



Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

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2006 Tracking Test Report

By Roberta Shellabarger, Chief Track Layer.

Our test was smaller this year due to over grown fields. We had 4 dogs trying for the TD and 4 for their TDX. 3 dogs earned their TD, but none got their TDX.

The first TD dog to run was a Clumber Spaniel, Celtic's Gone With The Wind, owned by Cindy and Bill Brigzes of Aiken SC. Her track was 465 yards long and 35 minutes old. Scarlett ran her track in 4 minutes. That has to be some kind of record for a 10 month old Clumber Spaniel to run a track in 4 minutes. Great job! Patty Scott laid the fast track.

The second dog to pass was Shetland Sheepdog, Amati's Jeremiah Jubilee, owned by DDTC members Richard and Sara Eppley of Centerville, OH. JJ's track was 450 yards long and 40 minutes old. He got off to a good start and didn't have any trouble until he overshot the third turn. But with good team work, JJ and Richard made the turn and finished the track with no other problems. Very good job JJ ran his track in 15 minutes. Kathy Roberts was the track layer.

The third and last dog to pass was American Cocker Spaniel, Tree Blue's Dipped in Chocolate NA NAJ RN, owned by April Moore of Evansville IN. Ashby's track was 450 yards long and 40 minutes old. He ran it in 6 minutes. Patty Scott was the track layer.

Congratulations to all who passed. I want to thank all who helped put on this test. That means everybody who helped with the food, helped with the driving and helped carry and plant the flags on Saturday. A special thank you to our track layers for the TD: Kathy Roberts, Patty Scott and Jane Kowaski; for the TDX: Dennis Steinke, Richard Eppley & Tom Hackolski (from Rockwall TX); and to the Cross Track layers: Vicki Head, Karen Fischer. Dyanne Johnson and Mary Beth Hess. Tom was here from Texas to learn about the best fields for TDX tracks. He is in charge of the Dalmatian Nationals which will be at Sycamore State Park. He was a great help to us. He filled in for Tom Rohrbacher after Tom sprained his ankle. Again Thank you to everybody who helped with the test . You are the Best!

***** Dues are due May 8. \$20. Send to Sue Peterson. *****

Welcome new members:

Kim Rogers has a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog who has earned a CD title.

Shirley Shilt is a former DDTC member, who has a Golden Retriever puppy.

DDTC CALENDAR

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

Saturday July 15 - AKC Rally trial & Sunday July 16 - AKC Obedience trial

Trials held at air conditioned DDTC building. Indoor rings. Crating inside.

High In Obedience Trial - \$100.

High Combined Obedience - \$75

High Scoring Junior Handler (18 years or younger) Regular Obedience Classes - \$25

High Combined Rally RAE Score - \$25

Rosettes and lots of other prizes

Rally Trial unlimited entry. Rally Novice judge Fred Buroff. Rally Advanced & Excellent judge Sandra Walroth.

Obedience 200 entry limit. Judges: Tamara Woodrow - Novice-A, Open-B and Team.

Frank Nemeth - Novice-B, Open-A.

Fred Buroff - Utility-A, Utility-B, Team.

Sandra Walroth - Brace, Grad-Novice, Grad-Open

Entry fee: \$22 first entry, \$14 second entry of same dog for the same day. Firm deadline Wednesday June 28.

Trial secretary: Carol "KC" Artley, 3706 W. Jackson Rd, Springfield OH 45502-8722

Trial Chairperson: Diane Wallace

Sue Wallace, chief ring steward **Please volunteer to ring steward.**

Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & July 30, AKC Agility trials at Circle G Arena, Lewisburg, Vicky Head, trial secretary.	August 13 Obedience Show-n- Go. Open to the public. Marcia Richley, chairperson.	Saturday, September 9 - DDTC picnic at Roberta Shellabarger's home.	Friday October 20 - Rally Trial, Elaine Stoermer chairperson,	Saturday & Sunday October 21 -22 Obedience Trials. Marcia Richley, chairperson.
October 27-28-29 - Agility Trials at the Circle G Arena Lewisburg .	Monday Nov. 13 DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 (no classes)	Sat. Dec. 2 - Annual Awards & Christmas Party	January 26-27-28, 2007 Agility Trials at Circle G Arena, Lewisburg	April 15, 2007 AKC Tracking Test at Sycamore State Park, Trotwood

2006 Obedience/Rally Class Schedule.

Spring Session	March 21-22 through May 16-17.	No classes May 23-24.
Summer Session	May 30-31 through August 1-2.	No classes July 4-5.
Fall Session	September 12-13 through Nov. 14-15.	No classes Oct. 17-18.

