



Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

CLUBLICITY

March 2009

Help Badly Needed - - - - -

1. *Instructors & assistant instructors for obedience classes. Darlene Rak, 306-2156 drak @ woh.rr.com.*
2. *A person to help with the secretary work at the July Obedience Trials. Sue Wallace, 937-322-7978 sueanddiane @ netzero.net*

Please help the club & volunteer !!!!

DDTC CLASSES

Agility classes start March 16 & 19. Classes end May 4 & 7. Summer Session starts May 18 & 21 and end July 13 & 16. Fall Session starts Monday Sept 21 & Thursday Sept 4. To register for agility class, contact Terry McCarty 293-5219. Cost is \$40 for DDTC members and \$80 for non-members.

Obedience and Rally classes: Spring Session: 8 weeks of classes (bring dogs to first class) started March 10-11, and will end April 28-29. No obedience/rally/conformation classes May 5-6. Summer Session starts May 12-13. Cost is \$25 for DDTC members and \$70 for non-members. Conformation class is \$5 per night. If you teach a class (obedience, rally or agility), you can take a class for free. Register with Barbara Mann 767-9164 bmann4 @ woh.rr.com

Class Schedule Tuesday, 6:30: Attention I, Advanced Beginners (Show), Beginners, Canine Good Citizen.
Tuesday, 7:30: Puppy, Conformation, Beginners, Attention 2.
Wednesday, 6:30: Attention I, Rally I (Novice), Beginners, Novice (Show).
Wednesday, 7:30: Puppy, Rally 2 (Advanced & Excellent), Beginners, Open.

Ring 4 is available for members at 6:30 & 7:30, plus all rings are available at 8:30pm. Please sign the sheet by the ring for the time you are using that ring. This record allows us to see how much the members are using the rings.

Tracking Class to start in May - contact Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546.

DDTC SEMINAR

May 8, 9, 10, DDTC presents "Sandra Ladwig's Problem Solving Workshop. Novice, Open, Utility. A continental breakfast and gourmet lunch are provided each day. Working spot \$50 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot and \$275 balance due by April 1. Auditing spot \$50 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot and \$125 balance due by April 1. Make check payable to "DDTC" and mail to Marcia Richley, 937-372-9036, marcia1118@aol.com

DUES

Don't forget to pay your dues before 1 May. You will be receiving your Dues Notice in April. Dues should be mailed to Mike Scott.

DDTC Obedience & Rally SHOW-N-GOs

6:30 pm-8 pm on Fridays, April 10, May 22, June 19, August 21, Sept. 25, and Oct. 9, plus 9am-11:30 on Sunday July 5. \$6 first run, \$4 second run, same dog. Ring stewards get a free run. Chairpersons Sue Young 937-548-6887 tervplus@embarqmail.com & Elaine Stoermer 253-3795 pwc823emstoer@aol.com

TRIALS

AKC Rally trials July 10 & 11. AKC Obedience trials July 11 & 12. Entry fee \$25 & \$15 (2nd entry same dog same day). Closes June 24. Mail to P O Box 153, Enon Ohio 45323. Judges: John Landis (Utility A & B, Open A, Graduate Novice on Saturday; Novice A & B, Open B and Graduate Open on Sunday). Diane O'Brien (Novice A & B, Open B and Graduate Open on Saturday; Utility A & B, Open A, Graduate Novice on Sunday). Diane Wallace (Novice Rally & Rally-Plus). Shirley Spall (Advanced& Excellent Rally).

Trophy Donations: "In Memory of" or "In Salute of a Special Living Pet" will be honored, and listed in the catalog. Make check payable to DDTC (any amount), mail to P O Box 153, Enon OH 45323.

