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Dayton Dog Training Club
October 2017

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



Changes, changes, changes are coming from AKC

The AKC Companion Events Delegates Committee reported a plethora of items at the September delegates meeting. The biggest approved changes affect Rally, but agility and obedience come in for a share as well.

Obedience

The big item on the agenda for obedience is the Group Exercises Task Force recommendation that removes off-lead stays in Novice and out-of-sight stays in Open. The changes aim to eliminate a concern that a dog will break a stay and harass another dog while increasing the number of exercises that illustrate a dog's mastery of the stay command. The recommendations will be submitted to the board of directors in October and given to the delegates for a vote in November. If approved, they become effective on March 1, 2018.

Novice

The proposed changes for Novice are:

Eliminate one group exercise and replace it with a new individual exercise. The remaining group exercise will be a "sit, down, and stay" exercise, combining the two stay positions. Handlers will hold the leash and dogs will be placed at least six feet apart.

The new individual exercise will be a "sit-stay" while the handler walks to a designated spot to get the dog's leash.

Open

The proposed changes for Open replace both out-of-sight group exercises with individual exercises that demonstrate a dog's ability to remain in place with the handler at a distance.

The three-part "command discrimination" exercise will demonstrate control of the dog from a distance, with the handler instructing the dog to change position three times (stand, down, sit). The dog must remain in the place that it was left for all three changes of position.

The two-part "stay – get your leash" exercise will demonstrate the handler's control of the dog in both sit and down positions. In the first part, the handler will tell the dog to stay and walk to a point at least 30 feet away and retrieve the leash. The handler will pause for one minute until the judge gives the command to return to the dog. In the second part, the handler will tell the dog to change position then leave the dog to retrieve the leash at a spot at least 30 feet outside the ring. The handler will then carry the leash back to the ring opening and wait for the judge's instruction to return to the dog.

Rally

The AKC board approved the Rally changes earlier this year for trials beginning November 1. The changes include new signs at all three levels, two new classes, and a Rally championship title. The new classes are Intermediate between Novice and Advanced and Master to follow Excellent. Trials must include the Master class in order to be approved for the Excellent class. The Rally championship requires qualifying scores in Advanced, Excellent, and Master classes achieved at ten trials.

The new classes will be part of the January 2018 DDTC trials. Exhibitors can see the Rally updates on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/news-updates/>, including links to the revised rules and the new signs with descriptions. For more information, see the April issue of *Clublicity* at http://www.daytondogtraining.com/assets/clublicity_2017-april.pdf.

Locations for 2018 National events

The National Agility Championship will be held March 23-25, 2018, at the Reno-Spark Livestock Events Center in Reno, Nevada. If entries warrant, the event will begin on Thursday, March 22.

The Rally National Championship and National Obedience Championship will also be held March 23-25, 2018, at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, Missouri. Rally will once again be held on Friday and obedience will be held on Saturday and Sunday. There will be more information on the event pages on the AKC website in November.

Potpourri

The AKC Board will consider **two agility items** at its October meeting. The first would raise the maximum number of agility runs per judge from 330 to 350 per day; the second would increase the number of trials a club can hold each year from 12 to 15 if there are no other clubs within 150 miles.

The board approved a pilot project to certify dogs that have earned a ribbon in three different sports as “**achiever dogs**.” This is not a titling program; its purpose is to encourage owners to try several different sports. The project begins December 1 and will run for a year. The future of the program will depend on the results of a survey given to those who earned a certificate.

In August the board approved changes to the rules about **apparel in the Obedience and Rally rings** to allow exhibitors to wear clothing with club logos, breed pictures, dog call names, or AKC event designs. Titles may not be displayed.

The official launch of **AKC Scentwork** events was October 1, but a preview trial was part of the Eukanuba Performance Games at Roberts Centre in Wilmington in September. DDTC is now licensed to hold scent work trials. Regulations for the sport are on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/>. More than 100 events have been scheduled for the remainder of 2017.

