



# Clublicity

Dayton Dog Training Club  
October 2016

## Wahoo! We're growing again!

Due to popular demand for more space for obedience and agility classes and the potential for adding permanent space for Nosework classes, the DDTC Board has worked out a deal to rent additional adjacent space from Orbit.

As a result, we are adding about 3200 square feet to our clubhouse. The new addition is toward the north end of the hallway (direction opposite the lake) between the Puppy Room and the main Obedience instruction rings. The new square shaped area will make room for new or additional Obedience classes and storage. This will allow all the Obedience classes to move to the north end of the building, giving the Agility classes more room at the south end. Building owner Jim Arnett of Orbit and his crew have been painting and make fixes to walls, ceilings, etc., and the new area will be ready for us to add our finishing touches by October 1.

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## More changes: the turf is coming, the turf is coming!

The south end of the clubhouse will be noticeably greener in late October when we install the Grass Tex PL307 artificial turf, a product also used for indoor and outdoor putting greens. This green turf will give all dogs and their handlers, but especially Agility competitors, much better footing than our current matting offers. Agility facilities in Ohio, Colorado, Texas and Florida have this same turf. The seven rolls of turf will cover a 98-square-foot area.

The turf is paid for by a successful fundraising campaign that collected more than \$26 thousand towards the cost through donations, candy and shirt sales, and other events. The turf will be installed after the October obedience and Rally trials.



## Conformation at DDTC

Don't forget... DDTC now offers a structured Conformation class in addition to our Conformation run-thrus. This class is for someone who wants to learn more about properly preparing and showing a dog in Conformation competition. Held on Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m., the class is for owners of purebred dogs eligible to compete for a championship title. Unlike the run-thrus, it has a structured curriculum with focus on teaching handlers the skills necessary to show a dog. Junior handlers are welcome. Currently offered in the Summer and Late Fall sessions. The cost is \$75 for the eight-week session.

Walk-in conformation run-thrus continue Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. during the weeks of the Obedience and Rally class sessions. Cost is \$5 per night for non-DDTC club members.

## 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

# The process for becoming a club member has changed

We have changed the process for becoming a Regular Member of our club to bring the process into compliance with our new Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the AKC,

Each person wishing to become a Dayton Dog Training Club member must apply as a Training Privilege Member on a form approved by the Board of Directors. The form requires the applicant to agree to abide by the constitution and Bylaws of the Club, the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, and all rules and regulations of the Club and the AKC. The application fee is currently \$25.

The application goes to the Financial Secretary for a Board vote at the first meeting of the Board following the receipt of the application. The applicant then has one calendar year from the Board approval date to complete the requirements for Regular Membership, unless the Board allows an extension due to extenuating circumstances.

The Training Privilege Member shall have all of the privileges of Regular Members except voting in elections, holding, or qualifying for a building key. The Training Privilege Member will receive a \$25 discount for classes.

A Training Privilege Member applying for Regular Membership will have to provide documentation of the following:

- Attendance at two regular membership meetings, unless excused by the Board;
- An AKC Performance, Companion, or Conformation title (Canine Good Citizen Titles are excluded) on a dog OR satisfactory attendance at DDTC training classes during at least two sessions within the year.
- An AKC title earned prior to becoming an applicant qualifies for this requirement; and
- Volunteering a minimum of 25 hours at club events, including instructing during the Club Applicant year.

A volunteer coordinator (currently Kathilyn Bigler) will notify the Training Privilege member of volunteering opportunities.

Training Privilege Members will be eligible for a teaching voucher if they instruct or assist in a class.

Appropriate forms are on the website (<http://www.daytondogtraining.com/members.html>) and hard copies are available on the table in the East Lobby.

Questions? Please contact any Board member.

# Questions, questions, does anyone have questions??

## **General Club Questions?**

Please call 937-293-5219

## **Agility Questions?**

Contact Dennis Steinke at [Wetry4par@aol.com](mailto:Wetry4par@aol.com)

## **Obedience and/or Rally Class Questions?**

Contact Corky Andrews at 937-434-3822

## **Tracking Questions?**

Contact Richard Eppley at [trackingdot@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:trackingdot@daytondogtraining.com)

## DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



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AKC Delegate: Barbara Mann

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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



*Victor and Anak  
(Photo by Thomas Woolf)*

**Judy Collopy's** Border Collie **Bobby** has earned both his Graduate Novice and Companion Dog Excellent titles. Go Bobby!

**Victor Kaftal** and his Canaan Dog **Anak** are well on their way to the UKC Rally Invitational with a big September weekend of trials at Carnation City. They competed in four trials in two days and earned a combined score of 799 points out of a possible 800, placing first or second in all but one class. Anak topped off the weekend with a reserve best in show in the conformation ring.

**Lisa Reier's Sunny (Red Barn Magic Lula's Little Miss Sunshine CGC)**, earned her first qualifying score in Beginner Novice at DDTC on July 16, placing fourth in Beginner Novice A with a

score of 191. On July 17, she earned her second leg, placing second in the class with a score of 195. Sunny then finished both Rally Novice and Beginner Novice titles at the Miami Valley Trial Cluster at DDTC. On August 12, she placed first in Rally Novice A, with a score of 81. On August 13, she earned her first AKC obedience title with third place in Beginner Novice A. Also same day she placed 2nd in Rally Novice A with a score of 88. She also placed second in Rally Novice A with a score of 88 and followed that on August 14 with another second place and her title.