RING STEWARDS will be needed Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Please let Sue know when you can help steward. Sue Wallace, chairperson, 322-7978 sueanddiane@netzero.net

AKC Agility Trials July 25-26, at the DDTC Building: Entries Open: Monday, June 1. Entries Close: Tuesday, July 7. Random Draw Closes: Monday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. Draw: Tuesday, June 16. Lynn Luikart, Secretary, (937) 885-0780 koiradals@att.net

DDTC CALENDAR

(unless otherwise stated, event will be held at the DDTC building)

April 10 Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	May 8, 9, 10 Sandra Ladwig Obedience Seminar, Marcia Richley, chairperson	May 11 Membership Meeting, 7:30pm (no classes)a	May 12-13 Obedience & Rally classes Begin	May 22 Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	May 25 Memorial Day No classes
June 19, Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	Sunday July 5, Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 9am - 11:30am registration.	July 10, 11, 12 Rally & Obedience Trials. Sue Wallace, chairperson	July 25-26, Agility Trials at DDTC, Lynn Luikart, secretary.	August 21, Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	Sept 7 Labor Day No classes
Saturday Sept 12 picnic at Roberta Shellabarger's home	September 14 Membership Meeting, 7:30pm (no classes)	Sept 25 Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	Oct 9 Obedience & Rally Show-N- Go. 6:30pm - 8pm registration	October 16, 17, 18. Rally & obedience Trials. Bobbi Shook chairperson	October 23, 24, 25 - Agility Trials at the Circle G arena, Lewisburg
Monday Nov. 9 Membership Meeting, 7:30pm (No classes)	November 26, Thanksgiving No classes	December 5 Christmas Party	January, 22, 23, 24, 2010 AKC Agility Trials at Circle G Arena in Lewisburg	March 8, 2010 , Membership Meeting, 7:30pm	April 11, 2010, AKC Tracking Test (location ?), Sue Young, chairperson

Welcome new DDTC members Carl Holzhauser, who has a Golden Retriever and does obedience & tracking, and Megan Frazier, who has a Labrador-mix in agility training. !!!

DEMOS

DDTC will be having an information booth at the following dog events: **May 9** - Flurry Scurry at Miami Valley South Health Center (Wilmington & I-675). **June 6** - SISCA at Delco Park. **August 22** Dash-N-Splash at Xenia Dog Park, Fairgrounds Road, Xenia. At our booth, we pass out information about our training classes. **Help needed** to man the booth, and to give obedience demonstrations. Chairperson Nancy Ellis, 293-7075

DDTC OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS (until 1 May)

President: Ken Kistler. Vice President. Richard Eppley 885-2235. Treasurer: Mina Knox 429-3941
Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Luikart 885-0780. Financial Secretary: Mike Scott 974-6444.
Board: Barbara Mann 767-9164, Susan Young 548-6887, Bob Miller 435-5056, Judy Collopy 847-2601.

DDTC Committees

Classes

Phone Registrar for all classes: Fred & Terry McCarty Club Phone: 293-5219
Paper Registrar for Agility Classes : Terry McCarty Club Phone: 293-5219
Paper Registrar for Obedience & Rally Classes: Barbara Mann 767-9164 bmann4 @ woh.rr.com
Obedience Director Of Training: Darlene Rak 937-306-2156 drak @ woh.rr.com.
Agility Director Of Training: Sherri Heizer 454-1837 sherr-terr @ woh.rr.com

Building

Problem with our Building call: Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546 or **Doug Scott** 937-307-6742 (c) 937-648-1034 (h)
Agility Equipment Maintenance: Ken Kistler 513-490-3844 sandylk01 @ yahoo.com
Building Rental: Elaine Stoermer 253-3795 pwc823emstoer @ aol.com

Other Club committees

Bulletin Board: Corky Andrews 434-3822 sprg @ woh.rr.com
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AKC News

The Irish Red and White Setter, the Pyrenean Shepherd and the Norwegian Buhund are the 159th, 160th, and the 161st AKC® registered breeds. The Irish Red and White Setter will join the Sporting Group while both the Pyrenean Shepherd and the Norwegian Buhund will join the Herding Group. They are eligible for full AKC registration and competition in their respective groups at conformation shows after January 1, 2009.

AKC has implemented a new puppy level of the Canine Good Citizen program. The STAR (Socialization, Training, Activity & a Responsible owner) Program is open to pure-bred and mixed bred dogs under one year of age. The classes are taught by an AKC CGC Evaluator, who plan their puppy classes and use their own training methods, along with AKC/CGC support materials. After training and observing the puppy for 6 classes, the evaluator administers the 20-item test. Puppies enrolled in the program are listed in the AKC STAR Puppy records, the owner receives an AKC medal, an AKC STAR Puppy certificate, an AKC New Puppy Handbook, discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery, and a subscription to a monthly email newsletter. The STAR brochure is displayed on the DDTC Bulletin Board.