Agility Class Schedule

Summer Session starts Monday May 22 and Thursday May 18. No class Monday May 29. No class Thursday June 29 and Monday July 3. Next session starts August 7.

Change to the agility classes: the Monday night 6:30 pm class will be a run-thru for Excellent & Open students with a course set up for an hour and students can come run the course.

Class Schedule

Monday 6:30 pm	Rings 1, 2, 3, & 4 Agility Run Through for Excellent & Open				
Monday 8:30 pm	Rings 1 & 2 Agility Class - Level 3			Rings 3 & 4 Agility Class - Level 4 Novice	
Tuesday 7 pm	Ring 1 Advanced Beginners Obedience	Ring 2 Beginners Obedience	Ring 3 Beginners Obedience	Puppy Room Puppy Class	Small carpeted room Attention Class
Tuesday 8 pm	Ring 1 Competition Open Obedience Class	Ring 2 Conformation Showmanship	Ring 3 Manners Class		
Wednesday noon -1 pm	Rings 1 Beginners Obedience				
Wednesday 7 pm	Rings 1 Rally Beginners Class	Ring 2 & 3 Beginners Obedience		Puppy Room Puppy Class	
Wednesday 8 pm	Ring 1 Rally Advanced Class	Rings 2 & 3 Sub-Novice & Novice Obedience Class			
Thursday 6:30 pm	Rings 1 & 2 Agility Class - Level 1		Rings 3 & 4 Agility Class - Level 5 Open		
Thursday 8:30 pm	Rings 1 & 2 Agility Class - Level 2				

Note that on Tuesdays & Wednesdays evenings, 6:30 - 9 pm, Ring 4 is for members to practice obedience. Please limit your time to 10 minutes, in Ring 4, if others are waiting to practice.

----- RALLY 2006 UPDATES:

By Elaine Stoermer

Here's some info from AKC stats: Sue Wallace's Scooter was the 2nd Pembroke Welsh Corgi to achieve RAE status with the AKC; Diane Wallace's Lady was the 3rd Border Collie to earn an RAE; both earned their RAE's in October 2005 at the DDTC Rally trial. No Anatolian Shepherd had earned an RAE in 2005; Claudia Wolfram's Bernie earned his in February 2006 and he may be the first. Lucy, my Pembroke Welsh Corgi, earned her RAE in April 2006 but I don't know where that places her in the AKC stats.

In early April 2006 the AKC 2006 Rally Advisory Committee met to discuss changes to the Rally rules. They are organizing the comments and suggestions to prepare a final proposal. They will compile a draft and review it. It will be put on the AKC website for comments before a final recommendation is made to the AKC Board of Directors. I will keep you informed.

Judging at Rally trials appears to be emphasizing brisk pace, good heel position, distinct pauses after "walk-around" exercises, and loose leashes. Many different breeds are showing in Rally and doing well including non-traditional obedience breeds, e.g., Great Danes, English Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Tibetan Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Border Terriers, Dachshunds, West Highland Terriers, St. Bernard, Newfoundlands, Havanese, Borzois, etc. The courses range from moderately easy to very challenging. Do you Rally?

Seminars, Matches, Show-N-Go's

CGC Testing at Queen City DTC, June 24 & Sept 30. \$15 per test. By appointment only. Kim Smith, 513-521-7297, schipperdoodle@fuse.net .