*Editor's Note from Norma: Boy, did I goof in the last issue! I incorrectly identified Sue Peterson's Jacqui as a Cardigan Welsh Corgi and apologize profusely. Here's Jacqui's correct brag:*

**Sue Peterson** and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi **Jaqui (Brynlea Fascinatin Rhythm)** finished their Rally Novice title at the DDTC trials.



# AKC suspends use of the collapsed tunnel in agility trials

After concerns raised by the Agility community involving the collapsed tunnel, AKC suspended the use of this obstacle following a staff meeting to address concerns about its use.

According to Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility, the chute has had problems as performances have become faster and higher level classes have become more complex.

The AKC Board concurred with agility field representatives that the safety of the dogs was the first priority. As a result, use of the collapsed tunnel was suspended on August 30.

As of August 30, 2016, the AKC will suspend the use of the collapsed tunnel in all courses until the concerns can be resolved. Judges will be contacted by their Field Representative to review how to adopt this immediate change.



# AKC defends freedom of choice

On August 8, the AKC Board of Directors unanimously approved a new position statement on pet choice. The statement takes a strong stand in support of education and responsible pet selection as a foundation for successful long-term pet ownership. The statement also affirms AKC's opposition to legislation that restricts freedom of choice in selecting a pet or requires individuals or retailers to obtain pets solely from shelter or rescue distributors.

## ***Pet Choice***

*The American Kennel Club emphatically supports freedom of choice in selecting a pet. AKC actively promotes efforts to ensure that people are educated, understand the demands of responsible ownership and have access to a pet that is right for them. AKC strongly opposes any measure that restricts choice by compelling people and/or retailers to obtain pets solely from shelter or rescue distributors.*

Background: For more than 18 months, AKC has monitored dozens of proposed local ordinances and several state bills that ban the sale of purpose-bred puppies from licensed breeders in retail pet shops and require retailers to sell only animals sourced from rescues or shelters.

Such laws regressively punish licensed breeders of purpose-bred pets, while harming pet owners, small businesses and the general public. Ironically, they ban the single most regulated and vetted sources of pets (including breeders and handlers subject to federal licensing) while promoting the sales or adoption of pets obtained from sources that have little or no regulatory oversight and that are not subject to federal licensing, state consumer protection laws or other consumer guarantees.

When regulated sources of healthy, purpose-bred puppies are banned, it creates a vacuum that is filled with dogs from unregulated sources that may lack even basic health and temperament checks. It also opens up local markets for the importing and sale of unhealthy or temperamentally unsound dogs from overseas, such as the recent import of rabid dogs from the Middle East. (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6449a2.htm>)

Bans on pet choice slash the opportunities for individuals to obtain an appropriate pet for their lifestyle. Matching a pet to the lifestyle of the owner is one of the most important factors in assuring long-term success for a pet in its new home. When governments attempt to limit the legitimate sources from which a person may obtain a pet, it not only interferes with individual freedoms, it decreases the likelihood that prospective owners can find the right match for long-term success and increases the likelihood that the pet will end up in a shelter.

*Editor's note: Several Ohio cities have banned the retail sale of purpose-bred puppies from regulated commercial kennels and allow only sales of rescue and shelter dogs in pet stores. The pet industry group PIJAC has worked with Ohio lawmakers to pass a state law banning these ordinances but the effort has failed so far.*

*Update: The State of Arizona has passed a law barring legislation that requires pet stores to sell only rescue or shelter dogs. Story is at <http://tinyurl.com/j7uz66l>.*

# AKC Canine Health Foundation advances tick-borne disease research to benefit dogs

AKC Canine Health Foundation has awarded five grants to study tick-borne diseases and their impact on dogs through its Tick-Borne Disease Initiative.  
(<http://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/your-dogs-health/caring-for-your-dog/ticks.html>)

Tick-borne diseases are an important group of emerging infectious diseases that impact both dogs and their people. As the geographic range of ticks continues to expand, all dogs can be affected by these diseases year-round. The CHF initiative addresses health concerns that include Lyme disease, bartonellosis, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis through research in diagnostics, disease pathogenesis and prevalence.

The initiative received a \$100 thousand leadership gift from a benefactor, a combined \$50 thousand gift from the English Springer Spaniel Foundation and English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, and generous gifts from many individuals, dog clubs, and foundations, and the matching donations from the American Kennel Club, to drive progress in this important research for dogs.

The initial five grants include research to improve diagnostics and enhance practical understanding of tick-borne diseases, including effects of these infections on blood cells, the canine blood donor population, disease prevalence in dogs, and treatment recommendations. One of these grants will help fund work being done on canine Lyme disease at Ohio State University.

To learn more about CHF's Tick-Borne Disease Initiative, including research outcomes and free educational resources, visit [www.akcchf.org/ticks](http://www.akcchf.org/ticks).