MEMBER NEWS

At the December Cleveland trials, Suzy Howard and her Doberman "Smitty" won 3rd place in Utility-B and qualified in Open-B for a UDX2 leg, plus OTCH points. Terry Ramey and Golden Retriever "Stormy" earned a UDX leg. In rally, Kathy Combs and Pembroke Welsh Corgi, KC's Precious Peaches CD RE, earned an RAE leg on Friday. Susan Anderson and Irish Water Spaniel, Caelen's Magyc tym of Liebran CDX RAE4 AX AXJ AXP AJP, showed 3 days & earned 3 RAE legs. In 3 days of agility, Patty Steele-Scott and Brittany "Beree", got 3 double Q's, and MACH points.

Lucy, a corgi owned by Elaine Stoermer, earned her APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) Rally Champion Excellent.

At the January DDTC agility trials, Jessica Isenbarger's papillon "DJ" got his first MXJ leg, 4th place out of 13 dogs and 9 MACH points. Anne Booten ran Australian Shepherd "Jack" and earned two Open Jumper legs. Terry McCarty earned a first place in novice JWW on her sheltie "Kellee". Ken & Sandy Kistler's boxer "Becca" qualified in open preferred 2 days, to finish that title, and on Sunday, qualified in excellent-A preferred. Their boxer "Penny" got a leg in excellent-B JWW. Richard Stephenson's border collie double-Q'd (qualified in both excellent-B standard & excellent jumpers). Doug & Patty Scott's Brittany "Beree" double-Q'd. Vickie Head's sheltie "Indigo" double-Q'd, with a 2nd and 4th place; also earned a 1st place in JWW excellent-Fast. Patti Coleman's cocker "Buckeye" qualified in excellent preferred and JWW excellent preferred. John & Charlotte Wisener's sheltie "Runner" had several Q's in novice standard preferred and JWW novice preferred over the 3 days. Lynn Luikart's Dalmation "Rya" qualified in JWW excellent. Kristi McIntosh's Labrador qualified in JWW excellent preferred. Karol Paulus's Briard "Vlad" qualified in Novice Fast. Sue Anderson's Irish Water Spaniel "Vision" qualified in JWW open.

Hamilton Dog Training Club held an obedience trial and a rally trial in February. Marcia Richley and her CDX golden retriever "Sunny" took 1st place in Utility A for their first leg and won second in Open B. Mary Jo DeBrosse and her golden retriever "Tanbarks Shooting Star" took 1st in Novice B. Pam Bromer and her Border Terrier, Gus, took 2nd in Novice A. Suzy Howard and her Doberman "Smitty" qualified in open-B. Karol Paulus and Briard "Vlad" also qualified in open-B. Jessica Isenbarger and her Papillon "Gypsy" (Jessarae's Just a Wish) earned their first leg in rally novice-A. Sherri Heizer and Shetland Sheepdog "Taree" earned their first

leg in rally novice-B. Kathy Combs and "Peaches", a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, double-Q'd in advanced-B and excellent-B for their 9th leg toward their RAE. Corky Andrews and "Daisy", another Pembroke Welsh Corgi, also double-Q'd for an RAE leg. Bobbi Shook and standard poodle "Buster" qualified in excellent for a leg towards his RE title, and also qualified in advanced-B. Carol "KC" Artley finished the Rally Advanced title on borzoi "Maverick". Elaine Stoermer and "Lucy", a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, earned a first place in Rally Plus. (Thanks to Elaine for providing the trial results).

In conformation, at the Saturday Indianapolis show, Becky Blansett finished "Peepers", CH Epic's Simply Irristible JC. Becky also reported that Peepers is the 4th champion in that litter which puts her dam, CH Epic's Continuing Saga, on the Basenji Brood Bitch Honor Roll. At the Sunday show, Jessica Isenbarger's papillon "DJ", CH Jessarae's Music To My Ears OA AXJ NF, won Best of Breed. Alice Sowder had 3 good days with her whippets. On Friday, Alice won 2 points with Emerald's Do Ya feel Lucky from the 9-12 month class. The next day, Alice won a 3 point major with Emerald's A Thief In The Night. At Sunday's show, Emerald's Enchanted Brooke won Best of Breed over 3 specials, from the 12-18 month class for a 4 point major, and Emerald's A Thief In The Night, won Winners Dog for a 4 point major. Nancy Ellis and her rottie "Gypsy" earned a UDX leg.

