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**Dayton Dog Training Club
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Fall Fun Auction

By Darlene Rak

On November 10, 2017, before the start of the General Membership meeting, we held a fun auction. There was a dog-related item on each chair so where the person sat determined the gift they got to take home.

We had both silent and live auction items that consisted of everything from perennials donated by Norma Woolf to dog-related household items to agility and obedience equipment. Many of the items came from our lost and found bin or were items that had been donated for raffle or fundraising use.

We had refreshments and everyone seemed to have a great time. The event raised \$586 for the club.

I would like to thank our auctioneer Mike Scott, his assistant Diane Scott, and everyone who helped by bringing or preparing food or helping with set-up and tear down.



AKC board approves new obedience regulations

Changes include new procedure for Novice stays and elimination of Open class group exercises

The AKC Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Group Exercise Task Force to require Novice class group exercises to be done with dogs on leashes held by their handlers and to drop group stays altogether in Open classes. The changes take effect on May 1, 2018.

A complete rundown of the proposed changes was included in the October issue of *Clublicity*. The board-approved changes can be found on the AKC website at <http://tinyurl.com/ybv8cfpy>.

Briefly:

Novice group exercises will be done after the judge scores all individual teams in a class. Dogs will be on a six-foot leash and at least six feet apart. Handlers will hold the leashes. Judges can opt for a single row of dogs or back-to-back rows as described in the rules.

Novice classes also include a new exercise: Sit Stay — Get Your Leash. Following the on-lead heeling and figure 8 exercises, the steward will place the leash at spot designated by the judge. After the stand-for-exam, off-lead heeling, and recall exercise, the handler will leave the dog in a designated spot, retrieve the leash, and return to the dog, all on the judge's commands.

Open out-of-sight stays will be replaced with two new exercises that demonstrate control and the dog's mastery of the stay command. The Command Discrimination exercise will include changes of position from stand to down to sit with the handler at least 15 feet away from the dog; the Stay — Get Your Leash exercise will require the handler to walk away from the dog, get the leash from a spot outside the ring, and return.

Changes will also be made to Preferred, Graduate, and Versatility classes (see above link for complete details).

These changes come after several years of discussions about the potential for problems if dogs break and interfere with other dogs during group exercises.

Upcoming DDTC Events

2018 Winter Class Sessions

Agility classes begin January 8
Obedience classes begin January 8
Conformation classes begin January 8
Rally classes begin January 10

Board Meetings

Generally the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

2018 Obedience & Rally Trial Dates

January 6 and 7
July 13, 14, and 15
October 19, 20, and 21

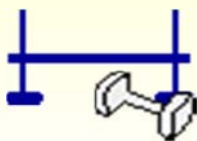
Agility Run-Thrus

Cost is \$5 for two runs.
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with first run at 7:00 p.m.

January 12
February 16
March 16th
April 13

2018 Agility Trial Dates

January 27 and 28
March 10 and 11
July 27, 28, and 29
September 8 and 9
October 26, 27 and 28



Dogs need protection in winter cold, wind and snow

**Expanded from the AKC's feature article for newsletters titled
"Cold Weather Canine Care Tips" © 2006.**



Winter weather requires an understanding of a dog's ability to stay warm in adverse conditions. Many neighbors and even animal control agents are unaware that dogs can safely spend time in cold and snow if they have a thick double coat and shelter from the wind. Northern breeds such as Samoyeds, Malamutes, Siberian Huskies and others are well insulated and usually enjoy walks and romps even in single digit temperatures. The following tips are general; owners should consider the dog's coat type, age, and overall health when deciding which ones to follow and which ones to adjust to individual needs.

- Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time without a covered shelter such as a shed, doghouse or protected kennel so he can get away from wind and precipitation. If using a doghouse, make sure the opening has a flexible flap as a door or faces away from the prevailing wind and is off-center to provide a cozy nook where the dog can curl up. Be sure to check his bedding frequently to make sure it's not wet.
- Inside, keep him warm, dry and away from drafts. Dogs with thick double coats can withstand lower temperatures and cooler floors, but those with light coats may need thicker bedding on tile or wood floors.
- Keep your dog a safe distance from supplemental heat sources such as portable heaters and fireplaces.
- Don't leave your dog alone in a car on very cold days.
- Feed your dog additional calories, particularly if she spends a lot of time outdoors
- Provide plenty of fresh water at all times to prevent dehydration. Snow is not a good substitute for water.
- Brush your long-haired dog regularly to help her maintain the good insulating quality of a double coat. Also consider clipping the hair around her paw pads to ease snow or ice removal.
- Consider a sweater or coat for a short-haired dog that spend time outside.
- Don't skip daily walks if you and your dog enjoy them. You can rub his paw pads with baby oil before going out in snow or slush to avoid ice balls that can form between foot pads or try booties like those used by sled dog mushers.

