



# Clublicity

Dayton Dog Training Club  
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## DDTC Demo

DDTC held a dog demo at Fairborn Primary School on Thursday, May 25. Darlene Rak did an excellent job presenting the program to 14 classes of third graders in five separate sessions. The kids loved all the dogs and learned a lot about dog care and safety and dog training.

In attendance were Mike Lukens with Blue, Jane Adams with Storm, KC Artley with James and Clint, Wendy Barbe with Parker and Oscar, and Linda Bingman with Payton and Drake.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a very successful demo for the kids.



# Building Rental Policy

The Dayton Dog Training Club (DDTC) building or any part thereof, can be rented by any person, member or nonmember, by contacting the person in charge of Building Rentals and signing the applicable rental contract.

Members wishing to rent an area for practice may do so by contacting the person in charge of Building Rentals and following the Member Area Rentals for Practice Policy.

Persons wishing to present a seminar and/or lessons for the benefit of DDTC must provide a seminar proposal outlining projected income and expenses to the board for approval prior to the seminar and/or lesson being held.



## Member Area Rentals for Practice Policy (Excluding Scheduled Class Times)

The area used for multiple hours at a time will need to be reserved with Sue Peterson in advance by a regular DDTC member in good standing.

Only one area of the building may be reserved at a time.

Each area shall be defined as Area 1 – Agility room, Area 2 – Rings 2 & 3, Area 3 – Rings 4 & 5

The reservation shall be posted to the Yahoo Group, the club bulletin board in the main lobby, and on each building entry door at least one week in advance of the reservation date.

The time will be limited to 5 hours from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. or 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. No more than 4 reservations per month, only one of which may be on a Saturday or Sunday

There will be no reservation of rings allowed the week immediately preceding trials held at DDTC.

The DDTC member making the reservation shall be responsible for the following:

Collecting and depositing the fee of \$150.00 for Area 1 and \$100.00 for either Area 2 or 3

Along with a signed liability release for each nonmember participant

All ring gates and equipment used or moved shall be returned to its rightful place and the area cleaned when training is completed.

# Oh, those confusing teaching vouchers!!!

**Darlene Rak**

Many members (regular and training privilege) are still confused over our use of teaching vouchers (TV).

When you are the lead instructor or an assistant in any of our classes and attend at least six of the eight weeks, you earn a teaching voucher. A voucher can be used in the following ways:

- \$30 off a class fee (if you are taking most of our classes and are a regular member this makes the class free).
- \$25 off coupon if given away
- \$15 off coupon for the first entry of each dog per trial
- \$25 off membership renewal fees. Multiple TV's may be used for this purpose, so if your renewal is \$50 you may use two TV's to make your net payment \$0.

We are always in need of instructors so please let Dennis Steinke know for agility or Darlene Rak for obedience, rally or nosework if you would like to help in this area.

You don't have to be a regular member yet – training privilege members are welcome – and we will train you!

(The only other way to earn teaching vouchers at DDTC is to be a part of the cleaning crew that meets almost every week and works three-to-four hours each time. Please contact Roberta Shellabarger if interested.)



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# Dancing dogs at Wright State

Trish Clute with Molly and Pam Murn with Rocky performed Freestyle routines at The Very Special Arts Festival at Wright State University in May.

The festival is about bringing performing and visual arts to special populations. The festival is free and serves schools systems from seven different counties. The festival has been going on for more than 25 years; this is the second year for Dancing Dogs.

The two teams were a highlight of the festival and great ambassadors for the sport of freestyle and dogs.

A big thank you goes to Trish and Molly, and Pam and Rocky.

Marcia Pittman  
Committee Member for The Very Special Arts Festival



*Vicki Ventura and her Aussie Tie Dye at the  
Clermont County Kennel Club agility trial in April*

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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

**Carl Holzhauer** and **Rain** finished the Senior Hunter title June 18. Rain earned his Working Certificate Excellent on May 26 at the 2017 Golden Retriever Club of America Central Regional Specialty.

**Kate Stephenson's Aslan** (Genesis Chronicles of Narnia CD PCD BN RE) has had a busy 2017, completing titles in both Rally (Advanced and Excellent) and Obedience (Novice, Preferred Novice, and Beginner Novice). He has also earned four legs towards his RAE thus far.



*Carl Holzhauer and Rain*



*Aslan (DickClarkPhoto.com)*

***Send braggs 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.***

# News from AKC's chairman Ron Menaker and president and CEO Dennis Sprung

## **AKC and the AVMA**

AKC Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Jerry Klein presented a talk titled "Why purebred dogs? purpose-bred dogs in today's society" at the annual American Veterinary Medical Association Conference July 21-25 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The speech included an interactive discussion about the virtues, values and health of purebred dogs and the use of purpose-bred dogs from service to working dogs to companionship. He highlighted the progress made by the AKC Canine Health Foundation in helping decipher and find cures and solutions for canine diseases and disorders.