Marcia Richley has a new Golden Retriever puppy named "Sky". MaryJo Debrosee has a new Golden Retriever puppy named "Jet". The 2 puppies are litter brothers.

Gem City held agility trials in February. Sherri Heizer finished the Open Standard title on her sheltie "Taree". Taree got her first open JWW leg. K.C. Heizer earned the first open JWW leg with his sheltie "Wynn". Terry McCarty got the final leg for the novice JWW title on her sheltie "Kellee", who earned that title with 3 first placements. Jessica Isenbarger and her Papillon "Rhiannon" got her 4th QQ and 4 MACH points. Anne Booten and her Australian Shepherd "Jack" earned an open standard leg.

Tay Brewer earned the first leg in UKC obedience on her sheltie "Smokey".

Suzanne Geisler whelped her first Corgi litter last December. Her pick of the litter, "Uno" went to a puppy match in Cleveland and was awarded a Group 2, at 3 months of age.

Darlene Rak has a new dog - a Bloodhound, who will be training with Miami Valley Search and Rescue.

DJ James has a new standard poodle puppy.

Darlene Miller finished the agility UKC level 1 title on "Daisy". Bob & Darlene's beagle "Zoey" finished the highest title in CPE agility - the **C-ATCH**.

Trish Clute and her 10 year old border terrier "Zippa" competed at the 4 Gem City UKC rally trials, held in February. In Level 1, the team earned a 98 and 2nd place, a 94, and a 99 (good for third place) and their title. They competed in Level 2, earning a 99 and second place for their first leg.

Diane Wallace & Sue Wallace had a good time at the rally trials held with the Detroit kennel club shows. Their dogs "Lady" and "Scooter" won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in every excellent-B and advanced-B class all weekend. Scooter is almost done with the RAE4, and Lady is working on the RAE5.

Elaine Stoermer is a newly licensed United Kennel Club (UKC) Rally judge.

At the Gem City March CPE trials, Judy Collopy and border collie "Mazda" qualified in standard and jumpers.

Emerald's Enchanted Brooke, went Best of Winners for a 5 point major over 24 bitches at Louisville. This whippet is owned by her breeder Alice Sowders. Kathy Combs and her corgi "Peaches" finished the RAE at Louisville. Suzanne Howard and her Doberman "Smitty" earned another UDX leg.

In March, the Queen City training club held AKC rally and obedience trials, Corky Andrews and her corgi "Daisy" had 2 double Qs. They placed third in excellent-B one day. The team now has 5 legs towards the RAE title. Sherri Heizer and her sheltie "Taree" got 2 more legs, and finished the Rally Novice title. Jessica Isenbarger with her papillon "Gypsy" earned their second leg in Rally Novice A with a score of 87 and 2nd place. Bev Phillips and her papillon "Laci" earned their 5th & 6th legs towards the RAE title, and got a 4th place in advanced-B on Saturday with a 97. Judy Collopy finished the RN on border collie "Mazda". Pam Bromer and border terrier "Gus" finished both his RE title, and his CD title, which was earned in the Novice-A class. Marcia Richley and Golden Retriever "Sunny" won Utility-A on Saturday with a 193 and earned his second leg for his UD. Nancy Ellis and "Gypsy" earned their 5th UDX leg.