- Dry your dog with a towel or blow-dryer if it gets wet to the skin from rain or snow. Clean snow and ice from paws to prevent cuts and cracked pads. Use petroleum jelly to help soften and soothe pads if necessary.
- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds.
- Be aware that rock salt used to melt ice on sidewalks can irritate paw pads. Rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk so he doesn't lick the salt and get sick.
- Watch out for spilled antifreeze on driveways. Antifreeze smells and tastes good to dogs, but it can be lethal.
- Dogs, like humans, may be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to the veterinarian if you notice any signs of illness.
- Use common sense: "cold" can be 30 degrees and bone-warming sunny or 20 degrees and bone-chilling damp or 10 degrees and snowy; like people, dogs adjust according to their physical condition and what may be acceptable for one dog may be harsh for another.

Winter Weather Class Cancellation Policy

The DDTC class cancellation policy is as follows:

We cancel classes based on the forecast, local cancellations, and the level of emergencies declared by the counties surrounding our area.

The DDTC President will make a decision as soon as it is clear as to whether or not to cancel.

- Morning Classes: No later than 7:30 a.m.
- Start Program: No later than 2:00 p.m.
- Night Classes: No later than 4:00 p.m.

How to find out if you have class:

- Check your phone and email messages
- Check our website: www.daytondogtraining.com
- Check our Facebook page: Dayton Dog Training Club
- Call the Club phone number: 937-293-5219

Braggs and Accomplishments

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

Send braggs to clublicity@daytondogtraining.com.

Jane Adams: There has been a Thunder Storm at the Samoyed Club Nationals this year (and except for Sunday and Monday, it rained the entire week). **Hawkwind's Arctic Storm of Peridot, CD, BN, RAE, THDA, CGCA, CGCU, NW1** competed in CAT, Agility, and Rally and Pack Hike.

Sunday both dogs participated in the fun pack hike. **Thunder (Hawkwind's White Mountain Thunder n Kryptonite, CGCA)** managed to pull himself together, with the help of a Facebook friend I only met that day. The three of us finished the five mile hike with only a few snarky moments from Thunder. My left arm, however, may be a few inches longer.

Storm participated in CAT on Monday. She had a morning run and an afternoon run. She earned her CA after the morning run.

Tuesday was a day to remember and treasure. Many of you have seen Storm's recent antics during her agility runs: three trials, one Q, but clearly a dog having more fun than her handler. *Well,* Tuesday my wild thing had her first qualifying run in Novice Preferred Standard. I was ecstatic! I nearly had a heart attack when she placed second!!! She Q'd again in Jumpers with Weaves. This time my Storm placed first!!! I am still walking in the clouds!

And then there was Rally. We had a horrible run in excellent. We didn't even qualify. I do believe she was simply worn out and was telling me "enough already." So, we scratched for Advanced and called it an end to our competing.

Here she is with her very cool agility trophies and ribbon, relaxing on the bed at the hotel.



Sara Eppley and her Shetland Sheepdog Ty (**Pinelands-Amati Glad Tydings**) earned their Beginners Novice title with three legs in three shows at The DDTC trials in July and October.



Dakota

From **Sherry Shafer**. At the October 21 DDTC Rally Trial, **Dakota (Genesis Secret Agent of the FBI CD BN RAE CGC)** finished his RAE Title. Five of those those legs were High Combined. At the November 11 Muncie Trial, Dakota got his first Open A leg and his second leg the following day. Each day, there were 6 dogs entered in Open A, and Dakota was the only dog to qualify both days.

At the October 29, 2017 World Cynosport Rally Trial in Dayton, **Dallas**, who has come out of semi retirement, finished his Level 1 title.



Dallas

Aslan, (Genesis Chronicles of Narnia CD PCD BN RAE) bred and owned by **Kate Stephenson**, finished his RAE at DDTC's October 22 Rally Trial, making a total of six titles earned in 2017 (in order earned) — RA, RE, CD, PCD, BN, RAE. Along the way he picked up an award for High Scoring Belgian Tervuren in Trial and a High in Trial for Preferred Classes.

Three DDTC members completed their RAE titles at the club's October trials! Pictured below, Left to Right: **Sherry Shafer** with **Dakota**, **Linda Bingman** with **Payton**, and **Kate Stephenson** with **Aslan**. *(Photo compliments of DickClarkPhoto.com)*



AKC news

AKC' board has a busy autumn season!

Achiever Dogs

The American Kennel Club now recognizes exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports under the new Achiever Dog program. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when it earns a placement or a qualifying score in three different sports. Eligible sports are conformation (including 4-6 month puppy and FSS shows), obedience, rally, agility, tracking, lure coursing (including CAT and FAST CAT), herding, CGC (including CGCA, Urban CGC, and Farm Dog), trick dog, scent work, field and hunt trials, earth dog, barn hunt, dock diving, parent club tests, search and rescue, and therapy dog. There's a detailed chart of requirements at <http://tinyurl.com/ydbev6sx>.

The program began December 1 and is set to run for a year. At the end of that time, AKC will survey all owners who have received a certificate to determine the success of the program and will refine the program based on survey findings. For more information, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/achiever-dog/> or email achieverdog@akc.org.