AKC is actively forging a closer relationship with AVMA and veterinarians to further understanding of the value of purebred dogs and of breeders who are dedicated to the testing and proper care of their litters and dogs; to dispel myths that are often associated with individual breeds; and to provide veterinarians with educational information that can be passed on to the dog owners they service.

## **The welcome email project**

New participants in our sport keep it growing and thriving. The Sports and Events department launched a new email program to welcome owners of new dogs and puppies, thank them for introducing their dogs to AKC sports, and tell them about additional new exhibitor resources on our website. The email will be sent to owners the first time their dog participates in agility, an agility coursing test conformation, rally, obedience, and 4-6 month beginner puppy events.

# Specialty food makers pull products from Chewy.com

At least two manufacturers of specialty pet foods have withdrawn their products from Chewy.com following the online company's purchase by PetsMart.

Tom Nieman, owner and manager of Fromm Family Foods, put the company's decision this way: "As I previously stated, our fifth generation family-owned and managed company remains committed to supporting specialty pet retailers. Our distributors and retailers play a vital role in enabling us to bring a steady stream of unique and innovative products to market. Fromm products are best sold by retailers who know their customers, know our product, and can offer a pet parent what's right for their specific dog or cat. Fromm is dedicated to this approach. As a result of the completed acquisition, effective June 30, 2017 Fromm distributors are no longer authorized to sell Fromm branded product to Chewy.com."

Peter Muhlenfeld, Chief Brand Officer, of Champion Petfoods LP, makers of Acana and Orijen specialty foods, also said that Chewy no longer meets the company's requirements as an approved retailer of its products.

PetsMart finalized its acquisition of Chewy on May 31; Fromm stopped providing its products on June 30 and Champion said it would no longer sell to Chewy after July 25.

# Brucellosis update: AKC Canine Health Foundation funds research to battle *Brucella canis*

Canine brucellosis is a reproductive disease caused by the bacterium *Brucella canis* (*B. canis*), which can cause infertility, abortion, and severe spinal infections in dogs.

*B. canis* bacteria can be transmitted during a heat cycle, at breeding, through contaminated hands or clothing, and from the bitch to the puppies during birth and nursing. There are often no clinical signs following infection, and there are currently no cures or effective treatments. The clinical signs that may appear, such as weight loss, lethargy, and swollen lymph nodes, are often like those of other diseases, which may delay and complicate diagnosis. Male dogs may also experience swelling of the prostate, testicles, and epididymis (the tube that carries sperm).

Brucella infection is a serious problem for dog breeders, pet owners, and kennels and is an under-recognized health issue in canine rescues and shelters. It is also a public health issue as it can infect people as well as dogs.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is currently funding three research projects aimed at improving diagnostics, developing a vaccine to prevent *B. canis* infection, and studying the organism.

## Preventing Inaccurate Diagnosis of Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is often made difficult by the fact that the most commonly used brucellosis test also gives false positive results when the dog has recently been infected with or vaccinated for *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, a common cause of kennel cough. This study will evaluate whether false positive *B. canis* results are obtained after vaccinating the dog with an intranasal, commercially available *Bordetella* vaccine.

## Development of a Brucellosis Vaccine for Dogs

The goal of this research is to develop a safe and effective *Brucella canis* vaccine, using a genetic mutant that has been shown to be safe and effective for controlling infection against other *Brucella* species. The development of such a vaccine for dogs will significantly impact canine and human health by limiting the spread of *B. canis*.

## An Epidemiological Study of *Brucella canis*

The investigators will measure how commonly rescue and shelter dogs entering Minnesota are exposed to *B. canis*, as a first step to understanding the prevalence of this important reproductive disease. The results will be used to determine prevalence and raise awareness of this disease in rescue and shelter dog populations, help identify risk factors for canine brucellosis, and develop a diagnostic test for canine brucellosis at the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. An important outcome of this study will be to create prevention and control measures applicable to this population of dogs.

For more information about these and other CHF studies, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ycujb29c>.

To learn more about canine brucellosis, see USDA's Best Practices for *Brucella canis* Prevention and Control in Dog Breeding Facilities at [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/downloads/brucella\\_canis\\_prevention.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/brucella_canis_prevention.pdf).

For more information about *B. canis*, see the fact sheet at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/brucellosis\\_canis.pdf](http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/brucellosis_canis.pdf)).

# Upcoming Events

## **Board Meeting**

Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.

## **Building Rentals**

September 22-24: Hamilton DTC Agility Trial  
October 14-15: ASCA DTC Agility Trial

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DDTC!**

September 24

## **Membership Meeting**

October 10, 7:30 p.m.

## **Late Fall Classes Begin:**

Obedience: October 16

Rally: October 18

Agility: October 23

Conformation: October 16

**Obedience/Rally Trials:** October 20-22

**Agility Trials:** October 27-29

## DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



President: Linda Gordon

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Corresponding Secretary: Beth Erisman-Thomas

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