PET SYMPATHY/SUNSHINE REPORT
SPRING ISSUE

Pet Sympathy

Gessaman's Ray of Sunshine UD (1993-2008), Labrador Retriever, Rikki Gessaman

Robi, All-American, Deb Shock

Illness

Rocky Hawk

Nancy Ellis

Deaths

Foster daughter of Peggy Rodriguez

John Kelsey – long time dog trainer & friend of many DDTC members

Hello everyone! Please keep up the good work on keeping me informed of Pet Sympathy & Sunshine concerns. Everyone is doing an excellent job of letting me know about what is going on with our club members. THANKS!! I appreciate it. Members thank me constantly and then tell me that they really appreciate the cards and also the flowers (when we send them). The cards and flowers really do help cheer up our club members; they add a boost to a person's day by letting them know that we club members really do care about them and their dogs/cats/horses, kids, parents, etc. Thank you again everyone for your cooperation and please continue to keep me posted! Mary Savage 836-5280 cliff414@verizon.net

DIFFERENT KIND OF REPORT FROM THE OBEDIENCE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Another session has just ended and a new one begun. It takes a lot of volunteers to make our obedience classes successful and I want to thank all of you who helped. I could not do it without you and I appreciate all of your support.

We are having a problem lately being able to fill all of the slots I need for instructors and assistants. I realize that we all have busy lives and a lot going on but I do not think the membership in general is fully aware of the number of people needed to run a good obedience program. For each of the 8 week sessions that we run 5 times a year I need between 35 and 40 instructors and assistants. That is a fairly large number of volunteers. I post the signup sheet in the kitchen/ office usually around the 3rd or 4th week of a session for the next session. Then I post the needs on the yahoo group. Then I wait a while and do an update on the yahoo group. I also call people on the phone and email people. I think you would be surprised at how few people contact me back. Then I put more pleas out on the yahoo group and make more phone calls and emails. Last session I canceled 3 classes mostly due to lack of instructors. I also canceled a CGC evaluation because I could not get the volunteers I needed to man the stations. This session I had a full Attention I class, but no instructor up until the night before the class started. Thank you Mina Knox for immediately saying "yes" to my request for you to teach this class. Do you sense a little bit of frustration here?

Every time we cancel a class or turn people away the club loses money and potential members. Most of our current members started by just taking a lower level class from us. It is our largest form of recruitment. Without new members, the club would fade away and disappear. As far as the money part, for obedience classes we receive \$70.00 per person per class. If we have to turn away 10 students, there goes \$700.00. I do not think we can afford that. Donating 1 hour of your time for 8 weeks out of the year is not asking too much. Some instructors teach every single session. They never take time off – some not for years. It is time for the membership to step up and start volunteering. You do not need a lot of experience to assist in the lower level classes. We will teach you. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn the program. I hope to have an instructor training class in April. Please watch the

Instructor board in the kitchen/office and the yahoo group for details. Problem is, last time I had one almost no one showed up. The ones that did were already experienced instructors. It defeated the purpose of giving up my day to train new people.

For the most part I enjoy being your Obedience Director of Training. I receive many compliments from people that feel I am doing a good job at it. I would like to continue being your Obedience Director of Training. I cannot continue if I have to work so very hard – almost begging and pleading at times – to get instructors. It is time for more of you to take a look at becoming an instructor or at least an assistant. After all, teaching or assisting in a class allows you to take one for free. If that doesn't appeal to you think of it this way – the less money we bring in by teaching classes, the more that will have to be brought in by other means in order to pay the rent and keep the building so you are still going to be asked to volunteer. Only now it will possibly be on more weekends.

I hope many of you will take the time to genuinely consider helping out with the obedience classes. I look forward to hearing from you.

Darlene Rak, Obedience Director of Training, 937-306-2156 drak@woh.rr.com.

P.S. We are thrilled that there is such an interest in our membership about the new AKC STAR program and here is what you can do to help us: We need someone to volunteer, either by themselves or with others as a committee to read over all the requirements of the STAR program, compare them to our current puppy program (and beginner and attention I programs if applicable), evaluate what would need to be changed to accommodate the STAR program, and figure out if we have the ring space and instructors available to adequately teach it according to the AKC guidelines. Then they would need to compile all their findings and present them to the training committee for review. Once that is done we can make an informed decision if the STAR program is something we would like to have at DDTC.

On behalf of myself and the members of your training committee, I thank you in advance for participation in this worthwhile endeavor. We are always striving to make the obedience program here at DDTC even better than it already is.

