on the night you are there; there is no signing up for slots weeks ahead of time.

Please pay attention to your time, especially when other people are waiting. As the club has gotten more members sometimes there can be multiple people wanting to use the member training rings. Please be courteous to other club members. It is up to you to enter and exit the ring at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Darlene Rak  
Obedience and Rally DOT



## Have you ever wondered what your dog might have in common with professional detection dogs?

Well, they actually have quite a bit in common. All dogs have an amazing sense of smell and the ability to locate odors that humans can't even detect. DDTC offers classes in the exciting new sport of Nosework to highlight and harness this amazing ability.

For more information, contact Laura Martin at Dogs On Target, LLC (laura@dogsontarget.com or 937-681-6538), and check for class details at <http://www.daytondogtraining.com/classes.html>.

# Braggs and Accomplishments

**Congratulations to all members  
who have achieved titles  
and other milestones with their dogs.**

**Anita Eisthen** has three Labrador Retrievers that qualified for the Rally National Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 19-20: **Aspen** in the RAE class and her daughters **T-Bird** in Advanced and **Cali** in Novice. My friend, DDTC member **Cynthia Cozad-Rudinger** has **Tank** – a brother of T-Bird and Cali – who also qualified for Novice. I co-own Tank, but Cindy really owns and shows him. Having four dogs from the same family qualified (and hopefully entered) will be thrilling. That is, if we get in!

**Trisha and Howard Bierley** welcomed **Paris's** baby **Joy** to the family. The puppy is nine weeks old in the photo.

From **Kate Stephenson**: At 9-1/2 years old, **Justice** finally finished her Novice Standard Preferred title in fine form with a score of 100. She is now Genesis BasqueLaine Catherine Crier CD RE NAP NJP. There was a time that I thought this would be an impossible goal, and now that it has been achieved, I couldn't be happier! Justice is my first home-bred keeper dog, my first home-bred titled dog, and my first agility dog — and she is a huge piece of my very heart and soul.

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Justice

(photo by Columbus Sports Photography Network, [www.cspnphoto.com](http://www.cspnphoto.com))



Paris and Joy

# AKC starts the New Year with two new breeds

The American Hairless Terrier and the Sloughi began competing as fully recognized AKC breeds on January 1.

## American Hairless Terrier



Joining the Terrier group, the American Hairless Terrier is a small to medium sized, active terrier measuring 12-16 inches at the withers. Ancestors of the breed hunted rats and other vermin but today the breed excels in many AKC dog events. The AHT comes in both a hairless and a coated variety, and the coated dogs still carry the hairless gene.

The breed originated in the American South in the 1970s as a natural variation of the Rat Terrier and is an easy-care, lively, intelligent and friendly companion that triggers fewer allergic reactions than other breeds.

For more information, visit the website of the American Hairless Terrier Club of America (<http://www.ahtca.info/>).

## Sloughi

An ancient breed from North Africa, the Sloughi came to the US in 1973. Treasured in its homeland for its hunting skills, speed, agility, and endurance over long distances, the Sloughi is noble and somewhat reserved, with a gentle, melancholy expression. Bred to hunt foxes, jackals, and gazelles, this dog will run after anything that catches its fancy, so exercise should be on leash or in a fenced yard. Its smooth coat requires a weekly brushing.

The Sloughi is a medium-sized, smooth-coated, athletic sighthound. Males measure 26-29 inches and females from 24-27 inches at the withers. It will compete in the Hound Group.

For more information, visit the website of the American Sloughi Association (<http://sloughi-international.com/>).



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To become an AKC-recognized breed there must be a minimum number of dogs geographically distributed throughout the US, as well as an established breed club of responsible owners and breeders. These breeds (such as the Caucasian Ovcharika often seen at DDTC obedience and Rally trials) are still working towards full recognition as part of AKC's Foundation Stock Service (<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/groups/foundation-stock-service/>).

# Mushers get ready for another running of the Last Great Race



Eighty-six mushers and their teams of well-conditioned, eager sled dogs will start the Iditarod in Willow, Alaska, on March 6, 2016. Some teams will falter and drop out at one of more than 20 checkpoints along the 975-mile trail, but a substantial number will enter Nome in the grueling contest that has seen winners cross the finish line in less than nine days.

The hardy adventurers who pack their sled, hitch their teams, and hit the trail are brothers and sisters to their predecessors who blazed wilderness trails and settled our 49th state. Along the way, these

mushers and their dogs could face blizzards and blowing snow, rough mountain terrain, treacherous ice on the Yukon River and the shores of Norton Sound, encounters with dangerous wildlife, and biting cold that chills the bones and numbs the limbs. Yet the vast majority of starters are veterans, many of them in their 50s and 60s.

The race has a ceremonial start near Anchorage in the southern part of the state and an official re-start at Willow the following day. The distance from Willow to the first checkpoint at Yentna Station is 42 miles; distances between the remaining checkpoints range from 18 miles to 85 miles.