Agility Run-Thru's are held most Friday evenings at the Queen City DTC, beginning at 6:30 pm. \$5 per handler, \$8 for two runs. Dogs must have completed an introductory agility course. Schedule: contact Jim Hutchins (513) 761-4675.

May 20 & 21 - in Columbus. **Seminar** "Calming Signals by Turid Rugas" <http://www.pawzitivebeginnings.org>.

Conformation Fun Match, Sunday June 11, Gem City Dog Obedience Club building, 1654 Springfield Street, Dayton. Registration: 8:30 - 10 am. Judging starts 10:30 junior showmanship, breed judging 11am. Classes for 3-6 mo., 6-9 mo., 9-12 mo & Adult. www.gcdoc.com Marilynn Rice 937-253-7478 merice@fourig.com

Our thanks to **Barbara Mann** for serving as President, to **Patty Steele-Scott** for serving as Treasurer for many years, and to **Janie Fahrer** for serving on the Board.

2006-2007 DDTC Officers & Board

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Deadline for next issue of Clublicity: August 1, 2006

We need more help on Thursday mornings to vacuum all the floors in the building. This takes between 1 and 2 hours. We would like to rotate people, so volunteers do not have to come every week. Please call **Roberta Shellabarger** , if you can help. Thanks to those who have helped this past year: Corky Andrews, KC Artley, Charlie Evilsizer, Fred McCarty, Mary Savage & Claudia Wolfram.

PET SYMPATHY REPORT

CH Aruzia Tahoe Citation J.C. CGC eleven year old Borzoi Carol Artley

SUNSHINE REPORT

Illness: Card to Karlene Thompson

Deaths: Joy Maurer – wife of Dave Maurer
Father-in-Law – Suzanne Geisler
Lou Ann Evans - Sister-in Law of Susan Evans

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

In memory of Harold Lloyd Brown, Sr., who passed away a year ago

So as we travel down that road,
our lives a frantic pace--
We always should remember
what's been lost along the way.
-Unknown-

Brownie,

Just a thought to let you know we still remember our short time with you and the impact you had on our lives. You are warmly remembered every day of our lives. We know you are watching, and are as proud of Sean and Penny as we are. They are well loved, and will continue to be the proper Boxers you taught them to be. Oh, since you didn't seem to know this, Sean does too bark!

Ken and Sandy Kistler, Emma CGC, Becca RN CGC, Brutus RN, Sean RN and Penny RN.

MEMBER NEWS

February rally trial in Hamilton: Hillary Dwire and Rough Collie "Trey" earned their second leg in Novice A, and took first place. Hillary also qualified with Border Collie "Tess". Earning legs in Novice-B were Kandy Robinson and Corgi "Robbie", Marty Burns and two Havanese "Lah Tee Dah" and "Lamb Zee", and Helen Fraga and Borzoi "DeeDee". Darlene Miller and Beagle "Zoey" got their third leg in Rally Advanced, earning the RA title. Suzie Howard earned Q's in Advanced B with Dobermans "Smitty" and "Gabe". Carol Dunton and Rough Collie "Stryker" finished their Rally Excellent title, with a first place. Claudia Wolfram and Anatolian Shepherd "Berni" completed their 10th double qualifying score in Rally Advanced and Excellent, earning them the RAE title. Diane Wallace and Border Collie "Lady" earned their third RAE2 leg with two first places in Rally Excellent B and Advanced B. Sue Wallace and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Scooter" earned a second RAE2 leg, taking third in Advanced B. Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Zippa" earned their second leg in Excellent A.

February Detroit rally trials: Marcia Richley got second place with Golden Retriever "Tanbrk's Smokin-Gun" in Advanced-A. Marcia also qualified with Golden Retriever "Maggie" in Excellent-B. Diane Wallace with Border Collie "Lady" and Sue Wallace and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Scooter" had double Q's in Advanced-B and Excellent-B.

February obedience trial in Hamilton: Suzy Howard and Doberman "Smitty" earned their first leg in Open A and took first place with a 191.5. Terry Ramey and Golden Retriever "Storm" won High in Trial with 199 in Open B.