Funding for CHF grants comes from sources including corporations, dog clubs and foundations, and individuals who are committed to the betterment of canine health through scientific research. During 2016, AKC will match, dollar for dollar, donations from new and lapsed donors (last donation 12/31/2013.)

## Dog Emergency First Aid

AKC has a free downloadable book on dog emergency first aid:

<http://tinyurl.com/z3qtb71>





## Next Clublicity Deadline

November 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Send articles and brags to [clublicity@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:clublicity@daytondogtraining.com). Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name & registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.

## The canine legacy of the 9/11 attacks on the US

<http://www.akc.org/news/the-legacy-of-9-11-dogs-15-years-later/>



## Motel 6 offers a 10% nationwide discount to owners of AKC-registered dogs.

*To receive the discount guests must reference the AKC account number CP542764*

- 100% of Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly
- Motel 6 Does NOT charge a Pet Fee
- Motel 6 Does NOT have weight limits on pets
- Motel 6 allows 2 pets per room

Reservations can be made at 800-4-MOTEL6 (800-466-8356), or with any Motel 6 property directly, or by clicking here: <http://tinyurl.com/jjqdvbc>

# New law makes deliberate cruelty a felony

Deliberate cruelty to animals is now a felony offense in Ohio. As of September 13, anyone convicted of a violation can be sentenced to a year in jail and a \$2500 fine. The law defines serious physical harm as

- Physical harm that carries an unnecessary or unjustifiable substantial risk of death;
- Physical harm that involves either partial or total permanent incapacity;
- Physical harm that involves acute pain of a duration that results in substantial suffering or that involves any degree of prolonged or intractable pain;
- Physical harm that results from a person who confines or who is the custodian or caretaker of a companion animal depriving the companion animal of good, wholesome food and water that proximately causes the death of the companion animal.

Negligent treatment of animals remains a second degree misdemeanor on a first offence and a first degree misdemeanor on subsequent offenses. The law defines negligence as a cruel act against an animal and a failure to provide adequate food, water, or shelter if that failure is likely to result in animal suffering.

The law also includes new sections, one that provides a mechanism for the development of materials to help veterinarians identify owners who are using their pets to obtain opioid drugs, another that tightens penalties for attacks on police dogs or horses, and a third that prohibits humane societies from using their own attorneys to prosecute cases that involve felony cruelty. Felony cases will be handled by county prosecutors.

Governor Kasich signed the bill into law on June 13. Ohio animal cruelty law is included in Section 959.131 and 959.132 of the Ohio Revised Code.



# Scientists want to add years to canine lives

Scientists at the University of Washington have launched The Dog Aging Project, a longitudinal study of aging in dogs. The study involves two major aims: a comprehensive study of gaining in pet dogs and an intervention trial to prevent disease and extend healthy longevity in middle-aged dogs and are creating a network of pet owners, veterinarians, and scientific partners that will facilitate enrolling and monitoring pets in the Project.

The study will follow individual dogs to enhance understanding of the biological and environmental factors that determine why some dogs die early or succumb to diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, and dementia while others live to a relatively old age free from these problems.

What takes decades in people will take just years in dogs. Using cutting-edge technologies, in less than a decade, scientists hope to identify the critical factors that would help pets stay healthy longer and to compare outcomes to those from the human aging studies.

The project researchers are asking for pet owners to enroll their dogs in this work; details are on the project website at <http://dogagingproject.com/longitudinal-study/>.

## ***Rapamycin***

The second part of the project involves a trial with an FDA-approved drug called rapamycin, which is used to prevent rejection of organ transplants in humans and, at low doses, slows aging and extends lifespan in several organisms, including mice, with few or no side effects.

The first phase of this study is complete; the next phase will enroll a second cohort of middle-aged dogs into a longer-term, low-dose rapamycin regimen designed to maximize lifespan. Researchers will assess several age-related parameters during, and after the treatment period, including cognitive function, heart function, immunity, and cancer incidence. The second phase will include dogs from around the United States, and, if possible, the rest of the world.

According to the project leaders, the Dog Aging Project is a unique opportunity to advance scientific discovery while simultaneously providing enormous benefit for people and their pets.

More details are on the website at <http://dogagingproject.com/project-details/>



## Upcoming Club Events

### **Membership Meeting**

Friday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

### **Board Meetings**

Mondays, November 21 and December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Holiday Party and Awards**

Saturday evening, December 3

## Upcoming Agility Events

### **Agility Run-thrus:**

Set up will begin between 6:15 and 6:30, walking the course will start immediately following setup. First dog on the line at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

Fridays:

November 4 and 11

December 9 and 16

### **Agility Trial:**

January 28-29, 2017

More information about run-thrus are available on our website, and Agility Trial premium list will be available soon:

<http://www.daytondogtraining.com/events.html>

## Upcoming Obedience and Rally Events

### **Obedience & Rally Trials:**

January 7-8, 2017

Check our website soon for the Obedience/Rally Trial premium list.

<http://www.daytondogtraining.com/events.html>



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