January Agility Trials

The 3 days of agility trials were a big success. Even though entries are done at all trials, our trials still made over seven thousand dollars profit. Thank you to co-chairpersons Sue Peterson & Ken Kistler. Thank you to trial secretary Vicki Head, assisted by Lynn Luikart and Patty Steele-Scott.

More thanks to all the helpers: Setting up the rings on Thursday nights were Sherri Heizer, Ron Siwecki, Rob & Kandy Robinson, and Melissa & Glenn Ventrack. Sandy Kistler - ribbon table, Mina Knox - hospitality, Sara Deem - the workers' schedule, & the chief ring stewards were Sherri Heizer and Bobbi Shook. Sherry Wysong, Sue Anderson, KC Heizer, Richard Stephenson, Diana Echols, Jessica Isenbarger, Ann Booten, Jill Erisman, Becky Blansett, Charlotte & John Wisener, Patti, Coleman, Janice Rex, Donna & Caitlin Stacy, Kathy Moore, KC Artley, Terry McCarty, and Denny Shook, all helped out in the rings during the trials.

On Monday, all the equipment had to be cleaned. The afternoon cleaning crew were Roberta Shellabarger, KC Artley, Helen Fraga, Judy Collopy, Mary Savage, & Darlene Rak. (Yes, we did leave the heavy equipment for the younger crew to clean in the evening). Thanks to the evening cleaning crew of Sue Peterson, Sherri Heizer, Mina Knox, Ken Kistler, Lynn Luikart, Patti Coleman, Patty Steele-Scott, Sherry Wysong, Deb Monihan, and Jessica Isenbarger.

Please note that Mike Scott sets up the 4 obedience rings early on Tuesdays. If you train during the day on Tuesdays or Wednesday, please leave the rings set-up. Don't move the "baby-gates", or if you have to move them, please put them back as they were before you leave the building. Put all jumps back against the north wall. That way, the rings do not have to be set-up again, for the evening obedience classes. Thank you.

DDTC club t-shirts and polo shirts are for sale - contact Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546.

We need help cleaning the building on Thursday mornings - contact Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546.

January Canine Good Citizen Test at DDTC

Thank you to everyone that showed up to help at the CGC tests January 31. We had 7 dogs test with 5 passing. Thank you to: Connie Fields, Doug Scott, Sara Eppley, Susan Evans, Bobbi Shook, DJ James, Terry McCarty, Elaine Stoermer, KC Artley, and chairperson Darlene Rak. 3 of the CGC students passed: Helen Fraga (member) with Ruby, Jessica Tuntland with Percy and Janet Pearson with Sadie. Darlene Rak with Emma and Terry McCarty with Kellee also passed. Darlene Rak plans to have the CGC test on a set schedule - 1 in the spring and 1 in the fall.

FROM THE AGILITY DOT, Sherri Heizer

This past January 10 and 11 Dayton Dog Training had its first Agility Seminar with Kandy and Rob Robinson. Despite some bad weather on Saturday we had a great turn out. I want to thank Kandy and Rob for having this seminar and for all the work they did. Both days were a bit of a challenge because some of the handlers and dogs really needed just some basic skills that had been overlooked in their training. However, everyone had a great time and learned a lot. Plus we had a really great lunch prepared by Sandy Kistler.

The seminar on Saturday dealt with beginner dogs, and teaching the handler how to get more "drive" from the dogs by using the "pull" thru the weaves to a food target. On Sunday there was a mix of skill levels with the dogs, which made for a more challenging time of working the contacts and weave poles. On Sunday the seminar continued with more weave pole work and working for a good independent contact behavior. By the end of the day on Sunday everyone was very tired. Over all it was a great turn out and the Club made approximately \$2200.00 for the week-end.

Classes for the first session have been pretty full. We had Kandy & Rob Robinson, and Melissa Ventrack teaching a skills class on Monday night that everyone loved. Thanks ! The novice class continues to do well. The open class is a little small, but doing well. The beginner class has been restructured and working very well. We have concentrated on the handling skills and target training thru most of the 8 weeks before introducing the contacts to the dogs. The beginner class will stay together and continue to move up in skills this next session.

We do ask that all dogs be evaluated before coming to the beginner class, since off leash control is very important. You can ask: Ken Kistler, Lynn Luikart, Patty Steele-Scott, Becky Blansett or myself to evaluate your dog. Thanks to all my instructors for all their hard work!!