February Gem City agility trials: Doug & Patty Scott's Flat Coated Retriever "Dusty" completed his MX title. Terry McCarty and Sheltie "Abbee" got first place in Novice Jumpers Preferred. Darlene Miller and Beagle "Zoey" got second place in Standard Novice A. Kent Bromagen and Border Collie "Katie" completed their MACH, and qualified for the AKC Nationals to be held in 2007. Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Shannie" finished her AXJ title. Dennis Steinke and Sheltie "Knicky" had double Q's both days.

March Gem City UKC agility trials: Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Shannie" ran 8 times, and got 4 first places, 2 second places, 1 third place to become a UKC Agility Champion.

March Louisville rally, agility and obedience trials: DJ James and standard poodle "Cognac" finished the Rally Advanced title and also earned a leg in Excellent. Debby Gravitt and standard poodle "Espn" finished his Rally Novice title. Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Zippa" finished her Rally Excellent title. Carol Dunton and her collie "Stryker" finished their Open Standard title, and got a leg in Excellent Standard. Sandy Kistler and boxer "Penny" finished her Rally Novice title. Suzie Howard and Doberman "Smitty" finished their CDX title with placements in Open-A. Suzie showed Doberman "Gabe" to a first place finish in Novice-B with a score of 197.5.

Claudia Wolfram & Anatolian Shepherd "Bernie" earned 2 titles at the APDT rally trial in Wadsworth. They finished Level 1A with a 2nd place & a perfect score & finished Level 2A with two 1st places & perfect scores & a 3rd place with a 196.

In April, Ken Kistler and his boxer "Becca" earned their first leg in Novice Standard, and a first placement in the 20 inch class. At the same Columbus agility trial, Brittany "Beree Jean", owned by Patty & Doug Scott, finished her AXJ.

April rally trials at Anderson and Muncie: Marty Burns showed 3 Havanese both days and qualified with all, finishing "Dotes" Rally Advanced title. Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Zippa" earned their 1st double Q. Diane Wallace and Border Collie "Lady" earned their RAE2 title with first placements. Sue Wallace and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Scooter" double Q'd both days earning 1st place in Excellent and 3rd in Advanced on Saturday. Elaine Stoermer and Corgi "Lucy" also double Q'd both days.

At the April DDTC tracking test, Richard Eppley and his Sheltie "JJ" got their Tracking Dog title.

At the April agility trial in Parkersburg, Vicki Head and Sheltie "Indigo" got first placements in both Standard and JWW. Indigo finished her MX title and got her 6th double Q towards getting into the 2007 AKC Nationals. Richard Stephenson and Border Collie "Jet" got 4 first placements in the 20" class and finished the MXJ title.

Carol Dunton and Rough Collie "Stryker" earned their first ASCA herding title.

KC Artley's Borzoi "Hank" earned his ASFA Field Championship, and has won 6 points in the show ring.

At the April Golden Retriever Specialty in Columbus: Terry Ramey won High in Trial and High Combined with "Storm". Charlie Evilsizer took first in Novice B and was edged out for HIT by a 1/2 point. Charlie also took 2nd place with a 199 in rally Novice-B. Marcia Richley took 1st place in rally Excellent-B with "Maggie".

At the 3 days of rally and obedience trials in Columbus: Sue Wallace and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Scooter" took first place on Saturday in Rally Excellent-B and 4th in Rally Advanced-B, thus finishing their RAE2. They also earned double Q's in Sunday's and Monday's rally trials. Diane Wallace and her Border Collie "Lady" took 3rd in Excellent-B and 2nd in Advanced-B Saturday, earned double Q's on Sunday with a 1st place in Excellent-B, and double Q's on Monday with a 4th in Advanced-B. Rikki Gessaman showed Labrador Retriever "Aspen" in rally Novice-B with a 2nd place on Saturday, 1st place on Sunday, and 2nd place on Monday to earn their Rally Novice title. Sue Young took 3rd place with ten year old Belgian Tervuren "Zap". Barbara Bateson and Rough Collie "Sully" earned rally novice legs on Saturday and Sunday. Helen Fraga and borzoi "DeeDee" showed Monday and got their second leg in Novice-B. Elaine Stoermer with Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Lucy" earned double Q's on Saturday and Monday. Alyssa Denen qualified in Advanced-B on Saturday and Monday with Rough Collie "Skippy". Suzanne Geisler and Welsh Cardigan Corgi "Monty" got their first leg in rally Novice-A with a score of 99. Suzy Howard showed her Dobs "Gabe" and "Smitty" on Saturday and Monday, earning Rally legs in Excellent-B, and placements in Novice B obedience. Hillary Dwire competed in Novice obedience on Sunday with her Border Collie "Tessa" and Rough Collie "Trey", winning 1st and 3rd and earning CD's on both dogs. Dave Mauer took a placement on Monday in Open-B with Golden Retriever "Willie".