The Board also enhanced the **Breeder of Merit program** by adding bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels to the current certification. A basic Breeder of Merit requires that a breeder produce four titled offspring, follow health testing requirements of the breed club, be a member of an AKC club, and attempt to register all the puppies in each litter. Each additional level increases the number of titled offspring required and a minimum number of prefix titled offspring.

DDTC Annual Awards

Dear Member:

The DDTC Annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The party will include the customary Annual Awards to the Dayton Dog Training Club members. All Awards are limited to DDTC members only.

They will include awards for titles and for high scoring AKC obedience runs. Please make certain the title you list, corresponds to a title listed on the AKC, ULC, or APDT websites. Please print clearly.

The following categories will be recognized:

- All AKC titles earned (i.e. CD, CDX, NA, NAJ, RN, TD)
- Highest AKC score in each class (Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility A, Utility B)
- Highest AKC score in each group (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-sporting, Herding, Miscellaneous)
- AKC High combined (Open B and Utility at the same trial)
- Any AKC 200 score earned
- Tournament placements (judged according to AKC rules)
- All AKC conformation championships
- Dog World for any AKC title (will be included on applicable award)
- Titles earned in venues other than AKC will receive a certificate
- Canine Good Citizen will receive a certificate
- All AKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), Master Agility Champion (MACH) and Champion Tracker (CT) will be awarded a plaque

ALL WINS/TITLES MUST BE EARNED BETWEEN Nov 1, 2016, & Oct 31, 2017

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS *OCTOBER 27TH, 2017*

If we owe you an award from the past, please state what year and give us all the information.

All wins must be submitted on the proper forms since no records are kept throughout the year. Please use one form per dog and make a copy of the form for additional dogs. *(Forms were mailed to the membership in September. They are also available on the Members page of our website.)*

If multiple dogs are submitted on the same form only the first dog will be recognized. Please write or print clearly since we are not responsible for errors to names that we cannot read!

Return Forms by **OCTOBER 27TH, 2017**, to Linda Gordon.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSPELLED NAMES OR TITLES

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY !!!!!

What a weekend!



Joanne Blewett and Dalmatian Mookie had a fabulous weekend at Blue Ribbon Dog Training Academy in May. Here's her story.

Mookie (Koiras's Chocolate Mouse) and I had been working very hard all winter on the various exercises required to earn a Utility Obedience title. There is a lot to learn and many small nuances in each exercise which can result in an NQ.

Because we travel a lot over the summer and it is exceedingly difficult to practice while we are on the road, it means we have only a few months to train, practice, and enter trials.

We shortened our time at the Dalmatian Club of America's National Specialty to come home and relax for a day before the German Shepherd Club of Greater Cincinnati's four-day trial at the Blue Ribbon Dog Training Academy

in Clermont County. Mookie and I had spent several years in this building taking lessons.

Friday, May 26: Mookie and I were the first Utility A dog to compete. I took a deep breath and off we went with the signal exercise. Next came the scent articles, and after that was the directed retrieve. The stand for exam was the fourth exercise. Directed jumping was last, Mookie's go-outs were spot on. The judge smiled and said "Congratulations, you qualified!" I was elated. This was our first leg of the needed three legs for a title. We were the only team to Q that day.

Saturday, May 27: I can remember thinking as we entered the ring that we can do this. And, I remember thinking I was not really nervous. We had a decent run and Q'd again. This was getting better all the time.

Sunday, May 28: Today could be the day we earned Mookie's UD title. Because Mookie was now 10 years old and had to jump 24 inches, I had decided that he would retire once he had the UD. This day he made some small errors which cost us a point or two, but we still did Q. This was the day I had been working toward for some time. We received a wonderful applause from the crowd. We were second to a nice working Sheltie, but we had achieved our goal.

Monday, May 29: I really debated if I should even go this day – we had the UD, what was the point? I am not sure just why, but off we went for a fourth day. Unbelievably we Q'd again, although by Mookie's performance I knew he was tired. The crowd went wild in appreciation and knowing how unlikely it was to qualify four days in a row in Utility. This had truly been apex weekend for Mookie.