Farm Dogs

Introduced on October 1, 2016, the Farm Dog Certified (FDC) test includes a series of 12 exercises that represent situations a farm dog would encounter in a typical farm environment. A video displaying the exercises is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h08Hv0SDahw>.

FDC is part of the herding program because any test that includes livestock must be administered by evaluators who have experience with livestock care. Shortly after the program launch, the Performance Events Department heard from livestock professionals who asked about judging the test even though they were not herding judges. As a result, AKC developed an FDC judge program that now has more than 300 test judges.

The program has succeeded in attracting new dog owners to the AKC events; statistics show that the FDC is the only title that 26 percent of these dogs have earned. By year end AKC estimates there will be 150 FDC events with 3000 entries and 650 titles awarded.

Scent Work

AKC held its first Scent Work trials on September 14–17, 2017, in conjunction with the Eukanuba Performance Games held at the Roberts Centre's Eukanuba Hall in Wilmington, Ohio. There was one event held per day for four days; each had a limit of 250 entries per day for a total of 1000 entries. The exhibitors ranged from new-to-the-sport dog owners to owners that had extensive experience in the other Nose Work organizations. Owners from 20 states and Canada participated. The dogs ranged from Toy Fox Terriers to Mastiffs.

(Already involved in Nose Work training, DDTC pioneered training in AKC's Scent Work program shortly after AKC announced its development. For more information about AKC Scent Work, go to <http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/>.)

Breeders of Merit

The new AKC advanced appreciation program for Breeders of Merit acknowledges and celebrates long-term, successful breeders who have produced multiple titled dogs, embraced breed club health requirements for their litters, and taken steps to ensure that all of their puppies are AKC-registered. Dogs earning titles prior to the November 7 launch of the program will be included if titles can be verified.

Advanced Levels of Recognition will be available to breeders who

- are enrolled as a Breeder of Merit
- provide proof of Parent Club required health testing on parents of their most recent litters
- demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that their puppies are all registered with AKC.

The program recognizes breeders at the following levels:

- Breeder of Merit (current) — Minimum of four titled dogs
- Breeder of Merit – Bronze — Minimum of 10 titled dogs with at least five prefix-titled dogs
- Breeder of Merit – Silver — Minimum of 25 titled dogs with at least 15 prefix-titled dogs
- Breeder of Merit – Gold — Minimum of 50 titled dogs with at least 30 prefix-titled dogs
- Breeder of Merit – Platinum — Minimum of 100 titled dogs with at least 60 prefix-titled dogs

Royal Canin USA sponsors the Advanced Level of Recognition program. More information and an application for recognition are on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/dog-breeders/breeder-of-merit/>.



Odds and Ends



Dog neutering is an emotive subject

<https://www.dogsfirst.ie/health-issues/dog-neutering/>

A detailed article about canine sterilization with research cites from the US and abroad.



Are there behavior changes when dogs are spayed or neutered?

Dr. Stanley Coren looks at reports of unexpected behavior changes in sterilized dogs at *Psychology Today* (<http://tinyurl.com/jd9xho5>)



New studies show additional hormone influence on canine aggression

Scientists already know that testosterone and serotonin influence dog aggression but new work indicates that oxytocin and vasopressin levels also play a role in this behavior. See “Endogenous oxytocin, vasopressin, and aggression in domestic dogs” at *Frontiers in Science* (<http://tinyurl.com/ydxhm6ol>) and “The hormone that could be making your dog aggressive discovered” at *Science Daily* (<http://tinyurl.com/y7epgnl5>).



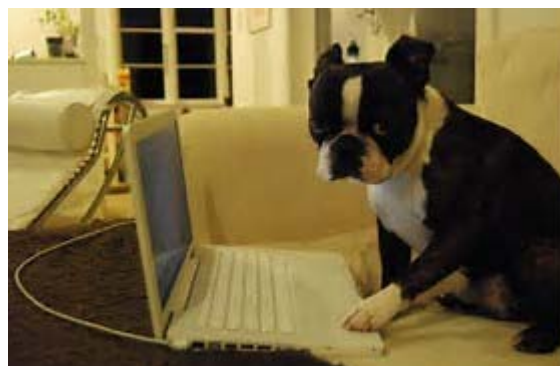
Animal Nation: the 2017 NAIA annual conference

An article about NAIA’s annual conference by former AKC attorney Margaret Poindexter in the October 13 issue of Dog News. As usual, this year’s conference featured a variety of topics celebrating responsible animal ownership and use, including the value of animal-based disease research, science-based assessments for commercial dog breeding, the need for a program to breed and train military detection dogs, and the impact of animal rights activism on cattle ranching. The article is available at

http://ebooks.dnmagazine.us/volume_2/issue_40/dnm.html. To see what else NAIA has to offer, go to www.naiaonline.org.

Clublicity Submissions

Deadlines: The first day of each odd-numbered month (January, March, May, July, September, and November).



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How to Join DDTC Yahoo Group

by Sue Peterson

Send an email to ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Include your name, Yahoo ID, email address, and date you joined the club in the request. This is the best way to be added to the list. My sending you invites to join does not always work. It's a Yahoo thing.

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