Emily Geisler handled Welsh Cardigan Corgi Ch Rubad's Black Diamond or "Sophia" to Best In Show at a UKC dog show in Wapakoneta.

April Delaware Ohio agility trials: On Saturday Melissa Ventrick and Sheltie "Jasper" won first in Excellent JWW 16". Kandy Robinson and Corgi "Chelsa" won 2nd in Excellent JWW 12" class. Rob Robinson and Border Collie "Spectacle" won 4th in Excellent Standard 20" and 3rd in Excellent JWW 20". Ron Siwecki and Doberman "Kara" double Q'd in the 24" Excellent classes. Jennifer Thomas and Cardigan Welsh Corgi "Truffles" qualified in Excellent Standard 12". Joann Jozwiak and Scottish Terrier "Dougal" qualified in Excellent JWW 8". On Sunday Melissa Ventrick and Sheltie "Jasper" was first and Sheltie "MIC" was third in Excellent JWW 16", and "Mic" first and "Jasper" second in the Excellent Standard 16". Betty Frank and Labrador Retriever "Mi" qualified in Excellent JWW 20". Kandy Robinson and Corgi "Chelsa" won 4th in Excellent Standard 12".

At the Columbus All-Breed rally trial April 29: Elaine Stoermer with Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Lucy" finished their RAE title. Barbara Bateson and Rough Collie "Sully" finished their Rally Novice title. Helen Fraga and borzoi "DeeDee" finished their Rally Novice title. Carol Artley and borzoi "Emma" got their first rally novice leg. Sue Young took 3rd place for a second leg in Novice-B with Belgian Tervuren "Zap". Trish Clute and Border Terrier "Zippa" double Q'd for another leg towards the RAE title. Trish also qualified with Border Terrier "Shannie" in Novice-B. Sarah Denen earned her first Novice leg with Rough Collie "Cody". Mike Burns qualified with his Havanese "Lah Tee" in Rally Advanced-A, "Lamb Zee Divy" in Advanced-B and "Dotes" in Excellent-B finishing the RE title on "Dotes". Marcia Richley and Golden Retriever "Maggie" double Q'd in Advanced-B and Excellent-B. Alyssa Denen qualified with her Rough Collie "Skippy" in Advanced-B earning their RA title. DJ James qualified in Excellent-B with Standard Poodle "Cognac".

April 29, Terry Ramey and Golden Retriever "Storm" got HIT and High Combined.

Jay & Michelle Heininger have a new Border Collie puppy called "Hailey".

Wanted - Pictures of your AKC titled dogs

We would like to have a picture of the dog you earned an obedience, tracking or agility title on, while you were a DDTC member. Around the building, there are groups of titled dogs, for High in Trial, 200-Score, UDX, UD, CDX, CD, MX/MXJ, AX/AXJ, OA/OAJ, NA/NAJ, TDX, TD, RN, RA, RE, RAE, OTCH, MACH. Any size of picture is fine, and if a hanger is vacant, you can go ahead and hang your own picture. Stick a note on your picture so an identifying card can be printed, or leave your picture and ID note on the desk.