Although it commemorates a time when Alaska was a frontier land dependent on rough and tumble mushers to carry mail and goods between villages and keep gold miners in touch with the outside world, the Iditarod race is tightly controlled. Mushers must qualify to participate, carry required survival equipment including booties and emergency rations for the dogs, sign in and out at checkpoints, take a mandated 24-hour rest break and two eight-hour breaks, and keep a veterinary log describing dog care and conditions.

## The dogs

Health and well-being of the dogs is paramount. They must be up-to-date on vaccinations and pass veterinary screenings before the race and veterinary exams at checkpoints during the race. The first exam is several weeks prior to the race and includes bloodwork and a cardiogram; a final exam takes place a few days prior to the race start. The rules prohibit the use of drugs or other treatments that mask symptoms of illness or injury and race veterinarians have the authority to disqualify any dog that does not pass an exam.

Teams must start with 12-16 dogs and finish with at least five dogs. Dogs that become sick or injured on the trail ride on the sled to the next checkpoint; volunteer bush pilots fly sick or injured dogs to Nome until the musher finishes the race. A dog death on the trail triggers an investigation to determine cause.

The rules require that dogs must be "suitable for arctic travel," thus disqualifying breeds such as the Standard Poodles used by a musher from 1989-91. Most mushers use Alaskan Huskies,



A five-year-old female Alaskan Husky from musher Doug Swingley's kennel

dogs of medium size and wide-ranging type bred for hardiness, athletic ability, and willingness to pull. Some mushers use Siberian Huskies.

The 40-plus veterinarians manning Iditarod checkpoints are volunteers with an interest in sled dogs and canine athletes in general. Many of them are members of the International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association, a group working to improve the welfare of sled dogs and support research of these canine athletes. Biennial conferences conducted by the group include researchers discussing such topics as antibiotic therapy for diarrhea, advances in sled dog nutrition, conditioning for the canine athlete, and rehabilitation for spinal or limb injuries.

## The 2016 race

Eighty-five mushers will line up at the starting line in this year's race. Most are from Alaska; a few are from other states or from Canada, Norway, and Sweden. Most are veterans, including four-time winners Jeff King, Lance Mackey, and Martin Buser; three-time winner Dallas Seavey and his father, two-time winner Mitch Seavey; and perennial top-10 finisher DeeDee Jonrowe. The younger Seavey won in 2014 and 2015; his time last year was eight days, 18 hours, 13 minutes, and six seconds.

# Health Foundation announces grant to fight canine cancer

The AKC Canine Health Foundation started 2016 with a grant to better understand and prevent hemangiosarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer in dogs.

Announced in January, the combined pledge of \$432 thousand came from three breed foundations whose dogs suffer from this cruel disease: the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, the Golden Retriever Foundation, and the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation.

Dr. Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota, will lead a team of researchers on the project entitled "A Novel Approach for Prevention of Canine Hemangiosarcoma." Their aim is to pair two new technologies: a patented test to detect hemangiosarcoma cells in blood samples and a treatment that attacks the cells that establish and maintain the disease.

According to Dr. Modiano, "Hemangiosarcoma is the cause of death for an estimated one out of every five Golden Retrievers in the United States. Portuguese Water Dogs and Boxers also have an especially high risk for this disease which is devastating for all dogs. Hemangiosarcoma is incurable partly because the cancer is detected at a very advanced stage when it is resistant to conventional therapies. Thus, an unconventional approach to improve outcomes for hemangiosarcoma patients will involve effective methods for early detection and for disease prevention."

CHF will oversee administration of funds and scientific progress; work will begin immediately.

For more information about the AKC Canine Health Foundation, visit the website at <http://www.akcCHF.org/>. CHF has a series of podcasts specifically for performance dogs at <http://www.akcCHF.org/canine-health/canine-athlete-performance-dogs/>.

# SPRING 2016 SESSION START DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2016 Session Begins March 7-10 for All Classes  
Agility \* Conformation \* Obedience \* Rally

Agility Trials—March 12 and 13 at the DDTC Facility  
<http://daytondogtraining.com/assets/march-2016-agility-premium.pdf>

General Membership Meeting—March 18  
Nominations from the floor will be taken at this meeting.

Tracking Test—April 10  
Five Rivers Metro Park Germantown & Twin Creeks Reserves.  
<http://daytondogtraining.com/assets/2016-premium-list.pdf>

## Special DDTC classes

**Looking for something different? Try ...**

**Games Galore**, a class to improve the dog/handler relationship and the dog's obedience skills & manners through play & games.

**Want to get ready for performance competition? Try ...**

**Basic Obedience for Performance**, a class geared for handlers considering agility or other performance competition but whose dogs are young and not yet ready for jumping & for handlers whose dogs have little off-leash experience.

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