Braggs and Accomplishments

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

Linda Bingman and her Golden Retriever **Drake** earned their Rally Novice title with three legs in three shows with scores of 97, 95 and 96 out of 100. Linda and **Payton**, also a Golden, earned their third double Q in Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced with two scores of 98. They placed fourth in Excellent out of approximately 25 dogs.

Ron and Bobby Gratz had a terrific summer with their Welsh Springer Spaniels! Their girl **Statemans Bewitched at Braith CGC, RE, CHIC**, aka **Beatrice**, earned back-to-back five-point majors at the National Specialty with Best of Winners placements, then earned both her Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent titles.

Their boy **AKC GR CH, Can.Ch. Stonewicks Jumpin' Jack Flash CGC, RA, CHIC**, aka **Jack**, earned his Rally Advanced title. Photos show Ron with the specialty BOW award and accepting ribbons in the Rally ring at DDTC.

Norma Woolf and her Canaan Dog **Luna (UKC-CH Blue Sky Desert Star Luna Eclipse, RN, BN, CDCA-HCX)** earned their Beginner Novice title at the Dayton trials in July.





Linda Bingman and Drake with Judge Dianne Allen



Linda Bingman and Payton



Ron Gratz accepting Rally ribbons



Ron Gratz with Specialty BOW award

Send brags to 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.



DDTC Christmas Party

December 2, 2017

6:00 p.m. until the dogs come home

The party will include the customary Annual Awards to the Dayton Dog Training Club members.

Bring a covered dish to share.

\$5.00 per person.

Reservations to Mina Knox by November 29.

Dogs advance cancer research for canines and people

Pet dogs and veterinarians have emerged as critical participants in clinical cancer research for humans according to scientists at an international cancer immunotherapy conference in Germany in September.

Speakers at the conference included Ellen Puré, PhD, AB, Director, Penn Vet Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dogs develop cancers similar to human cancers, including osteosarcoma, breast cancer and lymphoma, and provide researchers with a model to screen immune-boosting treatments for the diseases in both species.

For more information about the human-canine cancer connection, see "What dogs are teaching us about cancer" on WebMD at <http://tinyurl.com/y9arad9y>, check out the AKC Canine Health Foundation grant at <http://tinyurl.com/y73fs52j>, and see the *Forbes Magazine* article about the Germany conference at <http://tinyurl.com/yddhc6zx>.

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.

Legislative report

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf

HSUS wants Ohio voters to add kennel regulations to the state Constitution

HSUS and its Ohio followers lost a big battle when the Legislature approved and the governor signed a law that licenses and regulates pet stores in the state and banned municipalities from enacting regulations that limit pet store puppy sources to shelters and rescue groups. So, the activists went back to the drawing board with a petition that targets all breeders who keep more than seven “breeding females” or sell more than 14 puppies in the state.

In a press release announcing the petition, HSUS skillfully deceived reporters and the public by implying that Ohio lacks animal welfare standards and that this alleged lack can only be alleviated by regulating breeders who own more than a certain number of “breeding females” or sell more than an arbitrary minimum number of puppies in a year. Contrary to this pretense, however, both the state and the US Government already mandate veterinary plans for health, nutrition, exercise, and specific housing conditions for dogs in commercial kennels.

There is no definition of “breeding female” available at this time, so it could mean any intact female of any age regardless of whether it will be used for breeding. Regulating kennels by the number of intact females is a favorite tactic of anti-breeding groups because it puts pressure on breeders who keep a number of females to evaluate for breeding potential, to exhibit at shows, and to protect hormonal health. Many of these girls are never bred, but they count towards a random threshold for a definition of commercial breeder.

HSUS has until next August to collect the 300,000-plus signatures required to get the proposal on the 2018 November ballot. Signers must be registered Ohio voters and must sign a county-specific copy of the document. All petitions must be submitted to the Secretary of State at the same time no later than 125 days prior to the election. If approved by voters, the petition will add kennel regulations to the Ohio Constitution.

HSUS will likely sink a bundle of money into its campaign both for paid signature gatherers and for a bombardment of advertising depicting kennel conditions as appalling.