List of OHIO shelters and rescue organizations

<http://www.columbusdogconnection.com/othersvcs.htm>

DOG-EARED PAGES FROM CORGI CORNER

by Elaine M. Stoermer

Since I don't have cable TV or a computer at home, I find time to read when not arduously training the Corgis. And because I read "serious" people stuff at work, I dig into interesting "dog" topics at home. Here are a few newer books that I have managed to paw through whilst the Corgis slumber.

Canine Body Language [A Photographic Guide Interpreting the Native Language of the Domestic Dog] by Brenda Aloff (370 pages). This book has a multitudinous variety of photographs depicting dogs in various emotional/mental states. Since I have a Corgi that is a little hyper-sensitive about the proximity of other dogs to her, I have learned to read her body language to determine when we need to move away from a situation. This book has helped me identify the "hard staring eye, stillness, closed mouth" look she gives dogs that get too close. I can move her or the other dog away before it becomes "smile – all teeth showing, snarl, lunge, and snap." The photographs show real dogs in real situations reacting to their environment. The text discusses expressions of emotional state, calming and negotiation signals, greeting rituals, space sensitivity, predation, and play. The author emphasizes that you need to look at the dog's total body posture and signs and consider the context of the situation before interpreting the dog's body language. If you are trying to figure out what your dog is saying when it sniffs the ground during training, this book will help you determine if it is doing it to relieve stress, as a calming/negotiation signal, or checking its pee-mail. Ms. Aloff's references include Turid Rugass, Suzanne Clothier, and Roger Abrantes. The author has also written a book about dealing with Dog Aggression. It is a great reference book for someone interested in dog behavior.

Parenting Your Dog by Trish King. I have been to a seminar wherein Trish King was a presenter and was impressed with her intuition, observation skills, and training approaches. I looked forward to reading her first book and was not disappointed. She parallels the training of the family dog with the education of a child. Remarkably, there are quite a few similarities despite parents being reluctant to use leashes on kids. The book instructs on foundation training for the family dog and does address problem issues that may arise, e.g., barking, chewing, pulling on the leash. The book is divided into segments related to puppyhood, adolescence, adulthood, and aging. It has chapters on house manners, learning theory and dog behavior, and obedience training. It is a good book for the novice owner.

Outwitting Dogs by Terry Ryan. Yes, it can be done – you can outwit your dog because you are smarter and know how to train the dog. This is a great book for persons looking to get a dog as the first chapter talks about getting the right dog for your lifestyle. It suggests research into a particular breed and finding out the exercise needs of your choice of breed. She also provides information in the first chapter about what to get for the dog (crate), the timing of the purchase (time to spend with the dog after he/she comes home) and getting ready to train the dog.

The book has chapters about training and emphasizes that preventing a bad habit is better than fixing it later. It discusses housetraining, chewing, keeping the dog in the yard, barking, jumping up and on people, nice leash walking, separation anxiety issues, getting the dog to come, and other training issues. And because many people do not research the breed, the book does provide help in addressing problems that do occur.

Ms. Ryan has chapters about dealing with dogs that don't like people or other dogs. Early socialization is the key but she provides tools to use if it's past that crucial puppy developmental stage. She has a chapter about dogs and children – but she doesn't identify which is worse. She even has a chapter about managing behavior of the neighbor's dog. There is a chapter about clicker training and a chapter about outwitting dog trainers, i.e., finding a good training class. It's a fairly comprehensive book and good tool for novice dog owners and experienced trainers.

Click to Calm by Emma Parsons. This is a book about dog aggression – “Healing the Aggressive Dog”. It is for those dog owners and trainers that are honest enough to acknowledge that their dogs have some serious aggression issues. And for dog owners that admit that “hyper-sensitivity about other dog proximity” could be managed. It uses clicker training and is identified as a “Karen Pryor Clicker Book”. The book begins with explaining how to use a clicker and train with a clicker.