Seminars, Matches, Show-N-Go's

March 28 - Conformation Show-N-Go at Hamilton Dog Training Club, 2720 Symmes Rd, Fairfield. Register 8:30 - 11am
March 29 - Obedience Show-N-Go at Hamilton Dog Training Club. Registration 9-1pm. www.hamiltondogtraining.com

Saturday, April 4, **Conformation Match** indoors at Clermont Country Training Club. 6058 Kells Lane, Milford OH 45150 (off of route 50 east of Cincinnati). 8am - 9:30am entries for Herding, Hound, Terrier, & Toy breeds with judging at 9:45. 11am - 12:30 entries for Working, Non-sporting, Sporting and Junior Showmanship with judging at 12:45pm. Classes for 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months & Adults. \$10 entry fee. www.ccdtc.org

Sunday, April 5, Dayton Kennel Club **Conformation Match** indoors at Action Sports Center, 1103 Gateway Dr, Dayton 45404. 9am - 10:30am registration. Classes for 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months & Adults. \$10 entry fee. Introduction to Junior Showmanship at 10:15. www.daytonkennelclub.org

April 5, May 3, June 7 - **Obedience Show-N-Go** at Kuliga Dog Training Club 898 Kieley Pl, Cincinnati. Register 9 -2.
April 17, 18, 19: **C-WAGS Obedience Games** at Kuliga Dog Training Club, www.kuligadtc.com

April 17, 18, 19 **Agility Seminar** by Terry Simons at Gem City Dog Training Club, 524 Valleycrest Dr, Dayton. www.gcdoc.org

April 26, May 23, June 14 - **Conformation Show-No-Go** at Clermont County Dog Training Club, 6058 Kells Ln Milford OH 45150 (off of route 50) east of Cincinnati. Register 9 - 2. \$5 one run. \$8 for 2 runs. www.ccdtc.org

Queen City Dog Training Club. **May 9 Rally Show-N-Go**, Register 10 -2. **May 10 Obedience Show-N-Go**, register 9 - 2. \$6 first entry; \$4 second entry same dog. **Agility Run-Thru's** are held most Friday evenings, beginning at 6:30 pm. \$5 per handler, \$8 for two runs. Dogs must have completed an introductory agility course. For the schedule, contact Jim Hutchins (513) 761-4675. At the QCDC building, 12018 Tramway Dr, Sharonville. From I-75, go east on I-275, to SR42 (exit 46). Go north on SR42, one block to first traffic light (by the McDonald's), & turn left onto Hauck Road. Go 3/4 mile on Hauck road and turn right (north) onto Tramway. The building is on the right, at the end of Tramway.

May 16 - **Obedience & Rally Show-N-Go** at Columbus Dog Training Club, 2154 Williams Rd, Columbus. Register 9-1pm. May 17 **Agility Show-N-Go**. \$5 first run, \$12 for 3 runs. Donna Collier 740-983-0470.

Saturday, June 20 - **Pat Hasting Seminar** "Puppy Puzzle Plus", sponsored by the International English Springer Spaniel Committee. 9 am - 5 pm at the Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 Sylvania Ave, Sylvania (Toledo). \$100 (includes lunch). David Swank, David@IESSC.org 419-861-3819.

June 20 **Obedience Seminar** & June 21 **Rally Seminar**, Hamilton Dog Training Club, 2720 Symmes Rd, Fairfield 45014. Rules and procedures for judges and exhibitors, presented by an AKC representative. \$45 one day. \$80 both days. Make check to "HDTC" & mail to Katie Maess www.hamiltondogtraining.com

RALLY & OBEDIENCE TRIALS (see www.akc.org or www.infodog.com)

April 18, 19, 20 in Columbus, Central Ohio kennel club & Licking River kennel club

April 25-26, Columbus All-Breed Training Club

May 24-25, Cincinnati kennel club

May 30-31, Toledo kennel club

June 6-7, Clermont country dog training club (Cincinnati)

June 6-7, McKinley kennel club, Akron

June 13-14, Echo Hills kennel club, Troy

June 25-26, Warren country kennel club, Lebaron.