Opposition to the petition includes AKC, Ohio Valley Dog Owners, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, the Ohio Association of Animal Owners, and the Ohio Professional Dog Breeders Association (a commercial kennel educational association).

For information about state standards, see <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/ai.aspx>. The federal animal welfare act, regulations, and related documents are found at <http://tinyurl.com/yatej3jh>.

AKC companion event stats show entry decline

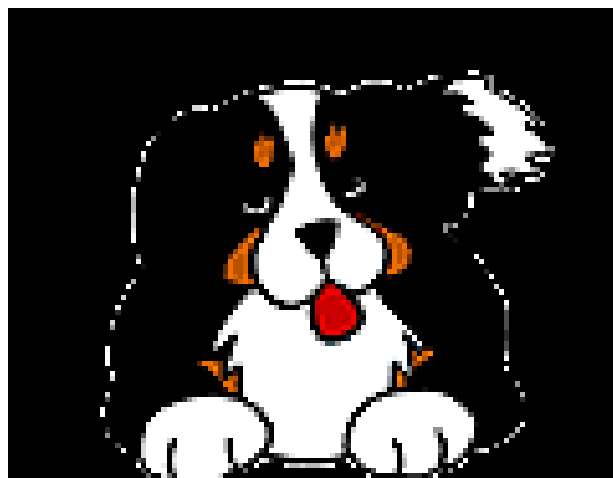
Obedience, Rally, agility, and tracking events showed a net loss of exhibitors and an insignificant increase in the number of events in January through July this year over the same period in 2016.

The biggest entry drops were in tracking (-8.3 percent) and obedience (-4 percent). Agility and Rally entries fell less than one percent. Total entries across all events dropped by one percent to 838,226.

Agility trials were up by 44 events, an increase of two percent, and obedience trials were down by 44 events or 1.8 percent. Thirteen obedience trials, 17 Rally trials, and six agility trials were cancelled during the summer over concerns about canine flu. It is not clear whether the event or entry stats reflect the cancellations.

**Companion Events Statistics
January - July 2016 vs. 2017**

Jan-Jul YEAR	Entries	Entries	Growth	% Change	Events	Events	Growth	% Change
	2017	2016			2017	2016		
Agility	712,099	717,348	-5,249	-0.7%	2,193	2,149	44	2.05%
Obedience	71,525	74,500	-2,975	-4.0%	1,508	1,535	-27	-1.8%
Rally	44,922	45,324	-402	-0.9%	1,378	1,376	2	0.1%
Tracking	967	1,054	-87	-8.3%	239	245	-6	-2.4%
Totals	829,513	838,226	-8,713	-1.0%	5,318	5,305	13	0.2%



Clublicity Submissions



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

***Send all articles and brags to:
clublicity@daytondogtraining.com***

PET SYMPATHY / SUNSHINE REPORT

Hi everyone! Please keep up the good work of keeping me informed of Pet Sympathy and Sunshine concerns for our club members. If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine item, please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com).

Pet Sympathy

“Banner” — Ch U-CD Voyageur's Stars & Stripes CDX,GO, RE, JH, MX, MXJ, O F, T2B (Brittany Spaniel)
Patty Steele-Scott

“Mazda” (Border Collie)
Judy Collopy

“Chuck” (Doberman)
Ron & Denise Siwecki

“Rowdy” (Dachshund)
Corky and Mimi Andrews

“Emma” CD CGCA (German Wire Hair Pointer)
Darlene Rak

Sunshine

Bobbie Gratz
Corky Andrews

Deaths

Bev Schill
Mother of Caryn Schill

Upcoming Events

Agility Run-Thrus

Friday, November 17
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
First run at 7:00 p.m.
\$5 per dog

Board Meetings

Monday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Party & Annual Awards Presentation

Saturday, December 2

DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



President: Linda Gordon
Vice President: Corky Andrews
Treasurer: Rhonda Holzauer
Corresponding Secretary: Beth Erisman-Thomas
Financial Secretary: Lynn Luikart

Board: Darlene Rak, Norma Bennett Woolf, Mary Beth Steinke, and Sue Young

AKC Delegate: Barbara Mann



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