The book starts the “healing” by identifying foundation behaviors that you need to teach the dog before addressing the “aggression” issues. Ms. Parsons tells you how to work on eye contact, sit, down, heeling on a loose leash, targeting, stay, come, four on the floor (no jumping up), kennel up, leave it, hold an object, an emergency recall, and name recognition. Her initial approach in training these foundation skills make sense. I don't understand why some people think you can make the dog “nice” without training it first. She introduces a novel approach to the reactive owner who tenses up and tightens the leash thereby cueing the dog to be apprehensive about the approach of a dog or person.

She explains how to train the dog to recognize the tightened leash as a cue that good things will happen. You use the clicker to turn the “stress cue into a calm cue”. The book does distinguish between “reactive” dogs and dogs that want to eat another dog. It discusses calming signals, dog-dog encounters, multiple dog households, dog – human issues, and dog –child issues. It stresses safety but provides “recipes” for healing the dog.

This book is not for the novice owner. I have used some of the techniques with my “hyper-sensitive” Corgi along with other tools advocated by Patricia McConnell, Trish King, Suzanne Clothier, Myrna Milani, Chris Bach, Brenda Aloff, and Pia Sylvani. If a student were having a problem with a dog biting, I would refer him/her to a behaviorist rather than recommend the book.

How Dogs Think by Stanley Coren. I admit it I bought this book because it has a Corgi on the front. But it is an excellent book about how dogs interpret the world around them. It has technical explanations but the scientific stuff is understandable to most readers.

It discusses how a dog's senses help it understand its environment. I was fascinated reading about how a dog sees, hears, tastes, smells, and feels the world around it and how it interprets information from these senses. Not like a human does it. He also discusses learning stages for a puppy including the critical 4-12 week socialization period. The book includes a chapter about how a dog learns and why bad experiences leave a lasting effect on a dog. He infuses the book with anecdotal experiences with his own dogs to demonstrate some of his findings. While reading the book, I kept looking at my dogs and thinking “so, that's why you do X” and “that explains why you do Y”. I enjoyed his multi-faceted approach to how dogs learn and think. Mr. Coren obviously knows what he is talking about and does his best to relate the information to the reader.

Planet Dog, a doglopedia by Sandra and Harry Choron. Part fact-bites and part trivia, this book is great light reading. It is one of those kinds of books people put in the small room with the white porcelain furniture. It has art, it has history, it has quotes, it has definitions, it has top 10 lists, it has statistics, and lots and lots of humor – all about dogs. Did you know that the Pembroke Welsh Corgi is the third most popular dog in Japan and is in the top ten breeds of dogs recommended for apartment dwellers? Aren't you glad I could relate this to you from the book? The book lists the 10 best “date bait”

breeds – Golden Retrievers, Collies, and Labs are on the list – and the 5 worst “date bait” breeds – Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, and Chinese Cresteds do not attract the opposite sex that well. It lists reasons to spay/neuter your dog and reasons to breed. It addresses training, adopting, rescue, traveling, health care, and all things canine in its 364 pages. The table of contents and index help you focus on the specific information you might be researching (only 4 PWC mentions), but I enjoyed reading it cover to cover. This book would be a great gift to any dog lover including you.

Building a Bridge from Training to Testing by Marsha Smith and Shalini Bobyshell. Okay, one real obedience training book. I was intrigued by the title since my dog performs so well in training but not so good in trials. I was pleasantly surprised by its approach to training and some novel methods. It breaks your training into 3 modes: Wow (motivational), Confidence Building, and Testing. It recommends that you train mostly in “Wow”, some in Confidence, and very little in Testing. It also has a good “Attention Training” two-part foundation outline. I liked its “Progressive Class” idea where it places dog/handler teams of various skill levels in the same class. Being around more skilled dogs and handlers helps the newbie or less experienced and the more skilled dogs/handlers reinforce the skills by showing the novices how to train or teach a skill. I don’t know that I agree that dogs will learn by watching other dogs perform, but I do think much can be gained by watching a more skilled and experienced team work. The book may be a little too anthropomorphic for some. I intend to incorporate some of its ideas into my training for Open.

The AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC)

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the **Responsible Dog Owners Pledge**. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others. After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").

Equipment: All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars. The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement: Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures - Dismissals: Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors. Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.